

Exercise YUDH ABHYAS

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Why is in news? Indo - US joint training exercise "YUDH ABHYAS 22" is scheduled to be conducted in Uttarakhand

The **18th edition** of Indo - US joint training exercise "YUDH ABHYAS 22" is scheduled to be conducted in Uttarakhand in November.

Exercise Yudh Abhyas is **conducted annually** between India and USA with the aim of exchanging best practices, Tactics, Techniques and Procedures **between the Armies of the two nations**.

The previous edition of the exercise was conducted at Joint Base Elmendorf Richardson, Alaska (USA) in October 2021.

The training schedule focuses on **employment of an integrated battle group** under Chapter VII of the UN Mandate.

The schedule will include all operations related to **peace keeping & peace enforcement**. The troops from both nations will work together to achieve common objectives.

The joint exercise will also focus on **Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) operations**. Troops from both nations will practice launching of swift & coordinated relief efforts in the wake of any natural calamity.

The exercise will facilitate both Armies to share their wide experiences, skills and enhance their techniques through information exchange.

Exercise Yudh Abhyas:

It is the **largest running joint military training and defence cooperation** endeavor between India and the US.

The exercise was **started in 2004** under the US Army Pacific Partnership Program. The exercise is hosted alternately between both countries.

The exercise aims at enhancing understanding, cooperation and interoperability between two Armies.

This will help them in undertaking joint operations at battalion level in mountainous terrain with cold climatic conditions under the ambit of the United Nations.

<u>Other Exercises</u>: Exercise Tiger Triumph (Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief exercise), Exercise Vajra Prahar (Special Forces' Exercise), Cope India (Air Force), Malabar Exercise (Quadrilateral naval exercise of India, USA, Japan and Australia), Red Flag (US' multilateral air exercise).

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