

## UPSC Preparation

### Topic – Sampriti Exercise

Sampriti Exercise is a bilateral defence cooperation exercise between the armies of India and Bangladesh. It is seen as a part of Indo-Bangladesh defence cooperation. There are nine editions of Sampriti, the latest being Sampriti-IX that started off from February 3 - February 16, 2020, in Meghalaya. Joint Military Exercises form a small but important segment of current affairs for the [IAS Exam](#). This article will mention a few important facts about Sampriti exercise for UPSC preparation.

#### Facts about Sampriti for IAS Exam

The table below mentions a few relevant facts about exercise Sampriti for UPSC:

Sampriti Exercise - Facts for UPSC
It is a joint military exercise between the armies of India and Bangladesh, which started off in 2009.
The aim of Sampriti is to enhance military cooperation between two countries in the wake of Indo-Bangladesh defence cooperation
The ninth edition of the Sampriti exercise, which is the latest one, took place in 2020: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When - 3rd February 2020 - 16th February 2020</li> <li>• Where - State-of-the-art Joint Training Node, Umroi Cantonment, Meghalaya</li> </ul>
The Sampriti exercise is hosted by both the countries alternately. In 2019, it was held in Bangladesh, following which in 2020, it took place in India
In Sampriti-IX, Command Post Exercise (CPX) and Field Training Exercise (FTX) were conducted <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CPX - It is a military exercise focussing on the battle readiness of troops emphasising on stipulated events.</li> <li>• FTX - It is a military exercise that involves trainings, drills and other exercises by military units for defence enhancement purpose</li> </ul>
The Sampriti exercise includes trainings and exercises that are set in such environments simulated under UN charter
Through the FTX curriculum, troops of both the countries' armies get familiar with each other's organizational structure and tactical drills
The exercise usually culminates into a final validation exercise where both the troops practice a Counter-Terrorism operation in a controlled environment
Apart from the defence cooperation, Sampriti exercise also aims to promote trust building and friendship between the two nations
In Sampriti IX, 42 officers and jawans from each country took part (20th Bihar Regiment and 42nd Bangladesh Infantry Regiment)

## List of Sampriti Exercise (Year-Wise)

The table below mentions the year, edition, and location of important editions of Sampriti exercise:

Year of Sampriti Exercise	Edition of the Sampriti Exercise	Location of Sampriti Exercise
2009	Sampriti I	Assam, India
2012	Sampriti II	Bangladesh
2013	Sampriti III	India
2014	Sampriti IV	Bangladesh
2015	Sampriti V	Binnaguri (West Bengal) India
2016	Sampriti VI	Dhaka, Bangladesh
2017	Sampriti VII	Shillong (Meghalaya), India
2019	Sampriti VIII	Tangail, Bangladesh
2020	Sampriti IX	Umroi (Meghalaya), India

## India-Bangladesh Defence Cooperation

A few important points about Indo-Bangladesh defence cooperation, for UPSC:

1. India's cooperation with Bangladesh on defence and security traces back to [Bangladesh's Great Liberation War](#) in December 1971.
2. Implementation agreement to expedite work towards drawing upon a US\$ 500 mn Defence Line of Credit extended by India to Bangladesh has been finalized in 2019.
3. The two countries signed a defence pact in 1972
4. Both countries have a MoU on the framework for defence cooperation.