India-U.S. Joint Military Exercise 'Yudh Abhyas 2026' Held in Rajasthan

U.S. Ambassador Sergio Gor and Indian Army Commander witnessed a joint firing demonstration during Yudh Abhyas 2026 in Bikaner.

Yudh Abhyas is an annual bilateral joint military exercise conducted between the armies of India and the United States.

KEY EXAM POINTS

- The joint firing demonstration of Yudh Abhyas 2026 was conducted at **Mahajan Field Firing Range** in **Bikaner, Rajasthan**.
- U.S. Ambassador to India **Sergio Gor** and Lt. Gen. Vikrant Suresh Deshpande witnessed the joint exercise on **September 24, 2026**.
- The exercise aimed to enhance operational **interoperability**, tactical coordination, and mutual confidence between both armed forces.

DID YOU KNOW..!?

Exercise **Yudh Abhyas** was first initiated in **2004** to strengthen bilateral defence cooperation between India and the United States.

Exercise **Vajra Prahar** is an annual joint **Special Forces** exercise conducted between India and the United States.

Exercise **Tiger Triumph** is a bilateral **tri-services** amphibious exercise conducted between India and the US.

Exercise **Cope India** is a series of joint air force exercises conducted between the **Indian Air Force** and US Air Force.

Exercise **Malabar**, initiated in **1992**, is a quadrilateral naval exercise involving India, USA, Japan, and Australia.

Mahajan Field Firing Range, located near **Bikaner** in Rajasthan, is the Indian Army's largest field firing range.

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India-US Exercises: Yudh Abhyas (Army), Vajra Prahar (Special Forces), Cope India (Air Force), Malabar (Quad Naval).

Syllabus Relevance: Joint defence exercises and their locations are frequently tested in TNPSC Group 1, 2, and 4 matching questions.

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