

Exercise Khaan Quest

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Why is in news? Indian military contingents participates in multinational peacekeeping Joint Exercise "Ex Khaan Quest 2023"

The Exercise Khaan Quest 2023 is the **Multinational Peacekeeping Joint Exercise**, featuring participation from military contingents and observers from **over 20 countries has commenced in Mongolia**.

The exercise is co-sponsored by Mongolian Armed Forces (MAF) and United States Army Pacific Command (USARPAC).

The Indian Army is represented by a contingent from the GARHWAL RIFLES.

The **14-day exercise** is aimed at enhancing interoperability of the participating nations, **for sharing experience** and to train uniformed personnel for the United Nations Peacekeeping Operations (UNPKO).

The exercise will prepare participants for future UN Peacekeeping missions, develop peace operations capabilities and enhance military readiness.

The exercise includes Command Post Exercise (CPX), Field Training Exercises (FTX), combat discussions, lectures and demonstration.

The military exercise will **enhance the level of defence co-operation** between Indian Army and participating countries especially with the Mongolian Armed Forces which will enhance bilateral relations between the two countries.