



## DUSTLIK Exercise

### Why in News?

The **3<sup>rd</sup> edition of joint training exercise** between Indian and Uzbekistan armies, **EX-DUSTLIK** is being conducted at Yangiariq, Uzbekistan from 22<sup>nd</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022.



### What is the DUSTLIK Exercise?

#### ▪ About:

- The exercise would **focus on Counter Terrorism operations** in semi-urban terrain under a **United Nations** Mandate.
  - The **Grenadiers battalion** is nominated for the exercise. The battalion is **one of the highly decorated battalions of the Indian Army**.
- The training schedule will **focus primarily on sharing tactical level drills** and learning of best practices from each other.
- It aims at **enhancing understanding, cooperation and interoperability between two armies**.
  - The last edition of DUSTLIK was conducted in **Ranikhet (Uttarakhand) in March 2021**.

#### ▪ Significance:

- Uzbekistan is important to India for security and connectivity to the **Central Asian Region** and also Iran, it is also one alternative India has with respect to Afghanistan.

- Security concerns stemming from the [conflict in Afghanistan](#) is one of the major challenges for India's involvement in Central Asia.

## What are the other Joint military Exercises of India with Other Countries?

Joint Military Exercises of India with Other Countries	
Name of Exercise	Country
Garuda Shakti	Indonesia
Ekuverin	Maldives
Hand-in-Hand	China
Bold Kurukshetra	Singapore
Mitra Shakti	Sri Lanka
Nomadic Elephant	Mongolia
Shakti	France
Surya Kiran	Nepal
Yudh Abhyas	USA

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