

MILITARY EXERCISE

The Indian military exercises can be segregated into 3 categories:

1. Domestic exercise
2. Bilateral Exercise
3. Multilateral exercise

1.Domestic exercise – This exercise aims to improve internal engagements and there can be inter-services or intra-services depending on nature and its application.

List of military domestic exercises:

1. Gandiv Vijay
2. Paschim Lehar
3. Vayu Shakti
4. Vijay Prahar

2. Bilateral exercise – These exercises are conducted between two countries.

The following table provides you with a list of important Indian bilateral army exercises.

Exercise Name	Participant Nations
Sampriti	India & Bangladesh
Mitra Shakti	India & Sri Lanka
Maitree Exercise	India & Thailand
Vajra Prahar	India & US
Yudh Abhyas	India & US
Nomadic Elephant	India & Mongolia
Garuda Shakti	India & Indonesia
Shakti Exercise	India & France
Dharma Guardian	India & Japan
Surya Kiran	India & Nepal
Hand in Hand	India & China

Multilateral exercise – These exercises are conducted by the military including more than one partner nations.

List of major multilateral exercises conducted by the military are given below:

Multilateral exercise	No of Participating countries
RIMPAC	26
MALABAR	4

COBRA GOLD	Asia – Pacific countries
Samvedna	South Asian Region Nations

Latest Important Military Exercises – 2021

The table given below mentions the latest editions of all the important military exercises of India with other nations.

Exercise name	Country participated with India	Latest Date/Year/Edition	Held at
Al Nagah-III	Oman	12th March 2019 3rd Edition	Jabal AL Akhdar training camp, Oman
Bold Kurukshetra	Singapore	9th April 2019 12th Edition	Babina Military Station in Jhansi district of Uttar Pradesh
Ekuverin	Maldives	7th October 2019 10th Edition	Pune, Maharashtra
Garuda Shakti IV	Indonesia	19th February 2018 6th Edition	Bandung, Indonesia
Hand in Hand	China	7th December 2019 8th Edition	Umroi, Meghalaya

Indra	Russia	• 4th September 2020 • 11th Edition	Andaman Sea
Khanjar V	Kyrgyzstan	• 16th March 2019 • 5th Edition	Vairengte in Mizoram
Lamitye	Seychelles	• 2018 • 8th Edition	Mahe Island in Seychelles
Maitree	Thailand	• 16th September 2019 • 14th Edition	Umroi, Meghalaya
Mitra Shakti-VII	Sri Lanka	• 1st December 2019 • 7th Edition	Pune, Maharashtra
Multi-national FTX/Exercise Force Eighteen	18 ASEAN Plus countries	• 2nd March 2016	Pune, India
Nomadic Elephant	Mongolia	• 5th October 2019 • 14th Edition	Bakloh Cantonment, Himachal Pradesh
Prabal Dostyk	Kazakhstan	• 2nd November 2017 • Second Edition	Himachal Pradesh
Sampriti-IX	Bangladesh	• 3rd February 2020 • 9th Edition	Umroi, Meghalaya

Surya Kiran XIV	Nepal	• 3rd December 2019 • 14th Edition	Saljhandi, Nepal
Yudh Abhyas	United States	• 8th February 2021 • 16th Edition	Rajasthan

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