

# Indo-French joint Exercise-SHAKTI 2019

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## About the Mission

- It's a **biennial exercise** and is conducted alternately in India and France.
- The Exercise SHAKTI(Army) between India and France commenced in the year 2011
- This year the Exercise was held in Rajasthan
- A contingent of the Sikh Regiment of Sapta Shakti Command represented Indian Army in this exercise.
- The French Army delegation was represented by troops of 21st Marine Infantry Regiment of 6th Armoured Brigade
- The joint exercise focused on Counter-Terrorism operations in the backdrop of semi-desert terrain under the United Nations Mandate.
- The training focused primarily on a high degree of physical fitness, sharing of drill at tactical level and learning of best practices from each other.
- The exercise aims at enhancing understanding, cooperation, and interoperability between the two Armies
- The other exercises between Indian and France are;

1. Garuda- Air Force
2. Varuna- Naval