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Exercise ‘Mitra Shakti 2026’

- A 170-member Indian Defence Forces contingent departed today for Sri Lanka, to participate in the **12th edition** of India–Sri Lanka joint military exercise ‘MITRA SHAKTI 2026’. The exercise is scheduled to be conducted at the Army Training School, Maduru Oya, Sri Lanka, from 13 to 26 November 2026.
- The Indian contingent is drawn mainly from a battalion of the Rajputana Rifles, along with troops from other arms and services, and personnel from the Indian Air Force.
- The exercise aims to enhance joint military capability of both armies to undertake Counter Terrorism operations in a semi-urban environment under a United Nations mandate.
- Exercise ‘MITRA SHAKTI’ is an annual bilateral military exercise conducted alternately in India and Sri Lanka. The 14-day exercise will focus on enhancing physical fitness, refining tactical drills and improving coordination between the participating contingents.



INS Sahyadri Concludes Visit To Yokosuka Following Malabar 2026

- Indian Navy's indigenous Guided Missile Stealth Frigate, INS Sahyadri, departed Yokosuka Naval Base, Japan, on 12 Nov 2026, following the successful conclusion of Exercise MALABAR 2026.
- The exercise brought together the navies of India, Japan, the United States and Australia for professional engagements during the **Harbour Phase** and coordinated maritime operations during the **Sea Phase**.
- The Sea Phase featured a range of maritime operations and drills, including Anti-Submarine Warfare, Visit, Board, Search and Seizure (VBSS) drills, Maritime Interdiction Operations, gunnery exercises, replenishment approaches and cross-deck landings.
- The Harbour Phase witnessed operational synchronisation, cross-deck visits, sporting engagements and cultural activities, fostering camaraderie and strengthening bonds among participating personnel.
- The successful culmination of the exercise reaffirmed the shared commitment of participating navies to maritime cooperation and collective security in the Indo-Pacific, in consonance with India's vision of **MAHASAGAR (Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions)**.



POP of Batch 02/26 AT INS Chilka

- INS Chilka witnessed a grand Passing Out Parade (POP) of Batch 02/26 on 13 Nov 2026, marking the successful completion of ab initio training of 3,358 trainees.
- The batch comprised 2,756 Agniveers, including 142 women Agniveers, 286 Medical Assistants of the Indian Navy and 316 Naviks of the Indian Coast Guard.
- The parade marked a significant milestone in the careers of the trainees, who are now poised to join the Indian Navy and the Indian Coast Guard as disciplined, proficient and motivated Sea Warriors, ready to embrace the challenges of life at sea.
- The Chief of the Naval Staff Rolling Trophy and Gold Medal for Best Trainee in the SSR and MR categories were awarded to Nachiketa Sanasam, SSR (Med Asst), and Arbaz Amin, AVR (MR), respectively.
- A Valedictory Function showcasing the training activities and achievements of the passing-out batch was held on 12 Nov 2026. Marakkar Division was awarded the Overall Championship Trophy, while Shivaji Division secured the runner-up position.
- Distinguished veterans and meritorious trainees were also felicitated on the occasion. The function further witnessed the unveiling of Ankur, the bilingual trainees' magazine of INS Chilka, chronicling the experiences, achievements and memorable moments of the batch during its training journey.



India, Indonesia Step Up Anti-Terror Cooperation

- India and Indonesia, Southeast Asia's largest country, are stepping up cooperation to combat terrorism, including countering radicalisation and violent extremism conducive to terrorism, combating terror financing, preventing the misuse of the internet and emerging technologies for terrorist purposes and addressing the nexus between organised crime and terrorism.
- The decision was taken at the seventh meeting of the India-Indonesia Joint Working Group on Counterterrorism, held here on Thursday. The meeting was co-chaired by Suhel Ajaz Khan, additional secretary (counterterrorism) in the ministry of external affairs, and Dionnisius Elvan Swasono, deputy for international cooperation at Indonesia's National Counter-Terrorism Agency.



Turkey, Qatar Sign Mutual Defence Agreement

- Turkey and Qatar signed a mutual defence agreement on Friday, the office of President Tayyip Erdogan said, as the Turkish leader met the Qatari Emir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad al-Thani in Istanbul.
- "President Erdogan stated that we would continue working together to prevent the resurgence of war in the Gulf region and establish a basis for dialogue and achieve peace," the presidency said in a statement on X, which did not provide details on the defence accord.
- The statement cited him as saying that Turkey and Qatar were working to develop and diversify their energy partnership, and that their cooperation in the defence industry would continue to grow.
- "President Erdogan stated that the Mutual Defence Agreement signed today by Turkey and Qatar would add another dimension to our brotherhood," it added.

