



Air Force's Three-Day Exercise Begins in Chinyalisour

Why In News?

- According to information received from the media on March 13, 2023, a three-day exercise of the Air Force started at Chinyalisour airport in Uttarkashi district of Uttarakhand along the India-China border.

Key points

- Sources associated with the Air Force said that the landing and take-off of the Air Force's multi-purpose aircraft AN-32 will be practiced here in a three-day long exercise. Although the Air Force has successfully landed and taken-off AN-32 aircraft here earlier also. This is the first exercise of this year.
- Significantly, the Chinyalisour airport in Uttarkashi district along the India-China border is very important from a strategic point of view. This is the reason that the Indian Air Force wants to make this airport its Advance Landing Ground (ALG) and exercises its aircraft here from time to time.
- It is noteworthy that the full name of the AN-32 aircraft of the Air Force is Antonov-32. These were bought by the Air Force from the Soviet Union. It is a twin-engine military transport aircraft capable of operating in temperatures of 55 °C and altitudes of up to 14,500 feet, carrying five crew members including pilot, co-pilot, gunner, navigator and engineer and 50 people. This aircraft equipped with GPS also has radar and modern navigation system.

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