Exercise Lamitiye 2024

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Context

- The exercise Lamitiye 2024 is the tenth in a series that's every two years between the Indian Army and these forces, calling it "Friendship".
- They have been planned for Seychelles since then.
- Exercise Lamitiye 2024 involved 45 members from both Gorkha Rifles in India and the SDF and took place March 18-27, 2004 in Seychelles.

The Main Aim of this 'Exercise Lamitiye - 2024'

- The purpose of this kind of exercise was to allow the armed forces from different countries to take part in peacekeeping operations. This was set out under Chapter VII of the United Nations Charter on Peacekeeping Operations.
- Moreover, the exercise hoped to promote and consolidate military relationships between two countries through targeted exchange sessions where participating soldiers had a chance to learn from first-hand experience the skills, methods practised in Army X or Y.
- While in the exercise, the attending armies carried out joint training, planning, tactical
 exercises and other measures to eliminate suspected threats in the semi-urban
 environment. This included all the standard equipment and other required things on
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- For a ten-day period, the exercise covered training in the field, discussion of combat tactics, lectures on topics and demonstrations. The final two days of the exercise were given over to a validation phase, during which exercises were conducted in order to check out effective training and tactics.

Impact on Indian Bilateral Relation with Seychelles

- These joint exercises were a timely manner of demonstrating friendship and cooperation between two great powers.
- These exchange exercises however enhanced the state mutual defence relationship between India and Seychelles Forces. That is just another indication of the close relationship between India and Seychelles.
- Viewing the exercise in its entirety, we can say that its strong adaptability, thorough essays and realistic methodologies have given outstanding opportunities to further improve mutual understanding of common trust between China and Kazakhstan on common problems of security, particularly the landscape.
- It is also a harbinger of greater cooperation in defence between India and small Island country Seychelles, which will help ensure peace and regional stability as well.

Conclusion

Exercise Lamitiye-2024 shows the close military cooperation between India and Seychelles, a partnership embodying mutual understanding, regional stability of India as a security partner in the ocean. The continual success of these exercises is essential for both countries as they grapple with modern peacekeeping or the threats posed by today 's security environment.

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UPSC Mains Practice Question

Analyse the strategic significance of the Exercise Lamitiye-2024, a joint military exercise between India and Seychelles. Discuss how such military engagements enhance bilateral relations and contribute to regional stability in the Indian Ocean Region. Evaluate the impact of these exercises on India's foreign policy objectives and its role as a security partner in the region.