

Exercise Cobra

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Why is in news? INDIAN AIR FORCE TO PARTICIPATE IN EXERCISE COBRA WARRIOR AT WADDINGTON IN UK

An Indian Air Force contingent comprising 145 Air Warriors departed Air Force Station Jamnagar for participating in Exercise Cobra Warrior at the Waddington Air Force Base of the Royal Air Force in United Kingdom. The exercise is scheduled from 06 Mar 23 to 24 Mar 23.

The Exercise Cobra Warrior is a **multilateral Air exercise** in which Air Forces from **Finland**, **Sweden**, **South Africa**, **United States of America and Singapore** would also be participating alongside Royal Air Force and IAF.

The IAF is participating in the exercise this year with five Mirage 2000 fighters, two C-17 Globemaster III and an IL-78 mid air refueller aircraft.

The aim of the exercise is to participate in **diverse fighter aircraft engagements** and learn from the best practices of various Air Forces.

The exercise is aimed at providing operational exposure and share best practices amongst the participating Air Forces, thereby **enhancing combat capability and forging bonds of friendship**.