



10th Edition of Exercise MITRA SHAKTI

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Recently, the 10th edition of the **India-Sri Lanka** Joint **Military Exercise MITRA SHAKTI** began.

- **MITRA SHAKTI** is an annual exercise based on **counter insurgency** and **counter terrorism operations** in **semi urban terrain**.
 - It is the **largest bilateral exercise** being undertaken by the Sri Lankan Army and it forms a major part of India and Sri Lanka's growing defence partnership.
 - It is designed for incorporating the current dynamics of **UN' peacekeeping** operations through tactical exercises and practical discussions.
- **India's other exercise with Sri Lanka** - **SLINEX (Navy)**
- Sri Lanka is an island country in South Asia located in the Indian Ocean, southwest of the Bay of Bengal and southeast of the Arabian Sea.
 - It is separated from the Indian subcontinent by the **Gulf of Mannar** and the **Palk Strait**, and shares a maritime border with India and the **Maldives**.
 - **India is Sri Lanka's 3rd-largest export destination** (after US and UK) with over 60% of Sri Lankan exports benefiting from the India-Sri Lanka FTA.
 - Both India and Sri Lanka are part of regional groups like **BIMSTEC** and **SAARC**.

Country	Exercise
Australia	Ex AUSTRAL HINDBAH
Bangladesh	Ex SAMPRITI
China	Ex HAND IN HAND
France	Ex SHAKTI
Indonesia	Ex GARUDA SHAKTI
Kazakhstan	Ex PRABAL DOSTYKK
Kyrgyzstan	Ex KHANJAR
Maldives	Ex EKUVERIN
Mongolia	Ex NOMADIC ELEPHANT
Myanmar	IMBEX
Nepal	Ex SURYA KIRAN
Oman	AL NAGAH
Russia	Ex INDRA
Seychelles	Ex LAMITIYE
Sri Lanka	Ex MITRA SHAKTI
Thailand	Ex MAITREE
UK	Ex AJEYA WARRIOR
USA	Ex YUDHABHAYAS
USA	Ex VAJRA PRAHAR

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