

Defence News (Oct 2024 to Mar (upto 15) 2025)

I. DEFENCE & TECHNOLOGY INNOVATIONS

A. Research & Development Initiatives

- **DRDO & IIT Hyderabad** unveiled **India's Largest Metal 3D Printing Machine (Large Area Additive Manufacturing)** for rocket components.
- **DRDO** revealed India's hypersonic short-range ballistic missile "**BM-04**"
 - **Speed:** Hypersonic (Mach 5+)
 - **Range:** 400–1500 km
 - **Headquarters:** New Delhi
 - **Chairman:** Samir V. Kamat
- **DRDO** developed a **Supersonic Combustion Ramjet ("scramjet")** for powering hypersonic vehicles/missiles.
- **DRDO** will display the indigenous surface-to-surface short-range ballistic missile "**Pralay**" at the 76th Republic Day parade (26 January 2025)
 - **Range:** 350–500 km
 - **Payload Capacity:** 500–1,000 kg
- **DRDO** successfully conducted three successive flight trials of its **VSHORAD system** from Chandipur (Off Odisha coast)
 - **Details:** HQ – New Delhi; Chairman – Samir V. Kamat; Established – 1958
- **DRDO's Deep Tech Innovation Projects:** Launched an initiative funding 5 military projects (each with ₹50 crore) focusing on quantum technologies, blockchain, and AI.
- **DRDO, IIT Delhi & Industry Agreements:** Signed MoUs for developing **ABHED (Advanced Ballistic High Energy Defeat)** lightweight bulletproof jackets and other ballistic materials.
- **DRDO VSHORADS Missile Test:** Conducted three flight tests at Pokhran, Rajasthan (man-portable system developed by RCI and DRDO labs).
- **Maiden Flight Test of Long Range Land Attack Cruise Missile (LRLACM):** Conducted from the Integrated Test Range in Chandipur
 - **Partners:** Bharat Dynamics Limited (Hyderabad) & Bharat Electronics Limited (Bengaluru)
 - **DRDO HQ:** New Delhi; **Chairman:** Samir V. Kamat

B. New Systems & Innovative Technologies

- **HIMKAVACH Multi-Layer Clothing System:** Developed by DRDO for use in extreme cold conditions (from +20°C to –60°C).
- **Indigenous Shakti Based Semiconductor Chip:** Developed by IIT Madras in collaboration with ISRO for aerospace applications.
- **Zen Technologies RCWS Systems:** Four remote-controlled weapon and surveillance systems (**Parashu, Fanish, Sharur, Durgam**) offering thermal imaging, anti-drone, and all-weather capabilities.
- **Bhargavastra Micro-Missile System:** Tested at Gopalpur Seaward Firing Ranges, Odisha; developed by Economic Explosives Ltd (EEL) to detect and counter drone swarms (tracking beyond 6 km).
- **New Missile "Etemad":** Revealed by Iran with a range of 1,700 km.
- **Contract with QuNu Labs:** Indian Army's procurement for Quantum Secure Key (Quantum Key Distribution) as part of the iDEX initiative.

C. Maritime & Submersible Technologies

- **Matsya 6000 Submersible:** Developed by NIOT in Chennai; a key asset for the **Samudrayaan Mission (2026)** – India's first manned deep ocean mission (exploring depths up to 6,000 meters).
- **Missile Cum Ammunition Barge (LSAM 12):** Built by SECON Engineering in Visakhapatnam to safely carry missiles and ammunition.
- **INS Vaghsheer (also referred to as INS Vagsheer):** A submarine delivered by Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders (MDL) in Mumbai under Project P-75.
- **INS Magdala:** The 6th ship of the Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW SWC) project.
- **Commissioning on 15 January 2025:**
 - **INS Surat:** Last destroyer in the Project 15B series
 - **INS Nilgiri:** Lead ship of Project 17A stealth frigates
 - **INS Vagsheer:** Last Scorpene-class submarine under Project P-75

D. Defence Production & Indigenization

- **Indigenized Ammunition Production:** Out of 175 types, **154 (88%)** are now manufactured in India.

