



Surya Kiran XV

Why in News

Recently, the armies of India and Nepal have started the **15th edition of joint military exercise 'Surya Kiran' at Pithoragarh in the Indian state of Uttarakhand.**



Key Points

- The **biannual exercise**, which **takes place alternately in both countries.**
- The **main objective** of this exercise is to:
 - Establish **military relations in inaccessible mountainous** areas by the soldiers of both countries,
 - Provide **humanitarian assistance** under disaster management,
 - Get training in **anti-terrorist operations,**
 - Build **interoperability and sharing expertise** between the two countries.
- The **14th edition** of the exercise took place **in Saljhandi, Nepal in 2019.**

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