

# EX Indradhanush – V 2020

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The Indian Air Force (IAF) and Royal Air Force (RAF) of the UK jointly commenced the **fifth edition of Ex Indradhanush** at Air Force Station Hindan on 24 Feb 2020.

## **The focus of the 5th edition**

The focus of this edition of the exercise is '**Base Defence and Force Protection**'. This theme is of significance considering the recent threats to military establishments from terror elements

## **Key highlights**

- Ex Indradhanush provides a platform for the IAF and RAF to share and jointly validate strategies and tactics to counter terror threats to their installations
- The RAF team comprises of 36 specialized combatants of the RAF Regiment while the IAF will comprise of 42 combatants of the GARUD Force.
- Both teams will **execute missions based on jointly worked out plans and scenarios.**
- Both sides would also exercise specialized weapons, equipment and vehicles and validate joint employability.
- Special missions would encompass **Airfield Seizure, Base Defence and anti-terror operations in Urban built-up zones.**
- These exercises would include para drops from C-130J aircraft, tactical insertions by Mi-17 V5 helicopters and use of various airborne sensors.
- **A few social, sports and cultural events** have been interspersed during the exercise to enhance bonhomie and mutual understanding.

## **Significance of the exercise**

The IAF, as well as the RAF, would gain significantly from each other's operational experience, training philosophies, contemporary technologies and best practices followed