

Exercise YUDH ABHYAS

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Why is in news? "EXERCISE YUDH ABHYAS" will be conducted in Fort Wainwright, Alaska, USA

The 19th edition of "EXERCISE YUDH ABHYAS" will be conducted from 25th September to 8th October 2023 in Fort Wainwright, Alaska, USA.

It is an **annual exercise conducted jointly by the Indian Army and the United States Army**. The previous edition of the Exercise was conducted in Auli, Uttarakhand, India in November 2022.

Indian Army contingent comprising of 350 personnel will participate in this edition of the Exercise.

Both sides will practice a series of tactical drills to **enhance interoperability** in conducting UN peacekeeping operations.

Personnel from both sides will also hold detailed discussions to share their experiences and best practices.

The theme of the Exercise is 'Employment of an Integrated Battle Group in Mountain' Extreme Climatic Conditions' under Chapter VII of United Nations mandate.

The scope of the Field Training Exercise includes validation of Integrated Battle Groups against hostile forces at the Brigade level, Integrated Surveillance Grid at the Brigade/ Battalion level, employment of Heliborne/Airborne elements and Force Multipliers, validation of logistics and casualty management during operations, evacuation and combat medical aid and other aspects as applicable to High Altitude Areas and Extreme Climatic Conditions.

The Exercise will also **involve exchange of views and best practices in drills** on a wide spectrum of combat skills including combat engineering, obstruction clearance, mine and Improvised Explosive Devices warfare.

"EX YUDH ABHYAS-23" will facilitate **both Armies to mutually learn from each other** and further strengthen the bonds between the two armies.