

Exercise TSENTR 2019

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Key highlights about Exercise TSENTR

- Exercise TSENTR 2019 is **part of the annual series of large scale exercises that form part of the Russian Armed Forces' annual training cycle.**
- The series rotates through the **four main Russian operational strategic commands.** Russia holds a major military exercise every year at one of its **four military Commands** i.e.
 1. Vostok (East)
 2. Zapad (West)
 3. TSENTR (Centre) and
 4. Kavkas (South).
- These annual exercises have slowly began taking an international character, with Belarus participating in ZAPAD-2017 and China and Mongolia participating in VOSTOK-2018. This year, invitations for participation have been extended to nine other countries.

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- This year's Exercise TSENTR 2019 was conducted by the Central Military Commission of Russia.
- This year the exercise was planned between 09 September to 23 September 19 **at Donguz training ranges, Orenburg, Russia.**
- **Participants:** Apart from host Russia, military contingents from China, India, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Pakistan and Uzbekistan took part in this mega event.
 - **Aims:**

- The exercise **aims at evolving drills of the participating armies and practicing them in the fight against the scourge of international terrorism** thereby ensuring military security in the strategic **central Asian region**.
- The TSENTR-2019 strategic measures will focus on **evaluating the level of troop preparedness, the acquisition of the required skills** and raising the level of inter- operability and demonstrate the readiness of the participating armies.
- **Two models: The exercise TSENTR 2019 comprises two modules;**
 1. The first module will include **counter- terror operations**, repelling air strikes, reconnaissance operations and defensive measures
 2. While the second will focus on **offensive operations**.