- **Defence Production Growth:** Expected to rise from the current ₹1.27 lakh crore to **₹1.60 lakh crore** by 2025–26.
- **Defence Exports Growth:** Increased to **₹21,083 crore (\$2.63 billion)** in FY2023–24, with a target of **₹50,000 crore** by FY2029.
- **Top Defence Export Customers:** **US, France, and Armenia** (Armenia is the first foreign buyer of the **Akash SAM** system, range 25 km, manufactured by BEL).

II. MAJOR DEFENCE CONTRACTS & INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENTS

A. Contracts & Deals

- **MoD–Rosoboronexport Deal:** \$248 million contract for 1,000 HP engines to power T-72 tanks.
- **MoD Contract with BEL:** Signed a contract worth **₹2,906 crore** for the “Ashwini” Low-Level Transportable Radar (designed to track missiles and UAVs).
- **Contract for EON 51 Systems:** MoD signed a contract with BEL worth **₹624 crore** for the Indian Navy.
- **MoD Contract for K9 Vajra-T Artillery Guns:** Larsen & Toubro to supply these self-propelled tracked guns at a value of **₹7,628.70 crore** (capable of operation in sub-zero, high-altitude conditions).
- **India–U.S. \$3.5 Billion Defence Deal:** For 31 **MQ-9B UAVs** along with 170 Hellfire missiles and 310 GBU-39B bombs
 - **Key Feature:** MQ-9B UAVs offer a 40-hour endurance with satellite-based over-the-horizon capability.

B. Corporate & Infrastructure Announcements

- At **Aero India 2025 (Bengaluru)**, HAL renamed its HJT-36 jet trainer from “Sitara” to “**Yashas**”.
- **HAL Management Academy (HMA) & IIIT-Dharwad:** Signed an MoU to boost collaboration in advanced technologies (AI, Data Science, Robotics, AR/VR, and Digital Manufacturing).
- **Garuda Aerospace “Drone City”:** Announced as India’s first “Drone City” in Orvakal village, Kurnool district, Andhra Pradesh.
- **L&T Launch of INS Utkarsh:** Launched from Kattupalli Shipyard near Chennai; note that L&T’s HQ is in **Mumbai** and CEO & MD is **S. N. Subrahmanyam**.
- **INS Nirdeshak Commissioning:** The second ship of the Survey Vessel (Large) project; complements INS Sandhayak (delivered December 2023).
- **GRSE & DRDO Partnership:** GRSE handed over the “**Jaldoot**” USV (for survey and communication missions) developed jointly with DRDO’s NSTL.
- **NPOL Contract with GRSE:** A contract worth **₹490.98 crore** to build an acoustic research ship (India’s first silent class vessel for underwater surveillance and ASW).
- **Delivery of Missile Cum Ammunition Barge ISAM 13:** Delivered for INS Tunir as part of an 8-barge project.
- **Goa Shipyard Ltd (GSL):** Constructed two new Fast Patrol Vessels, “**Amulya**” and “**Akshay**”, for the Indian Coast Guard.
- **Ultra Maritime & BDL Partnership:** To produce **Sonobuoys** in a new Visakhapatnam facility for detecting underwater threats.
- **INS Tushil Commissioning:** A Krivak III-class frigate (built at Yantar Shipyard, Russia) equipped with Brahmos and Shtil missiles; its follow-on frigate “**Tamal**” is scheduled for Q1 2025.
- **Multi-Purpose Vessel “Samarthak”:** Built by **L&T Shipyard**; 106 m in length and a speed of 15 knots for towing, target launching, and autonomous operations.

C. Joint Ventures & Strategic Partnerships

- **BEL–Israel Aerospace Industries (IAI) Joint Venture:** Established as **BEL IAI AeroSystems Pvt Ltd** to support MRSAM systems.
- **Tata & Morocco’s Armed Forces Partnership:** With TASL to produce 150 wheeled armoured platforms; marks the first large defense plant in Morocco.

