

Exercise EKUVERIN

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In news– 11th Edition of Exercise EKUVERIN between India & Maldives will be conducted at Kadhdhoo Island, Maldives from 06 to 19 December 2021.

About the exercise-

- Ekuverin, an **annual joint military exercise, has been held** every year since 2009 between India and Maldives.
- **Ekuverin means 'Friends' in the Dhivehi language.**
- It seeks to enhance synergy & inter-operability between Armed Forces of both the Nations in terms of understanding transnational terrorism both on land & at sea, conducting Counter Terrorism & Counter Insurgency Operations and sharing best military practices and experiences.
- Besides rigorous training, the joint military exercise also includes cultural and sports activities to enhance defense cooperation and bilateral relations.
- The 14 days Joint Exercise is held alternatively in India and Maldives.
- The 10th edition of the exercise was held in 2019 at Aundh Military Station in Pune, Maharashtra.
- Besides the Ex Ekuverin, **4th edition of Exercise Ekatah (Naval training) was also held between India and Maldives** in July 2021.