

Exercise Surya Kiran

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Why is in news? SURYA KIRAN: 16th Edition of Indo-Nepal joint army training exercise begins

The 16th Edition of Indo-Nepal joint army training exercise begins on 16 December, 2022.

The exercise "SURYA KIRAN" will be conducted at Nepal Army Battle School, Saljhandi, and continue up to 29 December 2022.

It is **conducted annually between India and Nepal** with the aim to enhance inter-operability in **jungle warfare and counter-terrorism operations in mountainous terrain and Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief** (HADR) under UN mandate.

Nepal Army soldiers of Shree Bhawani Baksh Battalion and Indian Army soldiers from the 5 GR are participating in the exercise.

The joint military exercise will enhance the level of defence cooperation which will further foster the bilateral relations between the two nations.

The two armies, through these contingents, shall be sharing the experiences gained during the conduct of various counter-insurgency operations over the years in their respective countries.

The joint exercise would focus on evolution of combined drills for planning and conduct of tactical operations at unit level in counter terrorism operations and disaster response mechanism in general and role of armed forces in management of disaster.

During the exercise, participants will be training together to develop inter-operability and share their experience including Counter Insurgency and Counter Terrorist operations and also on Humanitarian Relief operations.

It was first started in 2011.