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Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue 2026

- Over a three-day period spanning 03, 04 and 05 Nov 2026, the Indian Navy will conduct the 2026 edition of the '**Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue**' (IPRD-2026), which is its annual apex-level international outreach conference pitched at the strategic level, at the Manekshaw Centre, New Delhi.
- Organised in close association with the National Maritime Foundation (NMF), which is the Navy's knowledge partner and principal organiser of the event, this year's conference will be centred upon the theme 'Science, Technology and Academic Cooperation in the Indo-Pacific'.
- The deliberations will consider practical pathways for joint research, collaborative technology development, responsible governance, appropriate access to scientific data, and stronger institutional partnerships.
- IPRD-2026 will offer an intellectual spectacle of rare delight, with contributions from maritime practitioners, scientists, academicians, policymakers and experts from 18 countries across the Indo-Pacific.



Conclusion of Indra 2026

- Indian Naval Ship Sahyadri departed Vladivostok, Russian Federation, on 20 Oct 2026, following the successful conclusion of the bilateral naval exercise INDRA 2026, conducted between the Indian Navy and the Russian Federation Navy.
- The exercise comprised two phases: Harbour and Sea. The Harbour Phase featured key leaders' interactions, cross-deck visits, Subject Matter Expert Exchanges, operational synchronisation activities, sports fixtures and cultural exchanges.
- These engagements facilitated professional interaction and the exchange of views and operational practices between personnel of the two navies.
- The subsequent Sea Phase involved coordinated manoeuvring, integrated communications, helicopter operations and medical evacuation drills. These activities enabled participating units to practise coordinated procedures at sea, enhance communication and strengthen operational coordination and interoperability.



ITBP Raising Day

- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi today extended his greetings to all personnel of the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) on their Raising Day.
- The Indo-Tibetan Border Police is a central armed police force in India, under the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India. It is responsible for guarding

India's border with Tibet Autonomous Region of China. It was formed in the aftermath of the **Sino-Indian War of 1962**.

- ITBP was established **24 October 1962**, following the Sino-Indian War. It was raised under the CRPF Act primarily to create a resistance force from among the civilian population against foreign encroachments and infiltration.
- The ITBP is divided into 2 commands which are headed by an Additional Director General of Police and 5 frontiers each headed by an Inspector General of Police (IG). These frontiers are further divided into 15 sectors each headed by a Deputy Inspector General (DIG).
- It has 64 battalions (60 regular and 4 specialist), 17 training centres and 7 logistics establishments above 64 battalions include 2 rescue battalions which are deputed to the National Disaster Response Force.



Indian Army Gets First Batch of Nagastra-2

- The army has received its first batch of indigenous anti-armour loitering munitions that are capable of operating in highly jammed and contested environments. The batch of Nagastra-2 loitering munitions have been ordered to meet immediate requirements of the army.
- Learning from the conditions faced during Operation Sindoor, the army has ordered munitions that are capable of operating in GPS-denied environments, with an onboard vision-based guidance system that can track and hit moving targets.

- The Nagastra-2 Loiter Munition successfully completed technical trials at the Mahajan Field Firing Range (MFFR) in August, validating the system's readiness for deployment.
- "The advanced configuration provides the Indian Army with a highly capable indigenous loitering munition designed for modern electronic warfare scenarios.
- Combining EW resilience, long-range precision engagement and potent anti-armour capability, Nagastra-2 represents a significant enhancement to India's battlefield strike capabilities," manufacturer Solar Defence and Aerospace said.
- The systems are equipped with an indigenously developed 4 kg tandem anti-tank warhead capable of defeating Explosive Reactive Armour (ERA) and penetrating up to 650 mm of Rolled Homogeneous Armour (RHA).
- With an operational range of over 25 km and a dual-sensor day-and-night electro-optical payload, Nagastra-2 can detect, track and engage a wide variety of targets, including armoured vehicles.



