

Exercise Austra Hind

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Why is in news? AUSTRALIAN ARMY CONTINGENT FOR JOINT EXERCISE "AUSTRA HIND – 22" ARRIVE IN INDIA

The **bilateral training exercise** "AUSTRA HIND 22" between contingents of the **Indian Army and the Australian Army** is scheduled to take place at Mahajan Field Firing Ranges (Rajasthan) from 28 November to 11 December 2022.

This is the **first exercise** in the series of AUSTRA HIND with **participation of all arms and services** contingent from both armies.

The Indian Army is represented by troops from the DOGRA Regiment.

Exercise "AUSTRA HIND" will be a yearly event that will be conducted alternatively in India and Australia.

Aim of the exercise is to **build positive military relations**, imbibe each other's best practices and promote the ability to operate together while undertaking multi-domain operations in Semi deserts terrain under a UN peace enforcement mandate.

This joint exercise will enable the two armies to share best practices in **tactics**, **techniques and procedures** for **conducting tactical operations** at **Company and Platoon level for neutralising hostile threats**.

Training on new generation equipment and specialist weapons including snipers, surveillance & communication equipment to achieve a high degree of situational awareness apart from casualty management, casualty evacuation and planning logistics at Battalion / Company level are also planned.

During the exercise, participants will engage in a **variety of tasks** ranging from joint planning, joint tactical drills, sharing basics of special arms skills and raiding a hostile target.

The joint exercise, besides promoting understanding and interoperability between the two armies, will further help in strengthening ties between India and Australia.

<u>Other exercises</u>: EX PITCH BLACK (Multilateral Exercise), AUSINDEX (Naval Exercise), Malabar Exercise (Naval Exercise), etc.

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