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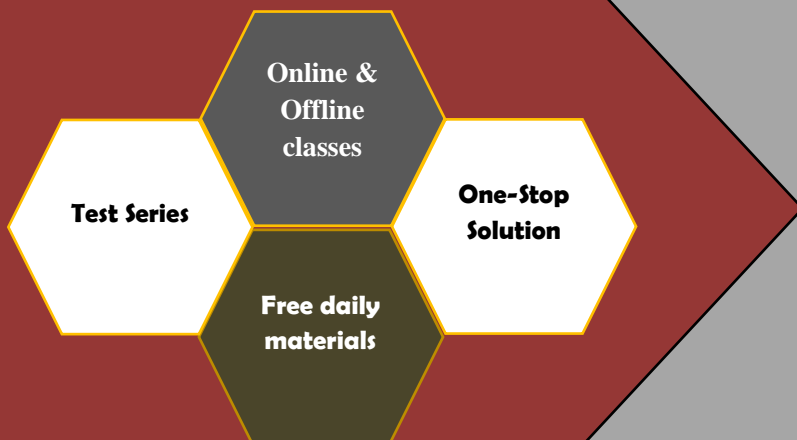
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Exercise Ekuverin

Recently, the 11th Edition of Joint Military Exercise **EKuverin** between India & Maldives has been started at Kadhdhoo Island, Maldives.

- Earlier, the 15th edition of the biennial **trilateral Coast Guard Exercise ‘Dosti’** involving **India, the Maldives and Sri Lanka** was held in the Maldives.

Key Points

- India and Maldives have been conducting **Exercise Ekuverin meaning**

‘Friends’ in the Maldivian language since 2009.

- The **14 days Joint Exercise** is held alternatively in **India and Maldives**.
- It **focuses on enhancing interoperability** between the two forces for carrying out counter insurgency and counter-terrorism operations in a semi-urban environment under the United Nations mandate.
- This year's exercise will also include cultural and sports activities to enhance **defence cooperation and bilateral relations**. The exercise will go a long way in strengthening India's relations with Maldives amidst emerging security dynamics in the **Indian Ocean Region**.

