



Exercise Dustlik-2

Why in News

Recently, the second edition of [India-Uzbekistan](#) joint military exercise "**Dustlik-2**" started in Chaubatia, Uttarakhand.



Key Points

- **Aim of the Exercise:**

- **Counter Insurgency (CI)** and **Counter Terrorism (CT)** operations in mountainous, rural and urban scenarios under the [United Nations \(UN\)](#) mandate.

- **About the First Edition:**

- Took place in Tashkent, **Uzbekistan in November 2019.**

- **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.

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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