



AUSTRAHIND

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Recently, the 3rd edition of [Exercise AUSTRAHIND](#) commenced at the Foreign Training Node in Maharashtra, in November 2024.

- The exercise, conducted **annually**, alternates **between India and Australia**, aiming to enhance military cooperation and interoperability in joint operations.
- The exercise supports joint planning and sub-conventional operations in semi-urban, semi-desert terrain, focusing on counterterrorism, physical fitness, tactical drills, and high-level coordination as mentioned under [Chapter VII of the UN mandate](#)
- The exercise will be conducted in two phases – **combat conditioning and tactical training phase** and **validation phase**.
- The Exercise reflects growing defense cooperation under the [India-Australia Comprehensive Strategic Partnership \(2020\)](#).
- Other Exercises between India and Australia are [AUSINDEX](#), and PITCHBLACK.
- **Defence Cooperation between India and Australia:**
 - [Mutual Logistics Support Agreement](#)
 - Both are members of the [Quad](#), [Commonwealth](#), [Indian Ocean Rim Association \(IORA\)](#), [ASEAN Regional Forum](#), [Asia Pacific Partnership on Climate and Clean Development](#), and have participated in the [East Asia Summits](#).

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