

Exercise INDRA 2019

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Exercise INDRA 2019 a joint, tri-services exercise between India and Russia was held in India from 10 – 19 December 2019 simultaneously **at Babina (near Jhansi), Pune, and Goa**

About Exercise INDRA

- **The INDRA series of exercise began in 2003 and the First joint Tri-Services Exercise was conducted in 2017**
- Exercise INDRA – 2019 is the second edition of Joint Tri-Services Exercise between Indian and Russian Armed Forces.
- IAF undertook service-specific and joint missions during the exercise. Russian Federation Air Force (RFAF) element participated in the exercise along with IAF counterparts.
- The broad theme for the exercise was to organize a Joint Task Force for undertaking planning and execution of air operations for eliminating terrorists at the request of the third country under the UN mandate.
- However, combined missions between IAF and RFAF also undertook for an enriching experience and maximizing training value in terms of interoperability.
- This year IAF has fielded Su-30MKI, Jaguar, MI-17 helicopters, Airborne Warning & Control System aircraft and Guards of IAF participated in the exercise.
- The Russian side was represented by Yaroslav Mudry, Viktor Konetsky, and Elyna

Significance of the exercise

Tri-Services Ex INDRA-2019 will further strengthen mutual confidence, interoperability and enable sharing of best practices between the Armed Forces of both countries. The

exercise showcases the long-standing bond of India and Russia friendship.