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India and Nigeria enjoy close ties of friendship and cooperation across diverse sectors, including Defence. The bilateral defence partnership has strengthened with the participation of a contingent of the Nigerian Army Mountain Battalion for specialised training at the Counter Insurgency and Jungle Warfare School (CIJWS), in India. The landmark engagement underscores both countries' shared resolve to combat terrorism and extremism.

The month-long training will focus on specialised skills in counter-insurgency and counter-terrorism aspects across challenging jungle, mountainous and hilly terrain. The engagement marks an important step in strengthening India-Nigeria defence cooperation and highlights the potential for deeper engagement and partnership in defence sector between the two countries.

The Nigerian contingent was seen off by Shri Abhishek Singh, High Commissioner of India to Nigeria, and Major General VK Okoro, Chief of Training, Nigerian Army, reflecting the importance both countries attach to this strategic initiative.

**High Commission of India
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