



ATS Commando Training Center in Deoband

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On August 17, 2021, the state government decided to open a new ATS Commando Training Center at **Deoband in Western Uttar Pradesh**. For this, the government has allotted 20,000 square meters of land near **Deoband in Saharanpur**.

Key Points

- With the arrest of two terrorists of an al-Qaeda-backed organization in Lucknow, the state government has decided to expand the ambit of the Anti-Terrorist Squad (ATS) in the aftermath of terror threats in Uttar Pradesh.
- About one and a half dozen ATS officers selected from across the state will be posted in this center.
- Apart from Deoband, preparations are on to open ATS Commando Training Center in Lucknow and Noida.
- Only 30 kms distant from Deoband, more than eight terrorists and ISI agents have been arrested in Saharanpur recently.
- There are more than 300 madrasas in Deoband. It is because of **Darul Uloom** that students from all over the world come to Deoband for education. Deoband, which is called the **city of knowledge**, is now on the radar of the government due to terrorist activities. In view of this, the Uttar Pradesh government has decided to set up an **ATS Commando Training Center in Deoband**.