

Hand-in-Hand 2019

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The 8th India-China joint training exercise 'HAND-IN-HAND 2019' with the **theme counter-terrorism under the United Nations mandate** was held **at Umroi, Meghalaya** from 07 to 20 December 2019.

Aim

The aim of the exercise was to **practice joint planning and conduct of counter-terrorist operations in semi-urban terrain.**

Key highlights

- The exercise schedule is focused upon training on various lectures & drills associated with counter-terrorist handling & firing with each others weapons, special heliborne operations and case studies of various operations carried out in the counter-terrorist environment.
- **Two tactical exercises were** scheduled during the training; one on counter-terrorism scenario and the other on Humanitarian and Disaster Relief (HADR) operations.
- The exercise entailed firing of each other's weapons and conduct of tactical lectures & demonstration by both countries with respect to various aspects of counter-terrorism operations.
- The People's Liberation Army (PLA) contingent from the **Tibet Military Command & Indian Army contingent** comprising of one Infantry company along with supporting staff have participated in the 14 days long joint training exercise.

Significance

The exercise will send a strong signal to the world that both India and China well understand the emerging threat of terrorism and stand shoulder to shoulder in countering this menace plaguing the world.