



Exercise VAJRA PRAHAR 2022

Why in News?

Recently, **India - USA Joint Special Forces** conducted the 13th edition of exercise [Vajra Prahar 2022](#) **culminated at Bakloh (Himachal Pradesh).**

What are the Key Highlights?

- **About:**
 - It's an annual exercise is hosted alternatively between Special Forces **India and the United States.**
 - Special Forces are the units of a country's armed forces that undertake covert, counterterrorist, and other specialized operations.
- **Aim:**
 - The 21-day joint training **provided an opportunity for the Special Forces from both nations to train in Air Borne Operations, Special Operations and Counter Terrorism operations** in a joint environment under United Nations Charter.
 - **It was conducted in two phases;**
 - The first phase involved **combat conditioning and tactical level special missions training exercises,**
 - The second phase **included 48 hours of validation of training received by both contingents in the first phase.**
- **Significance:**
 - Exercise VAJRA PRAHAR with the US Special Forces is significant in terms of **security challenges faced by both Nations in the backdrop of the current global situation.**
 - The joint military exercise has further **strengthened the traditional bond of friendship between the special forces of both Nations** as well as improved bilateral defence cooperation between India and the USA.

What are Other Exercises between India and the USA?

- [Exercise Tiger Triumph](#) (Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief 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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