

# Surya Kiran exercise

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**In news**– The 15th edition of Indo – Nepal Joint Military Training, Exercise Surya Kiran between Indian Army and Nepali Army has commenced from 20 September 2021 at Pithoragarh (UK).

## About Exercise Surya Kiran

- During the exercise, an Infantry Battalion each from the Indian Army and the Nepali Army will be training together to develop inter-operability and **share their experience of counter terrorism operations and disaster relief operations.**
- **The exercise is aimed at** sharing experiences gained during the conduct of various counter insurgency operations by both countries.
- The training will also focus on humanitarian aid and disaster relief including medical and aviation support.
- It includes 48 hours of gruelling drill to validate counter insurgency operations in mountainous terrains.
- The Indian side in the joint exercise is being represented by the 6th Garhwal Regiment, while the Nepalese side is being represented by the Ripu Daman battalion of Nepali Army.
- Every year there is a battalion exercise. One year it is in Nepal and another year it is held in India.
- Last edition of Exercise Surya Kiran was conducted in Nepal in 2019.