

IAF's Exercises in 2023



IAF Mirage 2000s at Exercise Cobra Warrior, UK.



The IAF continued to train hard in 2023 exercising not only with sister services for enhancing jointness, but also with Air Forces of friendly foreign countries. Listed below are a few:

Ex Veer Guardian-23: Held in the period 12 to 27 Jan 23, this was the first air exercise between India and Japan.

Ex PASSEX with France: On 29 Jan 23, the IAF conducted 'Ex PASSEX' with French fighter aircraft sailing onboard the aircraft carrier 'Charles De Gaulle' in the IOR.

Ex Desert Flag-8 in UAE: IAF participated in 'Ex Desert Flag-8' in Al-Dhafra, UAE from 24 Feb to 20 Mar 23. This was the first ever participation by the Tejas in an international air exercise.

Ex Cobra Warrior-23: IAF participated in multinational Air Exercise 'Ex Cobra Warrior-23' in UK from 6 to 24 Mar 23. This exercise saw IAF aircraft staging through Saudi Arabia for the first time.

Ex Cope India-23: The USAF and the IAF participated in 'Ex Cope India-23' at AFS Kalaikunda (fighters) and Panagarh (transport aircraft) from 10 to 21 Apr 23. The Japan Air & Self Defence Force participated with one observer.

Ex Orion-23: IAF participated in multinational exercise 'Ex Orion-23' in France from 17 Apr to 5 May 23. The exercise saw the IAF's Rafale aircraft ferrying directly from France to India.

Ex INIOCHOS-23: IAF participated in a multinational exercise 'Ex Iniochos-23' in Greece from 24 Apr to 5 May 23. This was the first Air Exercise between India and Greece.

Ex Bright Star-23: IAF took part in Ex Bright Star-23 with Egypt from 27 Aug to 16 Sep 23. The IAF's MiG-29 fighters

ferryed directly from India to Egypt.

The following training exercises were conducted with sister services, aimed at increasing joint capabilities:-

Ex Kranti Mahotsav from 8 May 23 to 10 May 23 with 1 MLH.

Exercise Ex Chakra Drishti-23 from 10 May 23 to 12 May 23 with fighter, RPA and AEW&C.

IAF participated in EWT of 33 Armd, 16 Rapid, 6(I) Armd Bde and 47 Engr Bde from 8 May 23 to 27 May 23 wherein IAF's helicopters operated along with IA.

Exercise Western Command Theatre Spl Ops validation in May 2023 with helicopters along with Transport aircraft. It also witnessed RPA and fighter operations.

Exercise 2 Corps EWT on 23-24 May 23 with Su-30MKI.

Exercise Long range Maritime strike over Western seaboard on 2 Jun 23 with fighters, transport and AWACS.

IN carried out MiG-29K detachment at AFS Naliya from 22 Jul to 16 Aug 23 along with IAF. ➡

