



# Exercise MITRA SHAKTI

## Why in News

The **8<sup>th</sup> Edition of joint military exercise** between the Indian Army and the Sri Lankan Army, [Exercise MITRA SHAKTI](#) was conducted in Sri Lanka.

- The **7<sup>th</sup> edition** of the Mitra Shakti exercise was held in **Pune, Maharashtra in 2019**.

## Key Points

- **About:**
  - It is 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.
  - The joint exercise is designed for incorporating the current dynamics of **United Nations' peacekeeping** operations through tactical exercises and practical discussions.
- **Other Exercises with Sri Lanka:**
  - Naval exercise ([SLINEX](#)).

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