

INDO-US JOINT TRAINING EXERCISE “EX YUDH ABHYAS” COMMENCES AT JOINT BASE ELMENDORF RICHARDSON, ALASKA (USA)

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