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The ninth edition of Joint Military exercise “**Exercise MITRA SHAKTI-2023**” has recently commenced.



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About the Exercise MITRA SHAKTI-2023:

- It is a **bilateral** military exercise between India and Sri Lanka that aims to jointly rehearse **sub-conventional operations** under **Chapter VII** of the **UN Charter**.
 - This chapter of UN Charter authorises the **Security Council** to take enforcement measures, including the use of **military force**, to address threats to **international peace and security**.
- Armed forces and Air force personnel from both sides participates in this exercise.
- The term 'Mitra Shakti' means "**power of friendship**".
- The scope of the exercise includes synergising joint responses during counter-terrorist operations.
- Both sides will practice **tactical actions** such as raid, search and destroy missions, and will engage in **AMAR** (Army Martial Arts Routine), and combat reflex shooting.
- Drills to secure **helipads** and undertake **casualty evacuation** during counter-terrorist operations will also be rehearsed jointly by both sides.