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DAC Clears Capital Acquisition Proposals worth Rs 2.12 Lakh Crore

- Defence Acquisition Council chaired by Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh on October 26, 2026, accorded AoN i.e. in-principle administrative to various capital acquisition proposals of the Defence Forces at an estimated cost of about Rs 2,12,000 crore.
- For the Indian Army, approval was accorded for the procurement of High Mobility Vehicles (HMV), Self-Propelled Tracked Gun System, Gun Shot Response System (GSRS), Light Multi Role Helicopters (LMRH), Very Short-Range Air Defence System (VSHORADS),
- Platform Based Counter Unmanned Aerial System (C-UAS), Unmanned Aerial System Brick Long Range, Surveillance UAV, Integrated Surveillance and Strike System and Long-Range Kamikaze Drone System.
- The HMTs will enhance operational capabilities, logistic support and mobility in challenging terrains. The Self-Propelled Tracked Gun System will provide matching mobility and firepower to mechanised formations. The GSRS will serve as a force multiplier providing real-time situational awareness of the forces.
- The LMRH will be used by both the Indian Army and the Indian Air Force for Reconnaissance and Surveillance, Combat, Search and Rescue of troops, Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief etc.
- The VSHORADS will engage new generation small-size aerial threats, while C-UAS will enhance survivability of Tanks on the modern battlefield. The Surveillance and Drone Systems will enhance the surveillance and targeting capabilities of the Indian Army.
- For the Indian Navy, approval was given for the procurement of Active Offboard Decoy System (AODS) and other major Naval platforms. The AODS will enhance

the credibility of anti-missiles defence, especially against modern anti-ship missiles of adversaries. The indigenously designed and constructed major Naval platforms will possess modern-day warfare capabilities and enhance the combat capability of the Navy.

- For the Indian Air Force, approval was accorded for the procurement of Helicopters, Air Defence Systems, Weapons and Mobile X-Band Doppler Weather Radar System to enhance the air defence and war fighting capabilities. The procurement of Special Utility Helicopters will help the Indian Air Force to meet the important air transport requirements.
- The X-Band Doppler Weather Radar System will provide high-resolution, localised weather surveillance in forward areas.
- Out of the total AoNs accorded, approximately 82% of the procurements will be made from the Indian Industry.

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₹2.12 LAKH CRORE
DEFENCE PROCUREMENT BOOST
INDIA ACCELERATES MILITARY MODERNISATION

Defence Acquisition Council (DAC), chaired by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, has accorded Acceptance of Necessity (AoN) for defence procurement proposals worth approximately **₹2.12 lakh crore** to strengthen the Indian Army, Navy and Air Force.

Rajnath Singh
Defence Minister of India

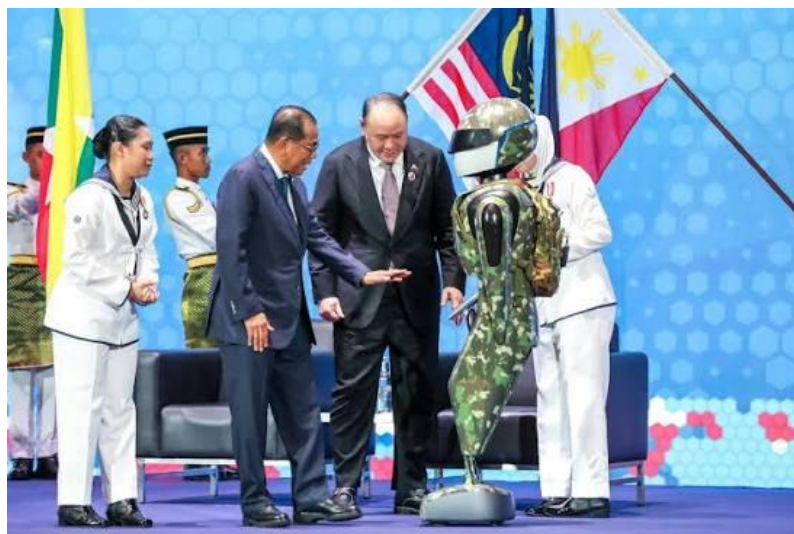
INDIAN ARMY	INDIAN NAVY	INDIAN AIR FORCE
STRONGER MOBILITY GREATER FIREPOWER ENHANCED SURVEILLANCE	SECURE SEAS STRONGER FLEET INDIGENEOUS BUILD	MODERN PLATFORMS ENHANCED READINESS ALL-WEATHER OPERATIONS
High Mobility Vehicles For improved mobility and logistics in challenging terrain. Self-Propelled Tracked Gun Systems To boost mobile firepower. Gun Shot Response Systems For real-time battlefield awareness. Light Multi Role Helicopters For reconnaissance, combat, search & rescue and disaster relief. Very Short-Range Air Defence Systems (VSHORADS) To counter low-flying aerial threats. Platform-Based Counter-Drone Systems To improve tank survivability. Long-range unmanned, surveillance, integrated strike and kamikaze drone systems For enhanced intelligence, strike and reconnaissance. UAV / Kamikaze Drone System	Active Offboard Decoy Systems To strengthen protection against modern anti-ship missiles. Major naval platforms Designed and constructed indigenously to enhance combat capabilities. Indigenous Naval Platform Submarine Destroyer / Frigate	Helicopters, air-defence systems and weapons For multi-domain operations and combat readiness. Special Utility Helicopters For essential air-transport requirements. Mobile X-Band Doppler Weather Radars For high-resolution weather surveillance in forward areas. Attack Helicopter Multi Role Fighter X-Band Doppler Weather Radar
KEY HIGHLIGHTS ₹2.12 lakh crore 82% of the proposed Strengthens domestic defence manufacturing Enhances battlefield preparedness, air defence Supports procurement of defence products	ATMANIRBHAR NAVY SAFE SEAS SECURE INDIA	SKIES SURVEILLANCE SUPERIORITY INDIGENEOUS TECHNOLOGY

