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Indo-Russian Exercise Indra 2018 set to begin

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The 11-day Indo-Russian joint army exercise Indra 2018 begins in Baabina from 18 November as part of a counter-terrorism exercise.

It forms part of a drill to combat insurgency under the UN aegis. Company sized contingents of the 5th Army of Russia and a mechanised infantry battalion of India will participate in the exercise.

"The aim of the exercise is to practice joint planning and conduct enhance interoperability of the two Armies in peace keeping and enforcement environment under UN aegis," Defence Ministry officials said.

The joint exercises have been held regularly since 2003. The previous military maneuvers took place in 2017 in Russia's Far Eastern region of Primorye and at naval training grounds of Russia's Pacific Fleet.