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The **19th edition** of India-Nepal Joint Military Exercise **SURYAKIRAN-XIX** began on **25th November 2025** at **Pithoragarh, Uttarakhand**.

Key Points

- **About Exercise SURYAKIRAN:**
 - Exercise SURYAKIRAN is a [bilateral military exercise](#) between the Indian Army and the Nepal Army, held **annually**, with hosting duties alternating between the two countries.
 - It aims to **enhance interoperability**, strengthen **military diplomacy**, and deepen [India-Nepal defence cooperation](#).
 - The exercise primarily focuses on **counter-insurgency**, [counter-terrorism](#), and **jungle/mountain warfare** terrain common to both armies.
 - It is conducted under **Chapter VII of the UN Charter**, which deals with [peacekeeping](#) duties related to threats to **peace**, **breaches of peace**, and **counter-terrorism** scenarios.
- **About the 2025 Edition:**
 - The 2025 edition of the exercise is being hosted at [Pithoragarh](#), Uttarakhand, from **25th November to 08th December, 2025**.
 - The **Indian contingent** comprises **334 personnel**, mainly from the **Assam Regiment** while the **Nepalese contingent** also includes **334 personnel**, primarily from the **Devi Datta Regiment**.
 - The 2025 edition highlights incorporation of **niche and emerging military technologies**, such as:
 - [Unmanned Aerial Systems \(UAS\)](#)
 - [Drone-based ISR \(Intelligence, Surveillance & Reconnaissance\)](#)
 - [AI-enabled](#) decision-support tools
 - **Unmanned logistics vehicles**
 - [Armoured protection platforms](#)

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The **Union Minister for Rural Development**, alongside the **Union Minister for Women and Child Development**, launched 'Nayi Chetna 4.0', a national campaign under the [DAY-NRLM \(Deendayal](#)

Key Points

- The fourth edition of **Nayi Chetna - Initiative for Change** focuses on [strengthening women's safety, mobility, dignity](#), and [socio-economic participation](#), especially in **rural India**.
- The campaign will run **nationwide from 25th November to 23rd December 2025**, led by the extensive network of [Self-Help Groups \(SHGs\)](#) under DAY-NRLM.
- Emphasis given on elimination of **substance abuse**, which was termed a major cause of [domestic violence](#), and village-level campaigns for **violence-free communities**.
- The initiative stresses [women's voices in governance](#), safe public spaces, [shared domestic responsibilities](#), and recognition of women's economic roles.

DAY-NRLM (Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Rural Livelihood Mission)

- The DAY-NRLM was launched in **2011** and later **restructured in 2015** to strengthen its implementation framework and outreach. The mission is implemented by the [Ministry of Rural Development](#).
- The scheme aims to **reduce rural poverty** by promoting **self-employment**, [skill development](#), and **sustainable livelihoods** through Self-Help Groups (SHGs).
- It primarily focuses on mobilizing **rural women** into SHGs, providing them with **credit linkages**, [capacity-building support](#), and [enhanced access to markets](#).
- It includes key components such as [financial inclusion](#), [digital literacy](#), and the [diversification of livelihood activities](#) to improve and stabilize [household incomes](#) in rural areas.