

## Exercise Khaan Quest

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### Why in News?

*The Indian Army contingent is set to depart today to participate in the multilateral joint military exercise - Exercise KHAAN QUEST.*

- **Exercise Khaan Quest** - It is a yearly multinational military exercise designed to strengthen cooperation and interoperability among armed forces participating in United Nations peacekeeping operations.
- **Hosted by** - The Mongolian Armed Forces and jointly supported by the U.S. Indo-Pacific Command.
- **Objectives** - To improve coordination among participating countries in conducting peace support missions under Chapter VII of the United Nations Charter.
- It provides a platform for militaries to exchange best practices, operational experiences, tactics, techniques, and procedures related to joint operations.
- **Background**
- Khaan Quest began in 2003 as a bilateral military exercise between Mongolia and the United States.
- In 2006, it expanded into a multinational peacekeeping exercise with participation from several countries.
- The previous edition was held in Mongolia in 2025.

### Khaan Quest 2026

- **Schedule** - The 23rd edition of the exercise is scheduled from 20 June to 3 July 2026.
- **Location** - It will take place at the Five Hills Training Area near Ulaanbaatar.
- **Indian representation** - India will be represented by a 40-member contingent comprising soldiers from a battalion of the Jat Regiment along with personnel from other arms and services of the Indian Army.
- **Operation included** - The exercise will emphasize joint planning and field-level tactical operations, including:
  - Establishment of static and mobile checkpoints
  - Cordon-and-search operations
  - Patrolling missions
  - Evacuation of civilians from conflict zones
  - Counter-IED (Improvised Explosive Device) drills
  - Combat first aid
  - Casualty evacuation procedures

- Overall, Exercise Khaan Quest serves as an important platform for enhancing multinational military cooperation, strengthening peacekeeping capabilities, and improving readiness for complex operational environments.

## **Reference**

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