III. MILITARY EXERCISES & JOINT TRAININGS

A. Land & Air Exercises

- **Exercise Desert Hunt 2025:** Conducted by the IAF with Tri-Service Special Forces at Jodhpur.
- **Exercise Devil Strike (16–19 January 2025):** A joint exercise along India’s northern borders involving elite airborne soldiers from the Indian Army and IAF
 - **Indian Army HQ:** New Delhi; **Chief:** General Upendra Dwivedi



- **IAF HQ:** New Delhi; **Chief:** Air Marshal Amar Preet Singh; **Vice Chief:** Air Marshal SP Dharkar
- **Indian Navy HQ:** Delhi; **Chief:** Admiral Dinesh K. Tripathi; **Vice Chief:** Vice Admiral Krishna Swaminathan
- **Indian Army's "Swavlamban Shakti" Training Exercise:** Conducted by the White Tiger Division under the Sudarshan Chakra Corps at Babina Field Firing Ranges, Jhansi (focused on new technology equipment from Indian defence industries).
- **Overhauled T-90 'Bhisma' Mk-3 Tank Rollout:** The Indian Army introduced its first overhauled T-90 tank (built under license from Russia at HVF, Avadi).
- **Presentation of President's Colours:** Four battalions (26th & 27th Mechanised Infantry Regiment and 20th & 22nd Brigade of The Guards) honored by Army Chief General Upendra Dwivedi at the Mechanised Infantry Centre, Ahilyanagar.

B. Naval & Maritime Exercises

- **Exercise Sea Dragon 2025:** A multilateral naval exercise off Guam
 - **Participating Nations:** India, US, Australia, Japan, Korea
 - **Indian Asset:** P8I MPRA (Maritime Patrol & Reconnaissance Aircraft)
- **Exercise Jal-Thal-Raksha 2025:** Held at Bet Dwarka, Gujarat, to bolster security amid illegal encroachments.
- **TROPEX-25:** India's largest biennial maritime exercise conducted off the West coast from 30–31 January 2025.
- **Coastal Defence & Search Operations:**
 - **Sea Vigil 2024:** Coordinated by Southern Naval Command in Kerala and Lakshadweep (first NCC participation).
 - **SAREX-24:** The 11th National Maritime Search and Rescue Exercise & Workshop in Kochi (28–29 November 2024).
 - **Indian Coast Guard "Sagar Kavach" Exercise:** A 2-day security drill in West Bengal to validate coastal SOPs.
- **INS Mumbai Participation:** The guided missile destroyer INS Mumbai is taking part in the multinational "LA PEROUSE" exercise hosted by France.

