



# Exercise EKUVERIN

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The 14th edition of the exercise EKUVERIN is set to take place in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala

## About Exercise EKUVERIN

Ekuverin meaning ‘Friends’ in Dhivehi language started in the year 2009.

Ekuverin is one of the three major joint exercises between India and the Maldives.

It is a bilateral military annual exercise conducted alternatively in India and Maldives.

The Exercise aims to enhance interoperability while carrying out counterinsurgency and Counter Terrorism operations in semi-urban, jungle and coastal terrain

It further focus on integration of niche technology to enhance interoperability, the countries will share best practices, reflecting the shared commitment of India and the Maldives towards peace and security in the region.

Other Exercises between India and Maldives: The two bilateral exercises are “Ekuverin” and “Ekatha” and trilateral- “Dosti”, which includes Sri Lanka

## India and Maldives Relationship

India was among the first to recognize Maldives after its independence in 1965 and to establish diplomatic relations with the country.

The both countries share ethnic, linguistic, cultural, religious and commercial links steeped in antiquity