A military exercise or war games is conducted to test the quickness and real time capabilities of warfare and adopting strategies without undergoing actual combat. It is a technique of using military resources in training or performing drills of military operations.

The military exercise is a measure to test the performance of the armed forces without engaging in the battlefield.

Here we are attaching the list of joint military exercises of India with other countries which are conducted in 2020 at various places:

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**Why Joint Military Exercises of India are Conducted?**

- Defense exercises are conducted as it serves many purposes like counter-terrorism, low-intensity conflict operations at Counter-Insurgency etc.
- Military Exercise is a measure to test the abilities of armed forces without engaging in the Combat.
- It helps Armed Forces to train themselves for Humanitarian Relief in case of Natural Calamity or Disaster.
- Military Exercise also helps in improving the cooperation and coordination among fellow participants for any Joint Military Operation.

**Indian Military Exercises 2019**

**Indo-French Joint Air Exercise ‘Garuda-VI’**

Indian Air Force (IAF) and Armée de l’Air (French Air Force) are participating in Garuda VI, a bilateral air exercise at Mont de Marsan in France.

The last edition of joint exercise between IAF-FAF was held in June 2014 at Air Force Station Jodhpur, Rajasthan. This year was the 6th edition of exercise which took place from 1 July to 12 July 2019.
India, China to conduct military exercise ‘Hand in Hand’ in Meghalaya

India and China will carry out a military exercise called ‘Hand-in-Hand’ in Meghalaya in December 2019.

The exercise will take place at Umroi, Meghalaya.

TSENTR-2019 : 10 September to 21 September at Orenburg in Russia.

It is a The Shanghai Co-operation Organisation (SCO) multilateral military exercise.

For the second time in a row India took part in the drill and around 140 troops of the Indian Army participated.

India became a full member of the SCO in June 2017.

Countries Participating – China, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, India, Pakistan.

Biennial Multilateral Naval Exercise ‘MILAN’ to be Held at Visakhapatnam in March 2020

Indian Navy will organise the multilateral naval exercise MILAN at Visakhapatnam in March 2020.

Launched in 1995, the MILAN series of biennial exercises were organised at Andaman and Nicobar Command (ANC) till 2018.

Shaheen VIII

The eighth edition of the bilateral aerial exercise between China and Pakistan named Shaheen VIII, is being held in the Chinese city of Holton, located close to the Indian border near Ladakh.

Yudh Abhyas 2019

The Indo-US joint military training drill named Exercise Yudh Abhyas – 2019 was conducted at Joint Base Lewis Mc Chord, Washington, USA from 05-18 September 2019.

This was the 15th edition of the joint exercise, hosted alternately between India and United States.

Indo-US joint military exercise ‘Vajra Prahar’ to take place in Seattle from October 13.

SLINEX 2019
The Indian and Sri Lankan Navy did the annual Joint Indo-Lanka maritime fleet exercise SLINEX 2019 at the port of Visakhapatnam, in Andhra Pradesh on September 7, 2019.

**Indo-Thailand joint military exercise Maitree 2019**

India and Thailand organized Joint Military Exercise MAITREE-2019 at Foreign Training Node, Umroi (Meghalaya) from 16-29 Sep 2019.

The exercise ‘MAITREE’ is an annual training event which is being conducted alternatively in India and Thailand since 2006.

**SITMEX 2019**

The inaugural trilateral exercise, involving the Indian Navy (IN), the Republic of Singapore Navy (RSN), and the Royal Thailand Navy (RTN), recently commenced at Port Blair, Andaman and Nicobar.

SITMEX-2019 is five days long exercise.

**Chang Thang**

The Indian Army conducted a massive rare exercise involving all its arms and services including tanks, artillery and helicopters, in Eastern Ladakh bordering China, for testing and improving its war-fighting capabilities.

The integrated exercise named ‘Chang Thang’ was conducted at a high altitude area in the region.

**Indo-US ‘Tiger Triumph’**

India and the United States are set to hold their first tri-services exercise code-named as ‘Tiger Triumph’ at Visakhapatnam and Kakinada in Andhra Pradesh. It is scheduled to be held in November 2019.