Nagastra-2

INDIA'S INDIGENOUS ANTI-TANK LOITERING MUNITION



50 km
Fire-and-forget range



25 km
Recover-and-reuse range



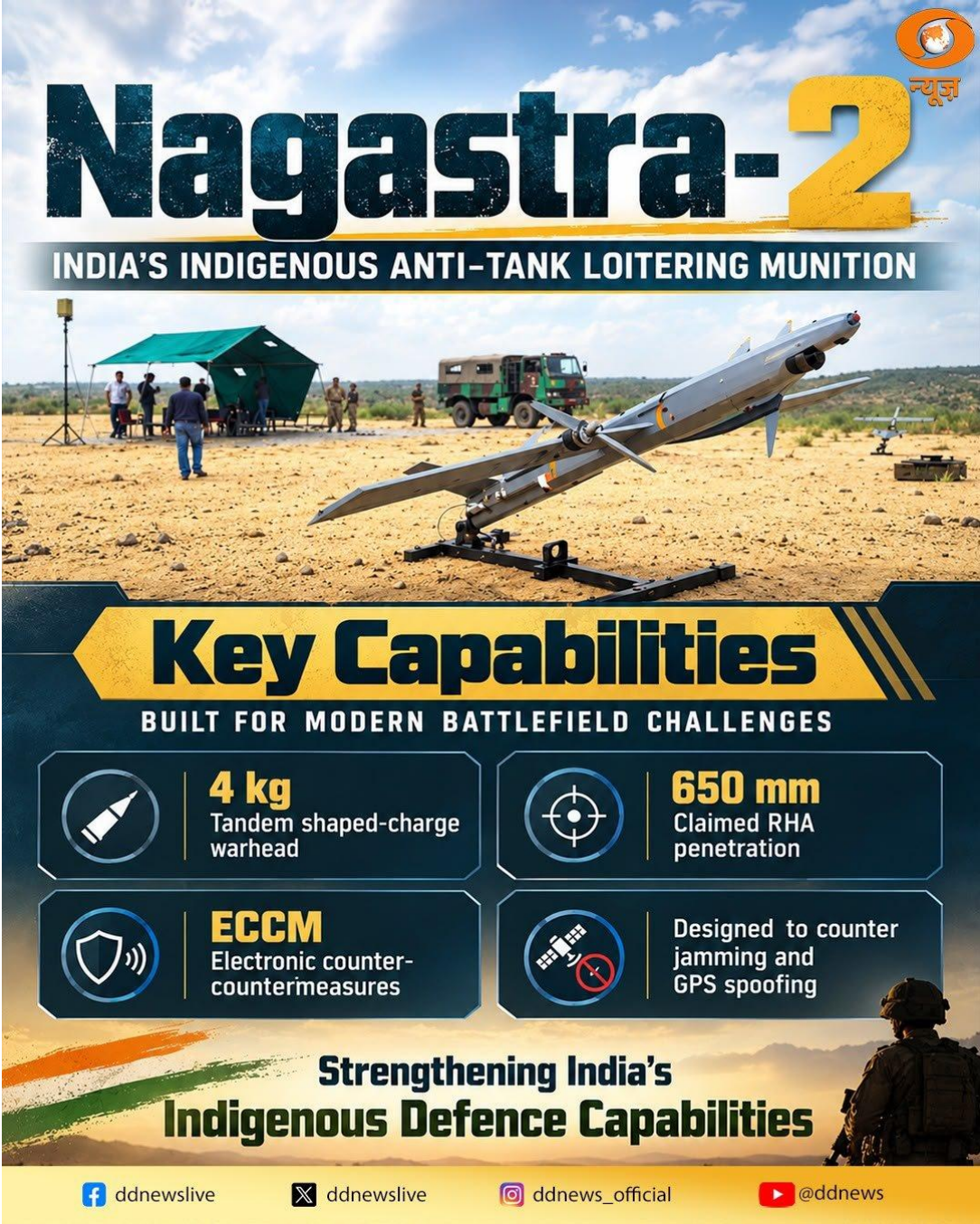
60 minutes
Maximum endurance



Day-and-night
surveillance



Developed by Solar Defence & Aerospace Ltd, Nagpur



Nagastra-2 न्यूज़

INDIA'S INDIGENOUS ANTI-TANK LOITERING MUNITION

Key Capabilities
BUILT FOR MODERN BATTLEFIELD CHALLENGES

	4 kg Tandem shaped-charge warhead		650 mm Claimed RHA penetration
	ECCM Electronic counter-countermeasures		Designed to counter jamming and GPS spoofing

Strengthening India's Indigenous Defence Capabilities

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Ukraine Joins NATO's NSPA Partnership

- Ukraine has joined the NATO Support and Procurement Agency's (NSPA) Security Cooperation Support Partnership (SCSP), enabling Ukrainian defence companies to participate in NATO contracts and contribute to shaping the country's defence and industrial requirements, according to a NATO press release.

- NATO announced the development on Friday, stating that Ukraine's participation in the partnership would allow its defence industry to access procurement opportunities and benefit from the NSPA's expertise, knowledge and capabilities.
- The move is aimed at strengthening Ukraine's defence industrial base while facilitating closer cooperation between Ukrainian companies and NATO Allies amid the ongoing Russia-Ukraine conflict.
- To mark the new partnership, the NSPA organised a dedicated Ukraine Industry Day in Kyiv on October 14, bringing together approximately 150 Ukrainian companies, the press release stated.
- The event was the first of its kind organised by a NATO body since Russia launched its full-scale invasion of Ukraine in February 2022. It provided a platform for companies across Ukraine's defence industrial base to discuss emerging procurement trends, explore opportunities and establish partnerships.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. What was the theme of the Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue (IPRD) 2026?

