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Indo-French Joint Exercise Shakti-2019

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'**Exercise SHAKTI**' is a biennial exercise which is conducted alternately in India and France. The 2019 edition will be conducted from 31 October 2019 to 13 November 2019 in



Rajasthan, India.

- The exercise will focus on counter terrorism operations in backdrop of semi-desert terrain. The training will focus primarily on 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.
- Defence Exercises between India and France:
 - **Varuna – Naval exercise**
 - **Garuda – Air exercise**
 - **Shakti – Army exercise**

Note:

- **Gagan Shakti** is conducted by the **Indian Air Force** to showcase its air dominance over the entire extended area of the **Indian Ocean Region**. It includes all terrain operations – desert, high altitude, maritime scenarios and special operations – in real time with specific focus on key areas like aerial combat, air to surface combat, paratrooper assault and medical evacuation.
- **Garuda Shakti** is the joint military exercise between **India and Indonesia**.
- **Mitra Shakti** is the joint military exercise between **India and Sri Lanka**.

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