C. Joint International & Multilateral Exercises

- **Exercise Khanjar-XII 2025:** A 12th joint military exercise with Kyrgyzstan at Tokmok to strengthen counter-terror collaboration.
- **India–Bangladesh Exercises:**
 - **6th "CORPAT"** and **4th "BONGOSAGOR"** exercises in the Bay of Bengal to curb illicit maritime activities.
- **Tri-Services Amphibious Exercise "Amphex 2025":** Held in Karwar, Karnataka.
- **Exercise Dharma Guardian (6th Edition):** A joint military exercise with Japan at Mount Fuji, Japan from 25 February–9 March 2025; runs in parallel with the Malabar and Exercise Shinnyu Maitri exercises
 - **Additional Info:** Japan – HQ in Tokyo; currency: Yen; PM: Shigeru Ishiba.
- **Exercise Ekuverin (13th Edition):** A joint military exercise between the Indian Army and the Maldives National Defence Force commencing on 2 February 2025 in the Maldives ("Ekuverin" means "Friends" in Dhivehi).
- **Cyclone 2025:** The 3rd joint military exercise between India and Egypt at the Mahajan Field Firing Range, Rajasthan.
- **Exercise Winged Raider:** A joint exercise by the Indian Army and the IAF.
- **INS Tarini Expedition – Navika Sagar Parikrama II:** The sailing vessel INSV Tarini crossed Cape Horn during the 3rd leg of its expedition.
- **India–Nepal Exercise "Surya Kiran":** Conducted from 31 December 2024 to 13 January 2025 with 334 personnel from the 11th Gorkha Rifles, focusing on jungle warfare, counter-terrorism, and HADR.
- **4th India–Malaysia Exercise "HARIMAU SHAKTI":** Held from 2–15 December 2024 at Bentong Camp, Malaysia
 - **Participants:** 78 Indian personnel (MAHAR Regiment) and 123 Malaysian personnel (Royal Malaysian Regiment).
- **1st Joint Tabletop Exercise "CINBAX" (India–Cambodia):** Held in Pune from 1–8 December 2024
 - **Participants:** 20 personnel each from the Cambodian Army and an Indian Infantry Brigade.
- **NSG Exercises in Gurugram:** Concluded exercises "Agnipariksha" (counter-terrorism) and "Visfot Kawach" (counter-IED) with 667 elite commandos.
- **Exercise Garuda Shakti (9th Edition):** Joint exercise between India and Indonesia in Jakarta focusing on counter-terrorism operations.
- **India–US Joint Exercise "Vajra Prahar" (15th Edition):** Conducted at Orchard Combat Training Centre, Idaho to enhance joint Special Forces operations.
- **VINBAX 2024 – Vietnam–India Bilateral Army Exercise (5th Edition):** Held from 4–23 November 2024 in Ambala and Chandimandir, Haryana
 - **Indian Contingent:** 47 personnel from the Corps of Engineers.
- **AUSTRALIND (3rd Edition):** A joint military exercise with Australia conducted in Pune, Maharashtra.
- **Joint Tri-Services Exercise "Poorvi Prahar":** Scheduled from 10–18 November 2024 along the eastern theatre (India–China border), employing Chinook and Rudra helicopters and M777 howitzers.
- **Antariksha Abhyas – 2024:** A three-day exercise (11–13 November 2024) by the Defence Space Agency simulating threats to space-based assets
 - **Participants:** Defence Cyber Agency, Defence Intelligence Agency, Strategic Forces Command; **IDS HQ:** New Delhi; **Chief:** General Anil Chauhan

D. Tabletop, Virtual & Innovation Initiatives

- **DefConnect 4.0:** Launched by Rajnath Singh as part of iDEX initiatives (including ADITI 2.0 and DISC 12 challenges with a fund of ₹50 crore).

- **Swavlamban 2024 – Indian Navy Innovation Seminar:** Held in New Delhi where Big Bang Boom Solutions presented the “Vajra Shot” handheld anti-drone jammer.

IV. NAVAL & MARITIME OPERATIONS

A. Naval Operations & Exercises

- **TROPEX-25:** India's largest biennial maritime exercise off the West coast (30–31 January 2025).
- **INS Tarini's Historic Voyage:** The vessel crossed **Point Nemo** (the “Oceanic Pole of Inaccessibility” located ~2,688 km from the nearest landmass).
- **Maritime Partnership Exercise (MPX):** Conducted by the Indian Navy and the German Navy (represented by INS Delhi from the Eastern Fleet) to strengthen maritime connectivity.

B. Coastal Defence & Search Operations

- **Sea Vigil 2024:** Coordinated by Southern Naval Command in Kerala and Lakshadweep; marked by first-time participation of the NCC.
- **SAREX-24:** The 11th National Maritime Search and Rescue Exercise & Workshop in Kochi (28–29 November 2024) themed “Enhancing Search and Rescue Capabilities through Regional Collaboration.”
- **Indian Coast Guard Fast Patrol Vessels (FPVs):** Two vessels named “Adamyia” and “Akshar” built by Goa Shipyard Ltd to enhance coastal patrolling.
- **Coastal Security Exercise “Sagar Kavach”:** Conducted by the Indian Coast Guard in coordination with the Navy, Customs, Coastal Police, CRPF, MPA, and Goa government to improve unified coastal security communication.
- **Delivery of Missile Cum Ammunition Barge LSAM 13:** For INS Tunir, ensuring a steady supply chain for missile/ammunition support.