- A. Maritime Security and Regional Stability
- B. Science, Technology and Academic Cooperation in the Indo-Pacific
- C. Indo-Pacific Economic Integration
- D. Blue Economy and Sustainable Development

Answer: B. Science, Technology and Academic Cooperation in the Indo-Pacific

2. Where was the Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue (IPRD) 2026 scheduled to be held?

- A. Mumbai
- B. Kochi
- C. New Delhi
- D. Visakhapatnam

Answer: C. New Delhi

3. INS Sahyadri departed from which Russian city after the conclusion of INDRA 2026?

- A. Moscow
- B. St. Petersburg
- C. Vladivostok
- D. Novosibirsk

Answer: C. Vladivostok

4. On which date was the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) established?

- A. 15 August 1947
- B. 26 January 1950
- C. 24 October 1962
- D. 9 April 1965

Answer: C. 24 October 1962

5. The Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) functions under which ministry?

- A. Ministry of Defence
- B. Ministry of Home Affairs
- C. Ministry of External Affairs
- D. Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions

Answer: B. Ministry of Home Affairs

6. Which company is associated with the development of the Nagastra-2 loitering munition?

- A. Hindustan Aeronautics Limited
- B. Bharat Dynamics Limited
- C. Solar Defence and Aerospace
- D. Bharat Electronics Limited

Answer: C. Solar Defence and Aerospace

7. What is the reported maximum range of the Nagastra-2 loitering munition?

- A. 10 km
- B. 15 km
- C. More than 25 km
- D. 100 km

Answer: C. More than 25 km

8. What is the primary significance of Ukraine joining NATO's NSPA Security Cooperation Support Partnership (SCSP)?

- A. Ukraine became a full NATO member.
- B. Ukrainian defence companies gained access to NATO procurement opportunities.
- C. Ukraine received permanent membership of the UN Security Council.
- D. Ukraine joined the European Union's single currency system.

Answer: B. Ukrainian defence companies gained access to NATO procurement opportunities.

9. What does NSPA stand for in the context of NATO?

- A. NATO Security and Protection Alliance
- B. National Security Procurement Agency
- C. NATO Support and Procurement Agency
- D. North Atlantic Strategic Partnership Association

Answer: C. NATO Support and Procurement Agency

10. NAVIC Stands For

- A. India Regional Navigation Satellite System
- B. Indian Regional Navigator Satellite System
- C. Indian Regional Navigation Satellite Source
- D. Indian Regional Navigation Satellite System

ANSWER: D

11. Major Rank Of the Indian Army Is Equivalent To Which Rank Of The Indian Navy?

- A. Captain
- B. Inspector
- C. Lt Commander
- D. Vice-admiral

ANSWER: C

12. Training Command of IAF is located at

- A. New Delhi
- B. Bangalore
- C. Gurugram
- D. Lucknow

ANSWER: B

13. Captain Of Indian Army Is Equivalent To Rank Of IAF Is

- A. Wing Commander
- B. Squadron Leader
- C. Flight Lt.
- D. Air Chief Marshal

ANSWER: C

14. Colonel Rank Of Indian Army Is Equivalent To Rank Of Indian Navy Is

- A. Commander
- B. Captain
- C. Group Captain
- D. Lieutenant

ANSWER: B

15. Warsaw Is The Capital Of

- A. Oman
- B. Germany
- C. Ukraine
- D. Poland

ANSWER: D

16. "Indian Fiscal Federalism" Book Is Written By

- A. Dr. Bibek Debroy
- B. Dr. Krishna Saksena
- C. Dr. Y.V. Reddy
- D. Jairam Ramesh

ANSWER: C

17. Tangail Airdrop Was Done At Which War

- A. 1948
- B. 1962

C. 1965

D. 1971

ANSWER: D

18. War Cry of NAGA REGIMENT

A. Bharat Mata ki Jai

B. Ki ki so so Lhargyalo

C. Jai Durga Naga

D. Durga Mata Ki Jai

ANSWER: C

19. Sankalp-class OPV Designed And Built By

A. Goa Shipyard Limited

B. GRSE

C. MDL

D. CSL

ANSWER: A

20. Mitra Shakti Ex Held B/w India &

A. Sri Lanka

B. USA

C. UK

D. Nepal

ANSWER: A