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TROPEX 11

'TROPEX' (The acronym stands for Theatre Level Operational Readiness Exercise) is the Indian Navy's largest annual exercise. This year 'TROPEX 11' was conducted on the eastern and western seaboard from Feb to Mar 11. This exercise is undertaken every year to test the readiness of Indian Navy to respond to a threat to national maritime interests. The Exercise involves the participation of major combatants of the Indian Navy, as also significant elements from the Indian Army, Indian Air Force and the Indian Coast Guard.

The two Western and Eastern fleets of the Indian Navy conduct a Joint Work Up and then proceeded for a 'mock battle' to test their tactical skills and operational readiness. Unmanned Aerial Vehicles, Airborne Early Warning helicopters, Air to Air Refueller, Jaguars and SU 30 of the IAF and advanced missile systems are deployed. Missile, torpedo and gun firings are also conducted. In addition a sizeable number of Army troops with their equipment embarked for amphibious exercise. Several operational concepts, which have earlier been 'wargamed' as part of a series of 'Table-Top Exercises', were practically exercised at sea. Lessons learnt during the exercise were used to further refine the Navy's tactical and operational doctrines. Personnel from the Army and Air Force embarked on participating ships to observe and gain first hand experience of how the Indian Navy conducts its combat operations. Conduct of joint operations is one of the focused aims of the exercise.

Overall the exercise was intended to thoroughly test the human and material endurance of the Navy, the efficacy of its operational and logistics plans and its ability to deliver a decisive blow to any adversary.