C. Submarine Operations

- **INS Vaghsheer/Submarine:** Delivered by MDL in Mumbai as part of Project P-75 (Scorpene-class).
- **India's 4th SSBN Submarine, S4*:** A nuclear-powered ballistic missile submarine featuring 75% indigenous content and a 3,500-km SLBM (K-4) range.
 - **Note:** INS Arihant and INS Arighaat have been commissioned; the expected commissioning of Aridhman (S4) is in 2025.
- **Cabinet Committee on Security:** Approved the construction of two indigenous nuclear attack submarines (SSN “hunter-killers”) to enhance underwater combat capability.

V. AVIATION & AEROSPACE DEVELOPMENTS

- **GE Aerospace Contract with IAF:** A five-year maintenance contract covering the Apache AH-64E-I helicopter fleet (powered by T700 GE 701D engines).
- **Indigenous Shakti Based Semiconductor Chip:** Developed by IIT Madras & ISRO for aerospace applications.
- **First ‘Make in India’ C295 Transport Aircraft:** Expected to roll out from Vadodara (Gujarat) in September 2026, valued at **₹21,935 crore** for 56 aircraft to replace the Avro-748 fleet.
- **IAF & RSAF Joint Military Training (JMT) Exercise:** The 12th edition held at Kalaikunda Air Force Station, West Bengal to enhance interoperability.

VI. INTERNATIONAL DEFENCE COOPERATION & STRATEGIC DIALOGUES

- **Defence MoUs at Aero India 2025:** India signed defence cooperation MoUs with **Yemen, Zimbabwe, Ethiopia, Gambia, and Gabon** (focusing on military training, capacity building, and institutional engagement).
- **India & Belgium:** Agreed to establish a **Defence Task Force**.
- **Trilateral Air Combat Exercise “Desert Knight”:** Launched by India, France, and the UAE over the Arabian Sea; also supplemented by bilateral exercises – **Exercise Shakti (Army), Varuna (Navy), and Garuda (Air Force)**.

- **India–Nepal Exercise “Surya Kiran”:** Joint military exercise conducted from 31 December 2024 to 13 January 2025.
- **Indian Navy & Oman Navy Exercise “Naseem-Al-Bahr”:** A joint naval drill off the Goa coast with gun firings, anti-aircraft firings, maritime manoeuvres, and RASAPS.
- **Beibu/Interaction – 2024:** Joint naval drills between **Russia and China** in the Sea of Okhotsk.
- **16th BRICS Summit:** Held in Kazan, Russia (22–24 October 2024) under the theme “Strengthening Multilateralism for Just Global Development and Security” and the issuance of the Kazan Declaration.
- **Singapore–India Maritime Bilateral Exercise (SIMBEX):** The 31st edition scheduled from 23–29 October 2024 at Eastern Naval Command, Visakhapatnam.
- **KAZIND-2024:** An India–Kazakhstan joint military exercise held in Auli, Uttarakhand (30 September–13 October 2024) with 120 Indian (KUMAON) and Kazakh forces.
- **Exercise Malabar 2024:** A quad-nations naval exercise hosted by India (8–18 October 2024) involving Australia, Japan, and the US, with additional initiatives like the Quad-at-Sea mission (2025) and MAITRI.
- **Cabinet Committee on Security:** Also approved the construction of indigenous nuclear attack submarines to boost underwater capabilities.

VII. DEFENCE SPACE & CYBER INITIATIVES

- **Antariksha Abhyas – 2024:** A three-day exercise (11–13 November 2024) by the Defence Space Agency simulating threats to space-based assets; involved the Defence Cyber Agency, Defence Intelligence Agency, and Strategic Forces Command (IDS HQ: New Delhi; Chief: General Anil Chauhan).
- **DefConnect 4.0:** Launched by Rajnath Singh as part of iDEX initiatives, including ADITI 2.0 and DISC 12 challenges (total fund of ₹50 crore to incubators).

