



Exercise Varuna

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Recently, the 22nd edition of the **India-France** bilateral **naval exercise VARUNA** took place in the **Mediterranean Sea**.

- **INS Tabar**, a frontline stealth frigate, **ship borne Helicopter** and **LRMR Aircraft P8I** participated from the Indian side, while French side was represented by **FS Provence, Submarine Suffren, Aircraft F20; Atlantique2, fighters MB339** and **NH90 Dauphin helicopters**.
- These joint-exercises are conducted either in the **Indian Ocean** or the **Mediterranean Sea**.
- **Operations Conducted: Advanced naval operations, including tactical maneuvers, anti-submarine warfare exercises, flight exercises, air defense exercises, live weapon firings, PHOTO-EX (Photographic Exercise) and steam past.**
- Other Indo-French Joint Exercises:
 - **Desert Knight-21** and **Garuda (Air exercise)**
 - **Shakti (Army exercise)**

Joint Exercises with India:

Country	Exercise
Australia	Austra Hindbah
Bangladesh	Sampriti
China	Hand in Hand
France	Shakti
Indonesia	Garuda Shakti
Kazakhstan	Prabal Dostykk
Kyrgyzstan	Khanjar
Maldives	Ekuverin
Mongolia	Nomadic Elephant
Myanmar	Imbex
Nepal	Surya Kiran
Oman	Al Nagah
Russia	Indra
Seychelles	Lamitiye
Sri Lanka	Mitra Shakti
Thailand	Maitree
UK	Ajeya Warrior
USA	Yudhabhayas
USA	Vajra Prahar

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