

India's Defence Minister Mr. Rajnath Singh termed Multinational Exercise 'Tarang Shakti' that took place in September 2024 as an effort to strengthen cooperation, coordination and trust with the partner countries. Addressing the gathering at the Distinguished Visitors' Day event in the second phase of the multinational exercise in Jodhpur, Mr. Rajnath Singh said "that through Tarang Shakti, India has further strengthened its defence ties with all partner countries and instills confidence among them that whenever the need arises, we all will stand together. Reiterating India's vision of mutual coexistence and cooperation, our nation believes in all nations marching together holding each others hands. When an exercise of such complexity and large magnitude takes place, soldiers with different work cultures, air

combat experiences and war fighting principles learn a lot from each other."

Raksha Mantri further stated, "Today's landmark event is an opportunity to celebrate the grand achievements of the Indian Air Force. We are not only celebrating the achievements of being the fastest growing economy, but also taking pride that our armed forces are now being considered as one of the most powerful in the world. At the time of independence the Indian Air Force had only six squadrons of two types of aircraft. Similarly, the rest of the war equipment was not only old but also limited in number. But today, equipped with the best and modern aircraft from around the world and next generation equipment, the Indian Air Force has transformed itself."





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