

## **Exercise Harimau Shakti**

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Why is in news? "Exercise HarimaShakti 2023" commenced in Umroi Cantonment, India.

Joint bilateral training exercise "Exercise HarimaShakti 2023", **between Indian & Malaysian Army** commenced in Umroi Cantonment, India.

The Malaysian Army contingent comprises troops from 5th Royal Battalion of Malaysian Army. The Indian contingent is being represented by a Battalion of THE RAJPUT REGIMENT.

Last edition of the Exercise was conducted in Pulai, Kluang, Malaysia in November 2022.

Ex HarimaShakti, scheduled till 5th November 2023, will engage approximately 120 personnel from both sides.

It is aimed at **enhancing military capability for conduct of Multi Domain Operations** in a sub conventional scenario.

During the exercise, both contingents will establish a Joint Command Post & establish an integrated surveillance grid along with a Joint Surveillance Centre.

Both sides will rehearse employment of joint forces in jungle/ semi urban / urban environment. In addition, intelligence collection, collation and dissemination drills will also be rehearsed.

The Exercise will **also witness employment of Drones/UAVs & Helicopters**. Two sides will also practice casualty management and evacuation drills.

Both the contingents will discuss logistics management and practice survival training at the Battalion level.

The training will **focus primarily on high degree of physical fitness, conduct of drills at tactical level** and sharing of best practices with each other. The Exercise will culminate with a 48-hour long validation exercise in a semi-urban area.

"Exercise HARIMAU SHAKTI" is **aimed to enhance the level of defence co-operation** between Indian Army and the Malaysian Army, which will **also foster the bilateral relations** between the two nations.