



VINBAX 2024

Why in News?

The 5th [Vietnam-India Bilateral Army Exercise](#), "VINBAX 2024" commenced at Ambala, Haryana.



Key Points

- **About VINBAX 2024:**
 - **Expanded Scope with Bi-Service Participation:**
 - For the first time, the exercise includes personnel from both Army and Air Force of India and Vietnam, increasing the scope of the exercise.
 - **Objective:**
 - The exercise aims to build joint military capability, focusing on **deployment of Engineer and Medical teams** for [United Nations Peacekeeping Operations](#) under [Chapter VII](#).
 - **Validation Exercise:**
 - A 48-hour validation exercise, including a [Humanitarian Assistance & Disaster Relief \(HADR\)](#) demonstration and equipment display, will evaluate the contingents' technical capabilities under UN mission scenarios.
 - **Cultural Exchange:**
 - The exercise also serves as a platform for troops from both nations to learn about each other's social and cultural heritage.
- **India and Vietnam:**
 - Both countries share a Comprehensive Strategic Partnership and defence cooperation is a key pillar of this partnership. Vietnam is an important partner in [India's Act East policy](#) and the [Indo-Pacific vision](#).



United Nations Peacekeeping

- UN Peacekeeping refers to the **activities carried out by the United Nations (UN) to help maintain or restore international peace and security** in conflict-affected areas.
 - Established to respond to the complex nature of conflicts and to support countries in transition from conflict to peace,
 - UN Peacekeeping operates under the **principles of consent, impartiality, and non-use of force, except in self-defense** and defense of the mandate
 - Although the majority of peacekeepers are military or police, approximately 14% are civilians.

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