

IAF–JASDF

‘Exercise Veer Guardian 2026’



The bilateral air exercise ‘Veer Guardian 2026’ between the Indian Air Force (IAF) and Japan Air Self Defence Force (JASDF) concluded at Air Force Station Jodhpur on 22 September 2026. The exercise served as a vital platform for enhancing interoperability and strengthening the strategic partnership between the two Air Forces. The IAF deployed a mix of aircraft, including Su–30MKI, Rafale and indigenous Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) Tejas. The JASDF participated with the F–2A fighter aircraft.

During the joint training spanning 14 days, IAF and JASDF engaged in wide range of advanced flying missions encompassing within visual range combat and coordinated multi-aircraft missions. On Distinguished Visitor’s Day, General Takehiro Morita, Chief of Staff, JASDF and Air Chief Marshal AP Singh, Chief of the Air Staff visited Air Force Station Jodhpur and flew the indigenous Tejas fighter aircraft.

