

UPSC 2020

Mitra Shakti Exercise

Mitra Shakti exercise is a bilateral joint military exercise between armies of India and Sri Lanka. It is also called the India-Sri Lanka Joint Training exercise. The latest edition of the Mitra Shakti exercise is called Mitra Shakti-VII and took place in December 2019 (1-14) at Pune (Maharashtra, India.) It is one of the important joint military exercises that India conducts with other nations. Questions are usually asked in the preliminary stage of the [IAS Exam](#) on the military exercises. This article will provide you important details about the Mitra Shakti exercise for UPSC preparation.

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10 Important Facts about Mitra Shakti for UPSC

The table below mentions major facts about exercise Mitra Shakti for UPSC preparation:

Mitra Shakti - Important Points for UPSC
It is a joint military exercise between the armies of India and Sri Lanka
It is an annual exercise as part of Indian diplomacy and interaction with Sri Lanka
Mitra Shakti-VII was the latest edition of the bilateral exercise that took place in 2019
Sixth Edition of the exercise Mitra Shakti was held in Sri Lanka
The aims of this bilateral exercise: <ul style="list-style-type: none">To promote defence cooperationTo build positive relations between Indian and Sri Lankan armies
The exercise Mitra Shakti encompasses sub unit level training for counter-insurgency and counter-terrorism operations
The counter-insurgency and counter-terrorism operations' training is set in urban and rural scenarios under United Nations (UN) mandate
The design of the Mitra Shakti exercise is such that it incorporates UN peacekeeping operations' dynamics
The Mitra Shakti exercise includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Practical and Comprehensive DiscussionsTactical exercises
The mission of the Mitra Shakti is to enhance the interoperability and operational ability of both the armies' troops

List of Mitra Shakti Exercises (Year-Wise)

The table below mentions the year and locations of important editions of Mitra Shakti exercises:

Edition of Mitra Shakti	Location of Mitra Shakti Exercise
2014 (Mitra Shakti-II)	Colombo, Sri Lanka
2015 (Mitra Shakti-III)	Pune, India
2016 (Mitra Shakti-IV)	Ambepussa, Sri Lanka
2017 (Mitra Shakti-V)	Pune, India
2018 (Mitra Shakti-VI)	Sri Lanka
2019 (Mitra Shakti-VII)	Pune, India