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Indian Army Contingent to Participate in Exercise KHAAN QUEST 2026

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The Indian Army contingent has departed for Mongolia to participate in the multinational military exercise KHAAN QUEST 2026.?

The exercise will be held from 20 June to 3 July 2026 at the Five Hills Training Area in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.

The Indian contingent comprises 40 personnel, including troops from a battalion of the JAT Regiment and personnel from other Arms and Services of the Indian Army.

Exercise KHAAN QUEST is a multinational joint military exercise aimed at enhancing interoperability and cooperation among participating militaries in peace support operations under Chapter VII of the United Nations Charter.

The exercise will bring together military contingents from several countries to train in realistic peacekeeping scenarios.

About Exercise KHAAN QUEST:

A multinational military exercise hosted annually by Mongolia.

Originally started as a bilateral exercise between Mongolia and the United States.

Subsequently expanded into a multinational peacekeeping exercise.

Focuses on United Nations peace support operations (PSOs).

Aims to improve interoperability, military cooperation, and exchange of best practices among participating nations.

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Key Areas of Training:

- Peacekeeping operations under UN mandate.
- Counter-Improvised Explosive Device (C-IED) drills.
- Convoy protection and patrolling.
- Cordon and search operations.
- Humanitarian assistance and disaster relief operations.
- Joint planning and execution of multinational operations.

Additional Key Facts:

- Mongolia
- Capital: Ulaanbaatar
- Currency: Mongolian Tögrög
- President: Ukhnaagiin Khrelnkh
- Mongolia is often referred to as the "Land of the Eternal Blue Sky".

India-Mongolia Relations

- India and Mongolia share a Strategic Partnership established in 2015.
- Mongolia is considered India's "Spiritual Neighbour".
- The year 2025 marked the 70th anniversary of diplomatic relations between India and Mongolia.

United Nations Peacekeeping Operations (UNPKO)

- Established in: 1948
- Headquarters: New York, USA
- India is among the largest contributors to UN Peacekeeping Operations.
- Indian peacekeepers have served in more than 50 UN missions worldwide.

Chapter VII of the United Nations Charter

- Deals with Action with Respect to Threats to Peace, Breaches of Peace, and Acts of Aggression.
- Empowers the UN Security Council to authorize military and non-military measures to maintain or restore international peace and security.

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Exam Focus Points (Quick Revision Notes):

Exercise in News ? Exercise KHAAN QUEST 2026

Host Country ? Mongolia

Venue ? Five Hills Training Area, Ulaanbaatar

Indian Contingent Strength ? 40 Personnel

Indian Unit ? JAT Regiment and personnel from other Arms and Services

Exercise Type ? Multinational Joint Military Exercise

Focus Area ? UN Peace Support Operations

Relevant UN Provision ? Chapter VII of the UN Charter

India-Mongolia Relations ? Strategic Partnership (2015)