



6th Edition of Shakti 2021

Why in News

The **sixth edition of the [Indo-French Shakti](#) 2021** (bilateral joint training exercise), will be conducted in **November in Frejus, France.**

- From the Indian side, a platoon strength of a [Gorkha Rifles](#) Infantry Battalion **will participate** in the exercise.

Key Points

- **About:** //



- It will **focus on Counter Terrorism operations in backdrop of semi-urban terrain under [United Nations](#) Mandate** with an aim to enhance military cooperation and interoperability between the two Armies.
- The **biennial exercise between the armies** of the two countries **had started in 2011.**
 - It is **conducted alternately in India and France.**
- The **last edition of the Shakti exercise** had taken place **in Rajasthan in 2019**, in which “**Counter Terrorism operations in semi-desert terrain** were practised”.

- **Defence Exercises between India and France:**

- [Varuna - Naval exercise](#)
- [Desert Knight-21](#) and [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.**
- **Garuda Shakti** is the [joint military exercise](#) between **India and Indonesia.**
- **Mitra Shakti** is the joint military exercise between **India and Sri Lanka.**
- **Harimau Shakti** is **India-Malaysia** joint military exercise.

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