



Exercise VAJRA PRAHAR

Why in News

Recently, **Special Forces of India and the USA** conducted the joint military exercise '**VAJRA PRAHAR 2021**' in Himachal Pradesh.

- Earlier, India and the USA navy had carried out a two-day **Passage Exercise (PASSEX)** in the eastern Indian Ocean Region.

Key Points

▪ About the Exercise:

- The joint exercise by the Special Forces of both the countries is **conducted alternatively between India and the United States.**
 - Special Forces are the units of a country's armed forces that undertake covert, counterterrorist, and other specialized operations.
- This is the **11th edition** of the exercise conducted at Special Forces Training School located at Bakloh, **Himachal Pradesh.**
 - The **10th edition** of VAJRA PRAHAR was **held in 2019 at Seattle, USA.**

▪ Aim:

- To share the best practices and experiences in areas such as joint mission planning and operational tactics as also to improve interoperability between the Special Forces of both nations.

▪ Other Exercises of India with the USA:

- Exercise Yudh Abhyas (Army).
- **Cope India** (Air Force).
- **Red Flag** (USA's multilateral air exercise).
- **Malabar Exercise** (trilateral naval exercise of India, USA and Japan).

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