

Exercise Garuda 25: IAF and FASF

The Indian Air Force (IAF) participated in the 8th edition of the bilateral air exercise 'Garuda 25' with the French Air and Space Force (FASF) at Mont-de-Marsan, France, from 16–27 November 2025. The IAF contingent arrived in France on 10 November 2025, and participated with its Su-30MKI fighter aircraft. The airlift support was provided by the C-17 Globemaster III, for the induction and de-induction phases of the exercise, while

the IL-78 air-to-air refuelling tankers were utilised for extending the range and endurance of the participating fighters.

During the exercise, the IAF's Su-30MKI aircraft operated alongside the French multirole fighters in complex simulated air combat scenarios, focusing on air-to-air combat, air defence and joint strike operations. This exercise aimed to refine tactics and procedures in a realistic

