



Exercise Yudh Abhyas

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Why in News

Recently, the **17th Indo-US Joint Military Exercise "Ex Yudh Abhyas 2021"** was held at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson in Alaska (US).

In February 2021, the **previous version** of the exercise was held in **Bikaner's Mahajan Field Firing Ranges** (Rajasthan).

Key Points

- **About:**

- 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.

- **Other Exercises between India and the US:**

- **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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