

## **Exercises and Visits**



Indian High Commissioner to the UK Vikram Doraiswami meets the troops of the UK and Indian Armies at the exercise

**British and Indian Army at Exercise Ajeya Warrior** 

The UK and India concluded the seventh edition of the biennial exercise, Ajeya Warrior on 11 May 2023. Contingents from the British and Indian Armies had been undertaking demanding training on the Salisbury Plain Training Area in the UK for the two weeks. This year, Exercise Ajeya Warrior involved troops from the UK's 16 Air Assault Brigade Combat Team

and 2nd Battalion the Royal Gurkha Rifles, and India's 6th

Increasing the scope, complexity and dynamism considerably from previous iterations of the exercise, a company from the Bihar Regiment was integrated into the 2nd Battalion the Royal Gurkha Rifles battlegroup to conduct high tempo operations in a pioneering simulated training environment.

Alex Ellis, British High Commissioner to India, stated, "The UK and India are natural partners in defence and have increasing levels of interoperability, as shown by this highly complex and hands-on interaction between our militaries. The UK has made the Indo Pacific 'tilt' a permanent pillar of our international policy. The region is critical to our economy, our security, and to our interest in an open and stable international order."

Brigadier Nick Sawyer, Defence Advisor, British High Commission, stated, "Exercise Ajeya Warrior has been thoroughly testing the soldiers of both our nations, encompassing the uncertainty and complexity experienced in

> contemporary multi domain operations. Throughout the exercise, both the armies have had an opportunity to showcase their capabilities and emerging military technologies, as part of their respective drives toward modernisation. There is no doubt we will have learned from each other, yet again. Ajeya Warrior leaves us with an increased understanding about each other's military capabilities and tactics, which

is vital for a stronger UK-India strategic partnership."









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