



AUSTRAHIND

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Recently, the 3rd edition of **[Exercise AUSTRAHIND](#)** commenced at the Foreign Training Node in Maharashtra, in November 2024.

- The exercise, conducted **annually**, alternates **between India and Australia**, aiming to enhance military cooperation and interoperability in joint operations.
- The exercise supports joint planning and sub-conventional operations in semi-urban, semi-desert terrain, focusing on counterterrorism, physical fitness, tactical drills, and high-level coordination as mentioned under **[Chapter VII of the UN mandate](#)**
- The exercise will be conducted in two phases - **combat conditioning and tactical training phase** and **validation phase**.
- The Exercise reflects growing defense cooperation under the **[India-Australia Comprehensive Strategic Partnership \(2020\)](#)**.
- Other Exercises between India and Australia are **[AUSINDEX](#)**, and PITCHBLACK.
- **Defence Cooperation between India and Australia:**
 - **[Mutual Logistics Support Agreement](#)**
 - Both are members of the **[Quad](#)**, **[Commonwealth](#)**, **[Indian Ocean Rim Association \(IORA\)](#)**, **[ASEAN Regional Forum](#)**, **[Asia Pacific Partnership on Climate and Clean Development](#)**, and have participated in the **[East Asia Summits](#)**.

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