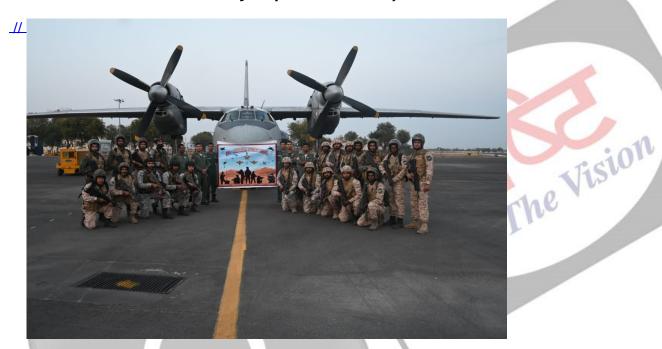


## **Exercise Desert Hunt 2025**

## Why in News?

The Indian Air Force conducted an integrated Tri-Service Special Forces exercise, Exercise Desert Hunt 2025, at Air Force Station Jodhpur from February 24 to 28, 2025.



## **Key Points**

- Participation of Special Forces:
  - This exercise brought together <u>elite Para (Special Forces)</u> of the <u>Indian Army</u>, <u>Marine Commandos (MARCOS)</u> of the <u>Indian Navy</u>, and <u>Garud (Special Forces)</u> of the <u>Indian Air Force</u>.
  - These units operated in a simulated combat environment, executing joint missions.
- Objectives and Key Focus Areas:
  - The exercise aimed to enhance interoperability, coordination, and synergy among the three Special Forces units.
  - It focused on ensuring a swift and effective response to emerging security challenges.
  - The exercise featured a range of high-intensity drills, including:
    - Airborne insertion
    - · Precision strikes
    - Hostage rescue operations
    - Counter-terrorism missions
    - · Combat free falls
    - · Urban warfare scenarios
  - The Special Forces operated under realistic conditions to test their combat

readiness.

- Supervision and Strategic Significance:
  - Senior military officials supervised the exercise to validate joint operational doctrines.

The exercise **reinforced the Indian Armed Forces' commitment to <u>national security</u>** by promoting seamless inter-service cooperation.

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