

[Print](#)[XClose](#)

**Press Information Bureau  
Government of India  
Ministry of Defence**

---

30-May-2018 18:11 IST

**Opening ceremony India - Nepal joint battalion Level Exercise SURYA KIRAN-XIII**

The 13<sup>th</sup> edition of bilateral annual military Exercise SURYA KIRAN, between India and Nepal Army commenced today at *Pithoragarh*. The aim of exercise is joint training of troops in counter insurgency/ counter terrorism operations in both jungle & mountainous terrain and disaster management. Exercise SURYA KIRAN can be termed as the facade of long standing strategic ties between India and Nepal.

As part of the exercise important lectures, demonstrations and drills related to counter insurgency, counter terrorism operations and disaster management will be conducted. Both the Armies will also share their valuable experiences in countering such situations as also refined drills and procedures for joint operation wherever the need so arises.

The culmination of exercise will be done with a 72 hours joint exercise which will show the joint skills of soldiers while conducting any counter terrorist operation.

Manoj Tuli

APRO (Army)