US Cancels Red Flag

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Recently, the U.S. Air Force has cancelled the Phase-I of Red Flag due to the COVID-19 outbreak.

- It is a Pacific Air Forces-sponsored exercise meant to provide realistic training in a simulated combat environment over the Joint Pacific Alaska range complex.
- It is USA’s flagship multilateral air exercise.

The Indian Air Force (IAF) was also to take part in the exercise with its Sukhoi Su-30 fighter jets.

- The IAF joined Red Flag for the first time in 2008 in Nevada.
- It has deployed Su-30MKI, Jaguar strike aircraft, the Il-78 tankers and the C-17 strategic airlift aircraft in the exercise.
- However, it had said it would not take part in every edition of the biennial exercise because of the high cost involved.