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Which of the following statements about 'Exercise Mitra Shakti-2023' are correct? 1. This was a joint military exercise between India and Bangladesh. 2. It commenced in Aundh (Pune). 3. Joint response during counter- terrorism operations was a goal of this operation. 4. Indian Air Force was a part of this exercise. Select the correct answer using the code given below : (a) 1, 2 and 3 (b) 1, 2 and 4 (c) 1, 3 and 4 (d) 2, 3 and 4 Official key: D.

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Explanation**(a)**

1, 2 and 3. Statement 1 fails: **Mitra Shakti** is India-Sri Lanka, not Bangladesh.

(b)

1, 2 and 4. Still keeps the wrong partner country.

(c)

1, 3 and 4. Same partner error; drops the Aundh commencement which is keyed.

(d) Official key

2, 3 and 4. Aundh (Pune); counter-terrorism goal; IAF participated. Not Bangladesh.

Summary

Official key is (d) 2, 3 and 4. Exercise **Mitra Shakti**-2023 was a joint India-Sri Lanka military exercise, commenced at Aundh (Pune), with counter-terrorism as a stated goal, and with Indian Air Force participation. Statement 1 names Bangladesh and is false.

Related possible facts

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Mitra Shakti

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Aundh, Pune

Venue of Mitra Shakti-2023.

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