

# Indo-Maldives joint Ex Ekuverin – 2019

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The **tenth edition** of the Joint Military Exercise Ekuverin between the Indian Army and the Maldives National Defence Force was held from 07 to 20 October 2019 at Aundh Military Station in **Pune, Maharashtra.**

## About the Exercise Ekuverin

- The Indian Army and the Maldives National Defence Forces have been conducting Exercise Ekuverin meaning '**Friends**' in the Dhivehi language since 2009.
- The 14 days Joint **Exercise held alternatively in India and Maldives focuses on enhancing interoperability between the two forces** for carrying out **counter-insurgency and counter-terrorism operations** in a semi-urban environment under the United Nations mandate.
- As part of validation exercise troops of both the armies carried out specialized joint counter-terrorist operations which were witnessed by dignitaries of both the armies.
- During the exercise, the troops shared best practices being followed by both nations in varied terrain.
- The exercise provided an opportunity for both the armies for greater understanding and strengthening mutual trust and cooperation.

## Significance

India shares very close ethnic, linguistic, cultural, religious and commercial ties with the Maldives and Exercise Ekuverin will assist in further strengthening of these ties between the two nations.