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## Exercise MAITREE

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Indian Army and Royal Thailand Army (RTA) will conduct their joint Military Exercise **MAITREE-2019** at Meghalaya from Sept 16-29, 2019.

- Exercise MAITREE is an **annual training event** that is conducted in India and Thailand

alternatively, since **2006**.



- In the backdrop of changing facets of global terrorism, this exercise is a significant exercise for both the nations as they face the **security challenges** from terrorism. The **Southern regions** of Thailand (eg. Satun city, Patthalung province, Bangkok, etc) that are mostly visited by foreigners are prone to terrorist attacks.
- The scope of this exercise covers **company level joint training** on insurgency & counter-terrorism operations in jungles and urban scenarios.
- The joint military exercise between the Indian Army (IA) and the Royal Thailand Army (RTA) will give a boost to the **defence cooperation and bilateral relations** between the two nations.
- The Royal Thailand **Navy** and the Indian Navy have been participating in Coordinated Patrols (**CORPATs**) in the Indian Ocean region since 2005.

### Joint Military Exercises of India with Other Countries

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**Name of Exercise**

**Country**

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Garuda Shakti	Indonesia
Ekuverin	Maldives
Hand-in-Hand	China
Kuruksheetra	Singapore
Mitra Shakti	Sri Lanka
Nomadic Elephant	Mongolia
Shakti	France
Surya Kiran	Nepal
Yudh Abhyas	USA

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