

## Surya Kiran XV

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### Why in News

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



### Key Points

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- 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 **14<sup>th</sup> edition** of the exercise took place in **Saljhandi, Nepal in 2019.**

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