Note: AoN is an in-principle approval, not a completed contract or final purchase.

13th ADMM-Plus in Philippines

- Rajnath Singh will lead the Indian delegation at the 13th Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Defence Ministers' Meeting (ADMM) - Plus at Cebu, Philippines from October 28 to 29, 2026.
- He will address the forum on 'Exchange of Views on Regional and International Security Issues'.

- Raksha Mantri will hold bilateral meetings with his counterparts of participating countries. He will review the ongoing defence ties with the nations and explore ways to further strengthen strategic partnerships. The ADMM is the highest defence consultative and cooperative mechanism in ASEAN.
- ADMM-Plus is a platform for ASEAN member states (Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Timor Leste and Vietnam) and its eight Dialogue Partners (India, US, China, Russia, Japan, South Korea, Australia and New Zealand) to strengthen security and defence cooperation.
- India became the dialogue partner of ASEAN in 1992 and the inaugural ADMM-Plus was convened in Hanoi, Vietnam on October 12, 2010. Since 2017, ADMM-Plus Ministers have been meeting annually to bolster defence cooperation amongst ASEAN and the Plus countries.
- The Philippines is the chair of ADMM-Plus for 2026. Under the construct of ADMM-Plus, India is co-chairing the Experts Working Group on Counter-Terrorism with Malaysia for the cycle 2024-2027.
- India's active participation in the ADMM-Plus mechanisms underscores the deepening defence diplomacy in Southeast Asia under the Act East policy, aimed at ensuring peace, stability and collective growth in the region.



Bharat Now 3rd Largest Exporter of Defence Goods To Europe

- India has emerged as the third-largest arms exporter to Europe, driven by the rising demand for defence goods under the “Rearm Europe” initiative and backed by an expanding domestic manufacturing sector, Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh said.
- “Our exports have reached an all-time high of Rs 38,424 crore, which is about 3.6 billion euros, and I was reading a Bloomberg report yesterday, which said that suddenly, over the last year, India became the third-largest exporter of arms to Europe, mainly because of the Rearm Europe initiative.
- As a result, a lot of standard ammunition of different types, artillery shells, and large- and small-calibre ammunition started getting exported to Europe in significant numbers,” Rajesh Kumar Singh.
- He pointed out that over the last 10 years, there has been tremendous growth in India’s defence manufacturing ecosystem. Apart from the 16 large public sector companies, it has almost 840 large and medium-sized private sector firms as well as some 17,000 small enterprises, including startups.
- The Defence Secretary further stated that India now exports defence goods to more than 80 countries.
- Besides, the government tries to ensure that 75 % of the defence capex of around 20 to 25 billion dollars every year gets spent within the country, as priority is given to IDDM products, which are Indian-designed, developed, and manufactured, to ensure technological sovereignty.
- India's defence exports reached an all-time high of **₹38,424 crore** (approx. €3.6 billion or \$4 billion) in the financial year 2025–26, marking a 62.66% growth over the previous year.
- **Public vs. Private Contribution:**
- **Defence Public Sector Undertakings (DPSUs):** ₹21,071 crore (54.84%) — a 151% increase year-on-year.
- **Private Sector:** ₹17,353 crore (45.16%) — a 14% increase year-on-year.



New Battle Tank Plan

- India is preparing to expand its ability to overhaul its ageing battle tanks by decoding decades-old Soviet engineering drawings, many of which are written in Russian. The effort is underway at Vehicle Factory Jabalpur (VFJ), where engineers are reconstructing the technical knowledge needed to dismantle, repair and rebuild tanks used by the Indian Army.
- Working with the Heavy Vehicles Factory (HVF) in Avadi, Tamil Nadu, VFJ has deciphered nearly 70% of the old drawings for specialised fixtures required during tank overhauls. Where original designs are missing, Indian engineers are developing their own solutions. The target is ambitious. VFJ aims to overhaul 80 Army tanks every year from April 2028, establishing Jabalpur as a second major tank overhaul centre alongside Avadi.
- The Indian Army operates Soviet-origin T-72 Ajeya tanks and Russian-designed T-90 Bhishma main battle tanks. Keeping these armoured vehicles operational requires more than routine maintenance, particularly as individual tanks accumulate years of service.
- Avadi has played a central role in India's tank manufacturing programme. In 2001, a contract was signed for the licensed production of 1,000 T-90 tanks at the Heavy Vehicles Factory, following an earlier agreement to procure 310 tanks that included technology transfer.



