

Exercise VAJRA PRAHAR 2022

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In news— The 13th edition of India- USA Joint Special Forces Exercise VAJRA PRAHAR 2022 was culminated at Bakloh in Himachal Pradesh recently

About the Exercise-

- The Vajra Prahar series of joint exercise **aims to share best practices and experiences** in areas such as joint mission planning and operational tactics as also to improve inter-operability between the Special Forces of both the Nations.
- This annual exercise is hosted alternatively between India and the United States
- In the 13th edition, the US contingent was represented by personnel from the 1st Special Forces Group (SFG) and Special Tactics Squadron (STS) of US Special Forces.
- The Indian Army contingent was formed by drawing Special Forces personnel under the aegis of Special Forces Training School (SFTS).
- The 12th edition was conducted at Joint Base Lewis Mcchord, Washington (USA) in October 2021.
- The exercise was conducted in two phases; the first phase involved combat conditioning and tactical level special missions training exercises and the second phase included 48 hours of validation of training received by both contingents in the first phase.
- 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.