

## 🚢 Japan-India Maritime Exercise (JAIMEX/JIMEX) – 2025

Feature	Detail
Exercise Name	<b>JAIMEX-25</b> (Japan India Maritime Exercise)
Nature	Bilateral Maritime Exercise
Current Edition	JAIMEX-25 (The eighth edition, JIMEX-24, was held earlier; the exercises are generally numbered in sequence).
Date & Location	<b>16 to 21 Oct 2025</b> (Sea Phase: 16-18 Oct; Harbour Phase: 21 Oct) at <b>Yokosuka, Japan</b> .

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Indian Navy Ship	<b>INS Sahyadri</b> (An indigenously built <b>Shivalik-class Guided Missile Stealth Frigate</b> ).
JMSDF Units	Ships <b>Asahi</b> and <b>Oumi</b> , and Submarine <b>Jinryu</b> .
Core Drills	<b>Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW)</b> and <b>Missile Defence Drills</b> , flying operations, underway replenishment.
Significance	Underscores the ' <b>Special Strategic and Global Partnership</b> ' between India and Japan, established in <b>2014</b> .

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### 🚢 INS Sahyadri: Key Facts

- **Class:** Shivalik-class (Project 17) Guided Missile Stealth Frigate.
- **Indigenization:** An example of India's 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat' (Self-Reliant India) vision in defense.
- **Key Feature:** The Shivalik-class ships are the **first stealth frigates** built in India, designed for multi-role operations (air, surface, and sub-surface warfare).
- **Commissioned:** 2012.
- **Deployment:** Part of an ongoing Long Range Deployment to the Indo-Pacific region.

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### India-Japan Partnership

- **Strategic Foundation:** The relationship is a 'Special Strategic and Global Partnership' (established in 2014) which is a crucial pillar for peace and stability in the Indo-Pacific.
- **Shared Vision:** Both countries are committed to a free, open, and inclusive Indo-Pacific region.
- **Other Military Exercises:**
  - JIMEX/JAIMEX (Navy-to-Navy)
  - DHARMA GUARDIAN (Army-to-Army)
  - VEER GUARDIAN (Air Force-to-Air Force)

**Q.1: JAIMEX-25 is a bilateral maritime exercise conducted between the navies of India and which country?**

- A. Australia
- B. United States
- C. **Japan ✓**
- D. Singapore

**Q.2: The Indian Naval Ship (INS) Sahyadri, which participated in JAIMEX-25, belongs to which class of indigenously built frigates?**

- A. Talwar-class
- B. Kamorta-class
- C. **Shivalik-class ✓**
- D. Nilgiri-class

**Q.3: The robust Navy-to-Navy interactions between India and Japan are underpinned by their overall bilateral relationship, formally designated as:**

- A. Comprehensive Economic Partnership
- B. Indo-Pacific Security Dialogue
- C. Special Strategic and Global Partnership ✓**
- D. Reciprocal Provision of Supplies and Services (RPSS) Agreement

**Q.4: What is the primary focus area of the drills conducted during the Sea Phase of JAIMEX-25, as mentioned in the text?**

- A. Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR)
- B. Boarding and Search Operations
- C. Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) and Missile Defence ✓**
- D. Amphibious Warfare Training

## 🏅 Honorary Lieutenant Colonel Neeraj Chopra

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Honour Conferred	Honorary rank of Lieutenant Colonel (Lt Col (Hony)) in the Territorial Army.
Recipient	Neeraj Chopra, star javelin thrower and two-time Olympic medalist.
Date of Ceremony	October 22, 2025 (Pipping ceremony).
Presenter	Raksha Mantri (Defence Minister) Shri Rajnath Singh.
Granting Authority	Honorary commission granted by President Smt. Droupadi Murmu on April 16, 2025.
Affiliation	Enrolled in the Indian Army since 2016, serving with The Rajputana Rifles.
Praise	Described as an "epitome of perseverance, patriotism and the Indian spirit of striving for excellence".



## 🏅 **Honorary Lieutenant Colonel Neeraj Chopra**

### ⚔️ **Major Sporting Accomplishments**

- **Tokyo Olympics (2020): Gold Medal** (First Indian athlete to win an Olympic gold in track and field).
- **Paris Olympics (2024): Silver Medal.**
- **World Athletics Championships (2023): Gold Medal.**
- **Other Feats:** Multiple Gold Medals at **Asian Games, Commonwealth Games, and Diamond League** events.
- **Personal Best: 90.23 metres** (achieved in 2025).

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### 🏆 **Awards and Honours (Prior to Lt Col)**

- **Padma Shri** (Fourth highest civilian award).
- **Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award** (Highest sporting honour).
- **Arjuna Award** (Second highest sporting honour).
- **Param Vishisht Seva Medal (PVSM)** and **Vishisht Seva Medal (VSM)** (Military awards for distinguished service).

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### 🛡️ Territorial Army (TA) Concept (for Context)

- **Definition:** The TA is a **military reserve force** composed of **part-time volunteers** who augment the Regular Army. It is often called the "**Citizen's Army.**"
- **Primary Role:** To relieve the Regular Army from static duties, assist Civil Administration in dealing with **natural calamities** and maintaining **essential services.**
- **Honorary Rank Purpose:** The **honorary rank** (often granted to prominent citizens/celebrities like Neeraj Chopra, MS Dhoni, or Kapil Dev) serves to **inspire Indian youth** to join the Armed Forces and acknowledges their immense contribution to the nation as **brand ambassadors.**

