

# India-Uzbekistan Joint Exercise 'Dustlik-2019'

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## Key Highlights

- **The first-ever India-Uzbekistan joint military exercise** – Dustlik-2019 was held at Chirchiq Training Area near Tashkent
- The exercise is focused on Counter-terrorism
- During the exercise, an Indian Army contingent will train along with Uzbekistan Army
- Before the exercise, the Indian Defence Minister visited Uzbekistan where he signed an MoU on cooperation in the field of Military Medicine between the Armed Forces of the two countries.
- Two Institution-to-Institution MoUs on training and capacity building between institutes of higher military learning of the two countries were also signed. The MoU is a byproduct of interactions emanating from the MoU on Military Education signed between the two countries in October 2018.

## Significance

The exercise will enable the sharing of best practices and experiences between the Armed Forces of the two countries and would lead to greater operational effectiveness.