



## VINBAX 2024 | Haryana | 08 Nov 2024

### Why in News?

The 5<sup>th</sup> [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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