Opening ceremony Indo-Thailand joint military Exercise MAITREE – 2019

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Exercise MAITREE, the annual bilateral joint exercise between Indian Army (IA) and Royal Thailand Army (RTA) commenced today at the Foreign Training Node (FTN), Umroi, Meghalaya.

Maitree Exercise:

• Exercise MAITREE is an annual training event that is conducted in India and Thailand alternatively, since 2006.

• In the backdrop of changing facets of global terrorism, this exercise is a significant exercise for both the nations as they face the security challenges from terrorism.

• The Southern regions of Thailand (eg. Satun city, Patthalung province, Bangkok, etc) that are mostly visited by foreigners are prone to terrorist attacks.

• The scope of this exercise covers company level joint training on insurgency & counter-terrorism operations in jungles and urban scenarios.

• The joint military exercise between the Indian Army (IA) and the Royal Thailand Army (RTA) will give a boost to the defence cooperation and bilateral relations between the two nations.

• The Royal Thailand Navy and the Indian Navy have been participating in Coordinated Patrols (CORPATs) in the Indian Ocean region since 2005.