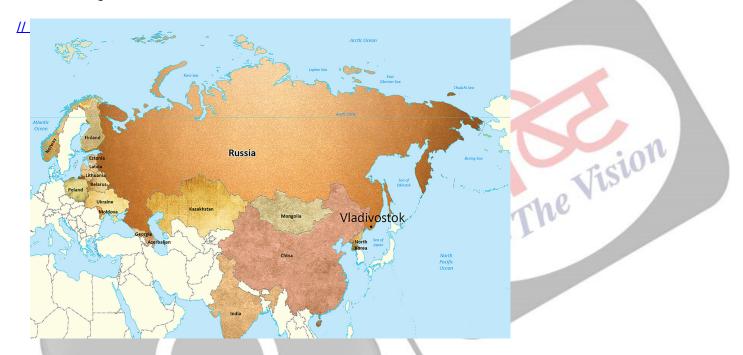


# **Vostok Exercise 2022**

### Why in News?

Recently, India joined a multilateral strategic and command **Exercise Vostok - 2022** in Russia along with China among other countries.



#### What is Exercise Vostok?

- It will involve troops from several ex-Soviet nations, China, India, Laos, Mongolia, Nicaragua and Syria.
  - The Indian Army was represented by the contingent of troops from 7/8 Gorkha Rifles.
- It is aimed at interaction and coordination amongst other participating military contingents and observers.
- The Vostok 2022 exercise will be held at seven firing ranges in **Russia's Far East and the Sea of Japan** and involve more than 50,000 troops and over 5,000 weapons units, including 140 aircraft and 60 warships.
- The Indian Army contingent will look forward to sharing practical aspects and putting into
  practice the validated drills, procedures and practice amalgamation of new technology through
  discussions and tactical exercises.

## What are India's Exercises with China & Russia?

- China:
  - Exercise Hand-in-Hand:
    - The aim of the exercise is to practice joint planning and conduct of **counter terrorist operations in semi urban terrain.**

#### Russia:

- Exercise Indra:
  - The exercise will entail the conduct of counter terror operations under the **United**Nations mandate by a joint force against international terror groups.
  - The INDRA series of exercises began in 2003 and was conducted as a bilateral naval exercise alternately between the two countries.
    - However, the first joint Tri-Services Exercise was conducted in 2017.

#### • Exercise TSENTR:

- Exercise TSENTR 2019 is part of the annual series of large-scale exercises that form part of the Russian Armed Forces' annual training cycle.
- Exercise ZAPAD 2021:
  - It is a multinational exercise in which 17 countries including India, China, Russia and Pakistan are part of it.
    - It focuses primarily on operations against terrorists.

