

Exercise Tarang Shakti 2026

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Why in News?

Indian Air Force (IAF) is conducting the operational phase of Exercise Tarang Shakti 2026.

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- It is a **multilateral air exercise**.
- **Held at** - Air Force Station, Jodhpur.
- **Theme** - "Power in Partnership".
- **Aim** - To enhance interoperability and operational cooperation among participating air forces.
- **Participating countries** - Australia, USA, UAE, France, Germany, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh.



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 Organiser Indian Air Force (IAF)	 Type Multilateral air exercise	 Venue Air Force Station, Jodhpur	 Dates 26 Sep – 12 Oct 2026	 Theme Power in Partnership	 Inaugural edition 2024
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Participating Foreign Air Forces (7 countries)

 Australia	 USA	 UAE	 France	 Germany	 Sri Lanka	 Bangladesh
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- **Objectives**
- **Operational Objectives**
 - Conduct advanced joint training

- Enhance interoperability among participating units
- Facilitate the exchange of operational expertise
- Improve understanding of diverse operational procedures
- Strengthen aerospace safety protocols
- Promote knowledge sharing regarding capabilities and operating philosophies
- **Professional Objectives** - Foster interaction among the following groups:
 - Aircrew members
 - Mission planning personnel
 - Operational support personnel
- **Participating Aircraft** - It includes a range of aircraft types:
 - F-35 Lightning II
 - Rafale
 - F-16
 - A400M
 - MRTT (Multi-Role Tanker Transport)
 - C-130 and C-130J
 - KC-30A
- **Additional Activities** - It will also feature the following activities:
 - Professional seminar
 - Industrial tours
 - Sekhon Marathon
 - Heritage tours
 - Yoga sessions
 - Cultural and outreach activities
- These activities are designed to promote professional exchange, cultural understanding, and camaraderie among participants.
- **Significance**
 - This demonstrates the Indian Air Force's operational capabilities.
 - It strengthens India's defence partnerships.
 - It improves interoperability with foreign air forces.
 - It provides exposure to advanced aircraft and operational practices.
 - It highlights India's growing indigenous aerospace and defence capabilities.
 - It supports India's broader objective of constructive defence engagement and regional security cooperation.

Reference

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