



## Exercise SCO Peaceful Mission 2021

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### Why in News

The **6<sup>th</sup> edition of Exercise Peaceful Mission** is being hosted by **Russia** in the Orenburg Region of South West Russia from 13<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

India participated for the **first time in the 5<sup>th</sup> edition** of the Exercise (2018).



### Key Points

- It is a **Multilateral and Joint Counter Terrorism Exercise**, which is conducted **biennially** as part of military diplomacy between Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) member states.

The SCO is **an economic and security bloc** in which India and Pakistan were admitted as full members in 2017. Its founding members included China, Russia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan.

- The **scope of the exercise includes** professional interaction, mutual understanding of drills & procedures, establishment of joint command & control structures and elimination of terrorist threats.
- The **aim** is to foster close relations between SCO member states and to enhance abilities of the military leaders to command multi-national military contingents.
- The **Indian military contingent** comprising an all arms combined force of 200 personnel including 38 personnel from the Indian Air Force is participating in the Exercise 2021.

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