

MITRA SHAKTI - 2023

- The ninth edition of the India-Sri Lanka joint military exercise “MITRA SHAKTI-2023” began on 16 November 2023 in Aundh (Pune).
- This joint military exercise between India and Sri Lanka is being organized from 16 to 29 November 2023.
- This is the ninth edition, which is being held in Pune.
- India will be represented by the Maratha Light Infantry Regiment.
- Sri Lanka will be represented by 53 Infantry Division.
- The objective of this military exercise is to jointly rehearse sub-conventional operations under Chapter VII of the United Nations Charter.
- The scope of the exercise also includes coordination of joint responses during counter-terrorism operations.

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‘Trishakti Prahar’ Maneuver

- The three wings of the Indian Army have recently started a joint military exercise named 'Trishakti Prahar'.
- It is being organized in Jaisalmer, Rajasthan on the India-Pakistan border.
- This is a joint exercise of the three armies, Army, Air Force and Navy.
- 30 thousand soldiers of the three armies will participate in it. This exercise will last for 13 days.
- T-90s and Arjun tanks, howitzers, Apache helicopters, heavy-lift helicopters and Navy aircraft will participate in it.
- The objective of the exercise is to focus on ground and air combat with complete coordination between the three services.
- Its objective is to strengthen joint maneuvers and practice executing operational plans in a virtually simulated war environment.



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Pralay Missile

- India recently successfully test-fired its surface-to-surface short-range ballistic missile (SRBM) 'Pralay' from Abdul Kalam Island off the Odisha coast.
- During this period the missile accomplished all its mission objectives.
- It is a short-range (350-500 km) surface-to-surface missile.
- Its load capacity is 500-1,000 kg.
- The Pralay missile is a solid-fuel and battlefield missile based on the Prithvi Defence Vehicle.
- It has been developed by DRDO.
- Pralay has been developed for deployment on the Line of Actual Control (LAC) and Line of Control (LOC).
- It can be compared with China's 'Dongfeng 12' and Russia's 'Iskander'.



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Midhili Cyclone

- India Meteorological Department has issued an update regarding cyclonic storm “Midhili”.
- After crossing the coast of Bangladesh, this storm weakened into a deep depression.
- High-velocity winds keep rotating in the form of a coil around the low-pressure area.
- This weather condition is called cyclonic storm.
- During this period, the maximum average wind speed on the surface is between 34 to 47 knots (62 to 88 km per hour).
- Under conditions of intense depression, maximum sustained wind speeds range between 28 to 33 knots (50 to 61 km per hour).
- Depression is a cyclonic disturbance.
In this, the maximum wind speed at the surface is between 17 to 33 knots (31 to 61 km per hour).

