Delhi Regional Security Dialogue on Afghanistan

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<u>In news</u>— India hosted the "Delhi Regional Security Dialogue on Afghanistan" on 10 November 2021.

About the Dialogue

- The Dialogue was held at the level of National Security
 Advisers / Secretaries of Security Councils.
- It was chaired by National Security Adviser, Shri Ajit Doval.
- It witnessed the participation of Iran, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Russia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan, who were represented by their respective National Security Advisers / Secretaries of the Security Councils.
- However, both China and Pakistan have denied participating in it.
- No delegation from Afghanistan was invited.
- It aimed to deliberate upon measures to address the relevant security challenges and support the people of Afghanistan in promoting peace, security and stability.
- •All the participating countries called for closer coordination and collective efforts to tackle threats such as terrorism emanating from Afghanistan and to address a looming humanitarian crisis.
- This is the first time that all Central Asian countries

 and not just Afghanistan's immediate land neighbours,
 Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan have
 participated in discussions in this format along with
 Kazakhstan and Kyrgyz Republic.
- The first two editions of the Dialogue were hosted by the Islamic Republic of Iran in 2018 and 2019.