- In August, Turkey, Saudi Arabia and Pakistan signed a joint defence agreement in Mecca, bringing together the Sunni Muslim US allies at a time of conflict across the region.
- Turkey's parliament ratified the so-called Mecca Joint Defence Agreement last week, clearing the way for Ankara to send military support to Saudi Arabia, which has been struggling to fend off attacks by Yemen's Iran-backed Houthi militants.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. The 12th edition of Exercise MITRA SHAKTI 2026 is being conducted between which two countries?

A) India and Nepal
B) India and Bangladesh
C) India and Sri Lanka
D) India and Myanmar

Correct Answer: C

2. Which Indian Army regiment is primarily represented in the Indian contingent participating in Exercise MITRA SHAKTI 2026?

A) Sikh Regiment
B) Rajputana Rifles
C) Gorkha Rifles
D) Assam Regiment

Correct Answer: B

3. Which of the following countries participated in Exercise MALABAR 2026?

A) India, France, Japan and Australia
B) India, USA, Japan and Australia
C) India, Russia, USA and Japan
D) India, Sri Lanka, USA and Australia

Correct Answer: B

4. INS Sahyadri, which participated in Exercise MALABAR 2026, belongs to which category?

A) Aircraft Carrier
B) Nuclear Submarine
C) Guided Missile Stealth Frigate
D) Landing Ship Tank

Correct Answer: C

5. How many total trainees completed their initial training in Batch 02/26 at INS Chilka?

A) 2,756
B) 3,042
C) 3,358
D) 3,500

Correct Answer: C

6. The 7th India–Indonesia Joint Working Group meeting focused on cooperation in which field?

A) Space Exploration
B) Counterterrorism
C) Agricultural Development
D) Nuclear Energy

Correct Answer: B

7. Turkey and Qatar signed a Mutual Defence Agreement during a meeting in which city?

A) Ankara
B) Doha
C) Istanbul
D) Riyadh

Correct Answer: C

8. Raising Day of BRO Observed On
A. 6 May
B. 7 May
C. 8 May
D. 9 May
ANSWER: B

9. Akash Prime Is A
A. Rocket
B. Air Defecne Missile System
C. Sniper Rifle
D. Tank
ANSWER: B

10. NAVIC Stands For
A. India Regional Navigation Satellite System
B. Indian Regional Navigator Satellite System
C. Indian Regional Navigation Satellite Source
D. Indian Regional Navigation Satellite System
ANSWER: D

11. Major Rank of the Indian Army Is Equivalent To Which Rank of The Indian Navy?
A. Captain
B. Inspector
C. Lt Commander
D. Vice-admiral
ANSWER: C

12. Training Command of IAF is located at

A. New Delhi
B. Bangalore
C. Gurugram
D. Lucknow

ANSWER: B

13. Captain Of Indian Army Is Equivalent To Rank of IAF Is

A. Wing Commander
B. Squadron Leader
C. Flight Lt.
D. Air Chief Marshal

ANSWER: C

14. Colonel Rank of Indian Army Is Equivalent To Rank of Indian Navy Is

A. Commander
B. Captain
C. Group Captain
D. Lieutenant

ANSWER: B

15. Warsaw Is The Capital Of

A. Oman
B. Germany
C. Ukraine
D. Poland

ANSWER: D

16. “Indian Fiscal Federalism" Book Is Written By

A. Dr. Bibek Debroy
B. Dr. Krishna Saksena
C. Dr. Y.V. Reddy
D. Jairam Ramesh

ANSWER: C

17. Tangail Airdrop Was Done At Which War

A. 1948
B. 1962

C. 1965
D. 1971
ANSWER: D

18. War Cry of NAGA REGIMENT
A. Bharat Mata ki Jai
B. Ki ki so so Lhargyalo
C. Jai Durga Naga
D. Durga Mata Ki Jai
ANSWER: C

19. Sankalp-class OPV Designed And Built By
A. Goa Shipyard Limited
B. GRSE
C. MDL
D. CSL
ANSWER: A

20. Mitra Shakti Ex Held B/w India &
A. Sri Lanka
B. USA
C. UK
D. Nepal
ANSWER: A