

Ex topchi 2026 - integrated firepower exercise school of artillery, Devlali

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Exercise TOPCHI, the flagship annual firepower demonstration and training event of Regiment of Artillery, was conducted at the School of Artillery, Devlali Field Firing Ranges, on 21 January 2026.





This mega event was organised under the leadership of Lieutenant General N S Sarna, Ati Vishisht Seva Medal, Sena Medal, Vishisht Seva Medal, Commandant School of Artillery and Colonel Commandant Regiment of Artillery. The Chief Guest of the event was Lieutenant General Manish Erry, Uttam Yudh Seva Medal, Ati Vishisht Seva Medal, Sena Medal, Commandant, Defence Service Staff College, Wellington. Attendees included student officers from Defence Services Staff College, Wellington & Defence Services Technical Staff Course, student officers from Nepal Army Command & Staff College, key officials from the Indian Army, civil administration, local populace and students from various schools and colleges in Maharashtra.



Exercise TOPCHI highlighted the seamless integration of advanced firepower and surveillance technologies, including guns, mortars, rockets, drones and aviation assets. Demonstrating the spirit of 'Atmanirbhar Bharat,' the event featured live firing of various guns including indigenously manufactured artillery systems. K-9 Vajra Self-Propelled Gun, M777 Ultra Light Howitzer, 155 mm FH77B02 (Bofors), Soltam, Dhanush, 105 mm Indian Field Gun (IFG), Light Field Gun (LFG), 120 mm Mortar, GRAD BM-21 and Pinaka Multiple Rocket Launcher mesmerised the audience by their firepower. Gun detachments from the Border Security Force (BSF) and Indian Navy sailors with drones participated in the annual event for the first time. Paratroopers from the Parachute Regiment along with paramotors and hand gliders showcased their capabilities during the exercise.



The exercise served as a powerful testament to the professionalism and operational excellence of the Indian Artillery. It underscored operational preparedness, technological advancement and emphasis on indigenous defence manufacturing, reflecting India's focus on self-reliance and modernisation.



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