

EXERCISE BRIGHT STAR-23

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About EXERCISE BRIGHT STAR-23:

- It is a **biennial multilateral tri-service exercise**.
- This multinational **exercise was launched in 1980** as part of the US-brokered peace treaty between Egypt and Israel.
- This is **for the first time** that IAF is participating in Ex BRIGHT STAR-23.
- **Participating countries:** United States of America, Saudi Arabia, Greece and Qatar.
- The Indian Air Force contingent will consist of five MiG-29, two IL-78, two C-130 and two C-17 aircraft.
- Personnel from the IAF's Garud Special Forces, as well as those from the Numbers 28, 77, 78 and 81 Squadrons will be participating in the exercise.
- **Objective:** To practice planning and execution of joint operations. Besides leading to the formation of bonding across borders, such interactions also provide a means to further strategic relations between participating nations.

- India and Egypt have had exceptional relationship and deep cooperation wherein the two jointly undertook development of aero-engine and aircraft in 1960s and training of Egyptian pilots was done by Indian counterparts.
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Q1) What is a C-17 Globemaster aircraft?

The Boeing C-17 Globemaster is a large military transport aircraft developed by Boeing's Defense, Space & Security division in the United States. It is used by various countries around the world for airlift missions, strategic and tactical transport, and humanitarian relief operations.

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