This will be only 2nd time that India will deploy assets and manpower from its Army, Navy and Air Force together for an exercise with a foreign country. India had earlier conducted similar tri-service exercise ‘Indra wargames’ with Russia at Vladivostok in 2017.

**“Malabar 2019”**

The 23rd edition of the trilateral maritime exercise of India, Japan and the United States(US) named “Malabar 2019” exercise was held at Sasebo, Japan.
KAZIND – 2019

The Armies of India and Kazakhstan conducted the annual joint military Exercise KAZIND-2019 at Pithoragarh, Uttarakhand from **02 to 15 October 2019**.

KAZIND-2019 is the fourth edition of the exercise which is conducted alternatively in Kazakhstan and India.

Ekuverin – 19

Tenth edition of the Joint Military Exercise Ekuverin between the Indian Army and the Maldives National Defence Force – **07 to 20 October 2019** at Aundh Military Station in Pune, Maharashtra.

The Indian Army and the Maldives National Defence Forces have been conducting Exercise Ekuverin meaning ‘Friends’ in the Dhivehi language since 2009.

Nomadic Elephant-XIV

14th edition of Indo – Mongolian joint military training, Exercise Nomadic Elephant-XIV, being conducted over a period of 14 days, ll commenced at Bakloh in Himachal Pradesh.

The exercise will be conducted from **05 Oct 19 to 18 October**.

Indian Army begins its first mountain combat exercise ‘Him Vijay’ in Arunachal Pradesh

The Indian army will begin its first ever mountain combat on October 7. The exercise is to test the mobility, coordination and communication of the troops in difficult terrain.

‘HimVijay’ in Arunachal Pradesh and Assam with its newly created Integrated Battle Groups (IBG) involving 15,000 troops.

Dharma Guardian

Dharma Guardian, the joint military exercise between India and Japan, will be held at the Counter-Insurgency and Jungle Warfare School Vairengte in Mizoram from **October 19 to November 2**.

The exercise is an annual training event, which is being held in India since 2018.

*(Shinyuu maitri, Sahyog-Kaijin)*

IMBEX 2018-19

The second edition of the India-Myanmar bilateral army exercise, IMBEX 2018-19, commenced at Chandimandir Military Station near Chandigarh.
'Sea Vigil'

The Indian Navy has commenced its largest-ever coastal defence exercise – ‘Sea Vigil’- off the Indian coast, ten years after the “26/11” attack.

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AFINDEX-19

India engaged with 17 African nations in a joint military exercise in Pune in March 2019.

Benin, Botswana, Egypt, Ghana, Kenya, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, South Africa, Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe. The Indian contingent was represented by MARATHA Light Infantry (Jangi Paltan).

‘Vayu Shakti’

Indian Air Force conducted mega exercise ‘Vayu Shakti’ in Pokhran, Rajasthan.

The exercise was conducted two days after 40 CRPF personnel killed in a suicide attack in Kashmir’s Pulwama.

The honorary group captain of the IAF, Sachin Tendulkar was present during the exercise.

‘Sampriti 2019’

As part of the ongoing India Bangladesh defence cooperation, a joint military exercise Sampriti-2019 was conducted at Tangail, Bangladesh from 02 March to 15 March 2019.

Mainamati Maitree Exercise 2019

Border Security Force (BSF) and Border Guards Bangladesh (BGB) conducted a three-day ‘Mainamati Maitree Exercise 2019’ in Tripura.

MITRA SHAKTI 2019

The 6th edition of India, Sri Lanka joint military exercise MITRA SHAKTI 2019 was conducted from 26 March to 08 April 2019 in Sri Lanka.

AUSINDEX 2019

India and Australia conducted AUSINDEX 2019 bilateral naval exercise off the coast of Vishakhapatnam in Bay of Bengal from April 2 to 16, 2019.
This is the Third Installment of the Joint Naval Exercise of India and Australia AUSINDEX.

Here are some more Joint Indian Military Exercises list 2019:

- Shakti – India & France
- Garuda Shakti – India & Indonesia
- Mitra Shakti – India & SL
- Harimau Shakti – India & Malaysia
- Khanjar – India & Kyrgyzstan
- Prabal Dostyk – India & Kazakhstan
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- Lamitye – India & Seychelles
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