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India–Cambodia Joint Military Exercise CINBAX-II (2026)

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An Indian Army contingent has departed for Cambodia to participate in the 2nd edition of the India–Cambodia bilateral military exercise “CINBAX-II”, aimed at strengthening defence cooperation between the two countries.

Overview of the Exercise:

Location: Techo Sen Phnom Thom Mreas Training Centre (Camp Basil), Kampong Spe Province, Cambodia

Nature: Company-level joint training in sub-conventional operations

Focus Areas:

Counter-terrorism operations

Jungle and semi-urban warfare

Tactical coordination and joint planning

Participating Contingents:

India: ~120 personnel (mainly from Maratha Light Infantry)

Cambodia: ~160 personnel from the Royal Cambodian Army

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Key Facts:

CINBAX = Cambodia–India Bilateral Exercise

First edition held earlier (recent initiative in defence cooperation)

Focus on sub-conventional warfare (counter-insurgency/terrorism)

Conducted at company level

Part of India's broader defence diplomacy strategy

India–Cambodia Defence Relations at a glance:

2000: MoU on defence cooperation (training & capacity building)

2015: Renewed defence agreement (expanded military training & exchanges)

Training Support: Cambodian officers trained in Indian military institutions

De-mining & UN Peacekeeping: India assists in capacity building

Line of Credit: For defence procurement and modernization

Recent Focus: High-level visits and emerging maritime cooperation