VIII. CORPORATE, INDUSTRY & INFRASTRUCTURE PARTNERSHIPS

- **HAL Renaming:** The HJT-36 jet trainer was renamed “Yashas” at Aero India 2025.
- **HAL Management Academy & IIT-Dharwad MoU:** For strengthening industry–academia collaboration in advanced technologies.
- **DRDO, IIT Delhi & Industry Agreements:** For ballistic materials (ABHED jackets) and the establishment of the DIA-CoE (Defence Industry-Academia Centre of Excellence).
- **Hindustan Shipyard Ltd (HSL) & Kongsberg Maritime Partnership:** To enhance Indian Navy operational capacity with advanced replenishment-at-sea (RAS) technology; approval for 5 new Fleet Support Ships worth **₹19,000 crore** (delivery by mid-2027).
- **BEL–IAI Joint Venture:** Formation of **BEL IAI AeroSystems Pvt Ltd** for MRSAM support.
- **Tata & Morocco’s Armed Forces Partnership:** For production of 150 wheeled armoured platforms, establishing Morocco’s first large defence plant.
- **Delivery of Asmi SMGs:** Lokesh Machines Ltd delivered 550 Asmi SMGs (developed by ARDE Pune) to the Indian Army’s Northern Command.
- **Multi-Purpose Vessel “Samarthak”:** Built by L&T Shipyard, supports towing, target launching, and autonomous operations.
- **NPOL & GRSE Contract:** A ₹490.98 crore deal to build an acoustic research ship for underwater surveillance.
- **INS Tushil Commissioning:** At Yantar Shipyard, Russia, as part of Project 1135.6.

IX. MISCELLANEOUS & OTHER DEVELOPMENTS

- **INS Talwar in IBSAMAR Exercise:** Participated alongside navies from India, Brazil, and South Africa at Simon’s Town, South Africa.
- **INS Utkarsh Launch:** By L&T, near Chennai (following the launch of the 1st MPV, INS Samarthak).
- **Launch of 25T Bollard Pull Tug “Ashva”:** Launched at Titagarh Rail Systems Ltd, Kolkata by Cmde Ajay Yadav as part of the “Atmanirbhar Bharat” initiative.
- **Indian Coast Guard & Indonesia Coast Guard MoU Renewal:** Extended for 3 years on maritime safety and security cooperation.
- **“Trajan” Artillery Gun System:** A 155 mm towed system developed by L&T and KNDS, chosen for induction by Armenia.
- **Top Defence Export Clients:** In addition to the US and France, **Armenia** is highlighted as the biggest client for finished Indian weapons.
- **INS Nirdeshak (Survey Vessel Large):** Delivered by GRSE for oceanographic data collection and defence applications.

- **Iran Military Showcase:** Displayed capabilities with the **Shahed-136B drone** (4,000 km range) and the **Jihad missile** (1,000 km range).

X. TABLED TOPIC UPDATES (Summary of Additional Key Points)

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- **Cabinet Committee on Security – Indigenous SSN Submarines:** Approved construction of two "hunter-killer" nuclear attack submarines.
- **INS Talwar in IBSAMAR Exercise:** Joint exercise with navies of India, Brazil, and South Africa.
- **Integrated Defence Staff (IDS) 24th Raising Day:** Celebrated on 1 October 2024; Chief: Lt Gen JP Mathew.
- **Singapore-India Maritime Bilateral Exercise (SIMBEX):** 31st edition at Eastern Naval Command, Visakhapatnam (23–29 October 2024).
- **Launch of "Agniastar":** A 2.5-km range, microprocessor-based device launched during the Army Commanders Conference in Gangtok, Sikkim.
- **Maritime Partnership Exercise (MPX):** Joint operation with the German Navy.
- **16th BRICS Summit:** Held in Kazan, Russia (22–24 October 2024) with the theme "Strengthening Multilateralism for Just Global Development and Security."
- **Launch of ASWSWC "Abhay":** The 7th Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft launched by GRSE at L&T, Kattupalli.
- **High-Altitude Sustenance Tech:** DIPAS/PGCIL project for the Pang-Kaithal HVDC project (15,760 ft, Ladakh) for energy security and solar power integration.
- **Beibu/Interaction – 2024:** Russia-China naval drills in the Sea of Okhotsk involving missile and artillery firings.
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