

Ministry of Defence - Year-end Review, 2017

Military exercises 2017

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- **Al Nagah-** It is the joint exercise between the Indian and Oman Armies.
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- Both armies shared valuable combat expertise on countering terrorist operations in an international environment.
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- **Suriya Kiran** - It is Indo - Nepal Joint Military Exercise.
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- It is the 11th and 12th edition of this exercise aimed at training of troops in counter insurgency operations in mountainous terrain.
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- It formally incorporated issues related to humanitarian assistance and disaster Relief (HADR).
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- **Nomadic Elephant** -Indo - Mongolian Joint Military Exercise.
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- The exercise was aimed at training the troops in counter insurgency & counter terrorism operations under the United Nations mandate.
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- **Yudh Abhyas** - Indo - US Joint Military Exercise.
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- The theme of the exercise was to build and develop military relations for regional security operations and peace keeping operations under UN Charter.
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- **Mitra Shakti** - Indo - Sri Lanka Joint Military Exercise.
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- The exercise focused on counter terrorism operations in semi urban terrain.
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- **Indra** - Indo - Russia Joint Tri Service Exercise(Army, Navy and Airforce)
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- This is the first ever tri service exercise 'INDRA' between India & Russia.
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- **Prabal Dostyk** - Indo - Kazakhstan Joint Military Exercise.
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- **Sampriti** - Indo-Bangladesh Joint Military Exercise.
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- It was aimed at carrying out operations against terrorists and insurgents on the lines of those in the J&K and NE.
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- **Ajeya warrior** - Indo - UK Joint Military Exercise.
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- The aim of the exercise was to build and promote bilateral relations and counter insurgency operations between the two countries.
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- **Pralay Sahayam** - The exercise was conceptualised as Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) exercise based on an urban flooding scenario in the twin cities of Hyderabad & Secunderabad.
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- The Exercise synergised the efforts of all stakeholders Army, Navy, Air Forces, NDRF, civil administration, CAPFs and other civil agencies.
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Significant operations of Indian Navy

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Naval exercises

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- **Malabar** -IN, US Navy and the Japan Maritime Self - Defence Force (JMSDF) participated in the exercise.
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- The primary objective of the exercise was to enhance maritime cooperation and interoperability amongst the participating navies.
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- **Varuna** - It is a joint navy exercise between India-France.
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- **Konkan** -It is a bilateral navy exercise between Indian Navy and Britain Navy.
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- **SIMBEX** - It is the annual bilateral exercise with Republic of Singapore Navy.
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- **AUSINDEX** - It is the biennial Australia-India Maritime Bilateral Exercise.
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- **SLINEX** - It is the naval exercise between Sri Lanka-India.
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- **Sambandh** -Indian Navy conducted this exercise to showcase its capabilities to 'Observers' from 18 Friendly Foreign Countries of Indian ocean region (IOR).

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Events and deployments

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- **Navika Sagar Parikarma** - Six naval women officers are undertaking Navika Sagar Parikrama on an Indian-built 56 feet long Sailing Vessel, INSV Tarini.

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- This is first Indian all-women crew circumnavigation of the globe under sail.
- Expedition was flagged-off from Goa on Sep 17 and is expected to return to Goa in Apr 18.

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- **Goa Maritime Conclave (GMC)** - 'Goa Maritime Conclave' (GMC) was attended by Chiefs of Navy/ Heads of Maritime Agency/ representatives of Bangladesh, Indonesia, Maldives, Malaysia, Mauritius, Myanmar, Seychelles, Singapore, Sri Lanka and Thailand.

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- The Conclave was aimed at 'Addressing Regional Maritime Challenges' in the Indian Ocean Region (IOR)

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- **INS Kiltan** - It is an Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) Corvette deployed recently.

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- It is an indigenously designed submarine.

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- **INS Kalvari** - It is a diesel-electric attack submarine which is designed by French company and being manufactured in India, deployed recently.

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Significant events in Indian air force

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Procurements

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- **Light Combat Aircraft (Tejas)**- it is an advanced multirole aircraft with state-of-art avionics was made under “Make in India”
- **Su-30 MKI** - Induction of Su-30 MKI aircraft in the IAF is under progress.
- The current lot of Su-30 MKI aircraft are being manufactured in HAL through Transfer of Technology.
- Advanced indigenous weapons like 'BrahMos' supersonic cruise missile and 'Astra' Beyond Visual Range (BVR) missile has been indigenously integrated and fired from aircraft.

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Exercises

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- **Siam Bharat** - A Command Post Exercise (CPX) was held in Chiang Mai, Thailand from IAF team participated in the exercise.

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- **Op Sahayam** -In the aftermath of cyclone 'Ockhi' the IAF unrelentingly pursued HADR along with NDRF team.

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Source: PIB

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