



Exercise Desert Cyclone-II: India–UAE Strategic Tie-up

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Background: The second edition of this bilateral army exercise took place in AbDhabi, UAE (December 2025).

Basics:

- Focus: Joint training for sub-conventional operations in an urban environment under a United Nations mandate.
- Key Components: Tactical drills, heliborne operations, and the integration of unmanned aerial systems (UAS).
- Participants: Indian Mechanised Infantry Regiment and UAE Land Forces.

Significance for UPSC: Highlights the deepening India–UAE Comprehensive Strategic Partnership. It underscores military diplomacy and interoperability in peacekeeping and counter-terrorism, crucial for regional stability in West Asia.