

Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) Exercise

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In consonance with the growing partnership between India and the US, the **maiden India US joint Tri services Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) Exercise named 'TIGER TRIUMPH'** is scheduled on the Eastern seaboard from 13 to 21 Nov 19.

Key highlights

- The nine-day humanitarian assistance and disaster relief (HADR) exercise code-named 'Tiger Triumph' is **aimed at developing interoperability between the militaries of the two countries in HADR operations**
- Indian Naval ships Jalashwa, Airavat, and Sandhayak were part of the exercise and Indian Army troops from 19 Madras and 7 Guards, and Indian Air Force MI-17 helicopters and Rapid Action Medical Team (RAMT) would be participating in the exercise.
- The US was represented by US Navy ship Germantown with troops from the US Third Marine Division.
- At the HADR Exercise Area, a Joint Command and Control Centre was established jointly by the Indian Army and US Marines.
- The IAFRAMT and the US Navy Medical Team established a Medical Facility Camp for providing medical aid to victims, who would have been previously evacuated by road and air to the Camp.
- In June 2016, the US had designated India a "Major Defence Partner," intending to elevate defence trade and

technology sharing with India to a level commensurate with that of its closest allies and partners.