INS Trishul Arrives At Civitavecchia, Italy

- Indian Naval Ship Trishul arrived at Civitavecchia, Italy, on 25 Oct 2026, during her ongoing operational deployment to the Mediterranean Sea.
- Prior to entering harbour, the ship undertook a Passage Exercise (PASSEX) with Italian Naval Ship Carlo Margottini. The exercise featured coordinated manoeuvring drills, communication procedures, replenishment approaches, cross-deck landings, personnel transfers and boarding operations.
- The PASSEX facilitated the exchange of Best Practices and enhanced operational synergy between the two Navies.
- During the port call, professional interactions, cultural visits and exchanges are scheduled. The ship will also be open to visitors, providing an opportunity to engage with the Indian Navy's maritime traditions and capabilities.
- The port call underscores the enduring maritime partnership between India and Italy and reflects the commitment of both Navies to enhancing professional linkages and operational cooperation.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. The Defence Acquisition Council approved capital acquisition proposals worth approximately how much on 26 October 2026?

- A) ₹1.10 lakh crore
- B) ₹1.75 lakh crore
- C) ₹2.12 lakh crore
- D) ₹2.50 lakh crore

Correct Answer: C) ₹2.12 lakh crore

2. Approximately what percentage of the approved procurement value is intended to be sourced from Indian industry?

- A) 60%
- B) 70%
- C) 75%
- D) 82%

Correct Answer: D) 82%

3. Where will the 13th ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting-Plus (ADMM-Plus) be held in 2026?

- A) Hanoi, Vietnam
- B) Cebu, Philippines
- C) Jakarta, Indonesia
- D) Bangkok, Thailand

Correct Answer: B) Cebu, Philippines

4. India became a dialogue partner of ASEAN in which year?

- A) 1989
- B) 1992
- C) 2001
- D) 2010

Correct Answer: B) 1992

5. India's defence exports reached what value in FY 2025–26?

- A) ₹21,071 crore
- B) ₹30,000 crore
- C) ₹38,424 crore
- D) ₹45,000 crore

Correct Answer: C) ₹38,424 crore

6. What does IDDM stand for in India's defence procurement framework?

- A) Indian Defence Development Mission
- B) Indigenously Designed, Developed and Manufactured
- C) Integrated Defence Deployment Mechanism
- D) Indigenous Defence Distribution Model

Correct Answer: B) Indigenously Designed, Developed and Manufactured

7. Vehicle Factory Jabalpur aims to overhaul how many Army tanks annually from April 2028?

- A) 50 tanks
- B) 60 tanks
- C) 80 tanks
- D) 100 tanks

Correct Answer: C) 80 tanks

8. Which Italian naval ship participated in a Passage Exercise (PASSEX) with INS Trishul?

- A) ITS Cavour
- B) Carlo Margottini
- C) ITS Andrea Doria
- D) ITS Trieste

Correct Answer: B) Carlo Margottini

9. INS Trishul arrived at which Italian port on 25 October 2026?

- A) Naples
- B) Venice
- C) Genoa
- D) Civitavecchia

Correct Answer: D) Civitavecchia

10. Exercises B/w India And Nepal Lanka Is Called:

- A. Vayu
- B. SLINEX
- C. Indra
- D. Surya Kiran

ANSWER: D

11. AEW&CS Stands For

- A. Airborne Early Warning and Center System
- B. Airborne East Warning and Control System
- C. Airborne Early Warning and Control System
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

12. Air Marshal Rank of IAF Is Equivalent to which rank of Indian Navy?

- A. Commodore
- B. Captain
- C. Commander
- D. Vice Admiral

ANSWER: D

13. 'CORPS' In Indian Army Headed By__

- A. General Officer Commanding (GOC)
- B. General Officer Commanding-in-chief (GOC-in-C)
- C. Major General
- D. Brigadier

ANSWER: A

14. Which Is/Are The Combat Arms of The Indian Army?

- A. Infantry
- B. The Armoured Corp
- C. The Mechanized Infantry
- D. All of the above

ANSWER: D

15. Bugatti Car Manufactured By

- A. Germany
- B. France
- C. Mexico
- D. USA

ANSWER: B

16. India Purchased Dragunov SVD from

- A. USA
- B. Sweden
- C. France
- D. USSR

ANSWER: D

17. Oslo Is The Capital Of

- A. Norway
- B. Palau
- C. Philippines
- D. Maldives

ANSWER: A

18. "Mind-Master" Book Is Written By

- A. Roopa Pai
- B. Neha J Hiranandani
- C. M Venkaiah Naidu

D. Viswanathan Anand and Susan Ninan

ANSWER: D

19. Heckler & Koch MP5 Is A

- A. Submachine gun
- B. Machine pistol
- C. Sniper rifle
- D. Anti-material rifle

ANSWER: A

20. Lt Gen. Rank of Indian Army Is To Which Rank Of IAF?

- A. Vice Admiral
- B. Air Commodore
- C. Commodore
- D. Air Marshal

ANSWER: D