



DUSTLIK Exercise

Why in News?

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