

3. Exercise Cobra Warrior

Prelims Syllabus: International Relations

Mains Syllabus: GS-III Internal Security; Various Security forces and agencies and their mandate.



Why in News?

- The Indian Air Force's (IAF) Mirage-2000 aircraft have been undertaking joint training involving high intensity, large force, and tactical air war fighting operations as part of Exercise Cobra Warrior.

Exercise Cobra Warrior:

- Exercise Cobra Warrior is the largest air exercise conducted by the Royal Air Force of the U.K. Exercise Cobra Warrior takes place twice a year. The Exercise is designed to train participants in high intensity, large force, tactical air warfighting operations.
- Apart from India, the other countries participating in the 2023 edition of the Exercise include Finland, Sweden, South Africa, Saudi Arabia, the U.S., and Singapore. Finland, India and Saudi Arabia have joined for the first time. The aim of the exercise is to participate in diverse fighter aircraft engagements and share the best practices of various Air Forces.

Mirage-2000 aircraft:

- Mirage 2000 is a multirole, single-engine, fourth-generation fighter jet. Mirage 2000 aircraft are manufactured by Dassault Aviation of France. India signed a deal with France in 1980 and the jet is considered IAF's strategic aircraft. Mirage 2000 was designed as a lightweight fighter, however, it has evolved into a multirole aircraft with various variants.
- The Mirage 2000 aircraft have played a crucial role in various operations of the IAF including in Kargil and Balakot air strikes.