

Tri-Services Exercise “Trishul” 2025

1. Overview

- **Exercise Name:** *Tri-Services Exercise “Trishul” (TSE-2025)*
- **Led by:** Indian Navy
- **Participating Services:** Indian Army, Indian Air Force, and Indian Navy
- **Timeframe:** Scheduled for **early November 2025**
- **Purpose:** To enhance **joint operational readiness, interoperability, and synergy** among the three Services.

2. Scope and Strategic Significance

- **Coordinating Headquarters:** Western Naval Command (Mumbai)
- **Geographical Coverage:**
 - **Creek and Desert Sectors** – Rajasthan and Gujarat
 - **Maritime Zones** – North Arabian Sea
- **Strategic Aim:**
 - Strengthen **jointness** and **integration** across land, air, and sea operations.
 - Reinforce India’s ability to conduct **multi-domain warfare** and **large-scale integrated operations**.
- **Significance:**
 - Marks one of **India’s largest integrated military drills**.
 - Reflects India’s growing focus on **joint theatre commands** and **comprehensive national defence preparedness**.

3. Participating Formations and Agencies

- **Indian Army:** Southern Command
- **Indian Navy:** Western Command

- **Indian Air Force:** South Western Command
 - **Supporting Agencies:**
 - **Indian Coast Guard**
 - **Border Security Force (BSF)**
 - **Other Central and Civil Defence Agencies**
 - **Importance:**
 - Promotes **inter-agency coordination** between the armed forces and civil security agencies.
 - Ensures **whole-of-government** preparedness for hybrid and cross-domain threats.
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4. Operational Objectives

- **Main Goals:**
 - Validate **joint operational procedures** across the three services.
 - Improve **interoperability** of platforms and **communication networks**.
 - Refine **joint tactics** for land-air-sea coordination.
- **Key Operational Areas:**
 - **Amphibious Operations:** Coordinated beach landing and sea-to-land assault missions.
 - **Carrier-Based Operations:** Use of aircraft carriers for integrated air-sea missions.
 - **Effect-Based Operations:** Combining precision strikes with real-time intelligence.
- **Technological and Tactical Components:**
 - **ISR (Intelligence, Surveillance, Reconnaissance):** Integrated monitoring across all domains.
 - **EW (Electronic Warfare):** Testing countermeasures and jamming capabilities.
 - **Cyber Warfare:** Strengthening cyber defence and network resilience.

5. Key Assets and Equipment

- **Naval Assets:**
 - *INS Jalashwa* (amphibious assault ship)
 - *Landing Craft Utility (LCUs)*
- **Air Force Assets:**
 - *IAF Fighter Aircraft and transport platforms*
- **Army Assets:**
 - Mechanised and armoured units for desert warfare
- **Indigenous Systems:**
 - Reflects the *Aatmanirbhar Bharat* vision through use of **indigenously developed platforms**, sensors, and communication systems.

6. Integration and Future Readiness

- **Joint Carrier and Shore-Based Operations:**
 - Seamless integration of Navy and Air Force assets.
 - Practice of coordinated missions involving ships, aircraft, and ground forces.
- **Technology-Driven Warfare:**
 - Focus on *AI-enabled decision support, network-centric warfare, and data fusion*.
- **Future Orientation:**
 - Aligns with India's goal of establishing **theatre commands** for integrated defence management.
 - Enhances **combat readiness** for emerging threats like drone warfare, hybrid warfare, and cyber attacks.

7. Strategic Importance for India

- **National Security:** Strengthens India's defence posture along the western coast and borders.

- **Regional Stability:** Demonstrates India's capacity to secure its maritime and territorial interests.
- **Diplomatic Message:** Projects India's preparedness and deterrence capability amid evolving regional dynamics in the **Arabian Sea and Indian Ocean Region (IOR)**.

8. UPSC Exam-Oriented Facts

Aspect	Details
Name	Tri-Services Exercise "Trishul" 2025
Lead Service	Indian Navy
Other Participants	Indian Army & Indian Air Force
Key Commands Involved	Western Naval Command, Southern Command, South Western Command
Area Covered	Rajasthan, Gujarat, North Arabian Sea
Key Assets	INS Jalashwa, LCUs, IAF fighter aircraft
Focus Areas	Amphibious ops, Carrier ops, ISR, EW, Cyber Warfare
Theme	Jointness, Interoperability, Technology-driven readiness
Aatmanirbhar Bharat Link	Use of indigenous defence platforms and systems

9. Summary

Exercise "Trishul" 2025 is a landmark step in India's journey toward **joint theatre warfare capability**.

It integrates the Army, Navy, and Air Force in **multi-domain operations**, promotes **inter-agency coordination**, and strengthens India's **strategic preparedness** in an era of evolving hybrid threats.

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