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YEAR OF NETWORKING AND DATA CENTRICITY 2026 - 27



INDIAN ARMY DECADE OF TRANSFORMATION : 2023 - 2032

Timelines

2023

2024 - 2025

2026 - 2032

III Stages

Unity of Effort

Whole of Government Approach

Structured Collaboration

Ministries, National Agencies, Academia, Industry and Citizens

Jointness & Integration

Force Restructuring

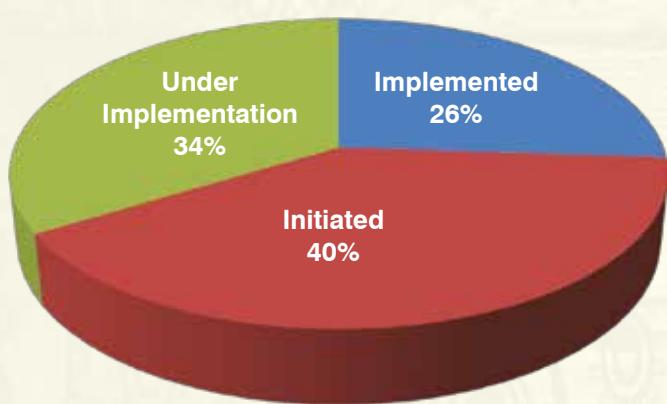
Modernisation & Technology Infusion

Systems, Processes & Functions

Human Resource Management

Five Pillars for transformation

Action Plan : 465 Initiatives



2026 - 27
Years of Networking and Data Centricity

Timelines of Stage - 1

2024 - 25
Years of Technological Absorption

2023
Year of Transformation

NETWORKING AND DATA CENTRICITY



Aim of Networking and Data Centricity

Transform the IA into data-driven, network enabled and fully integrated army with its stakeholders

Guiding Principles



Construct of Transformation Framework

Lines of Effort for three interdependent essentials



Networks



Data



Institutional Workforce Networking

- Integration of Platforms, Systems and Sensors
- Network Modernisation & Resilience
- AI-Enabled Network Management & Cyber Defence

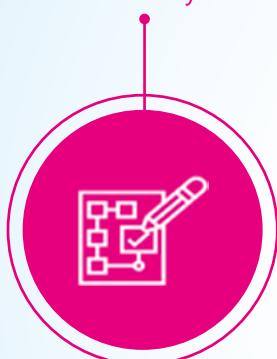
- Data Architecture & Standardisation
- Data Governance, Classification & Security
- Data Fusion & Integration
- Data Exploitation & AI-Driven Analytics

- Internal Networking
- Joint & Inter-services Networking
- National Networking & Military-Civil Fusion
- Military Diplomacy & International Networking
- Training & Leadership Development

Full Potential of Networking and Data Centricity

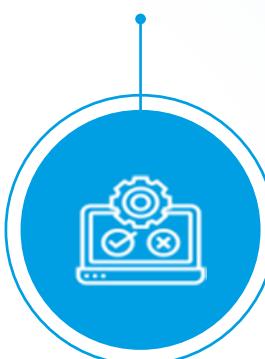
Doctrines

To provide shared vision, common parameters and guiding principles for Networking and Data Centricity



Campaign Planning

This shall link strategy to manifestation. Shall provide a structured approach to achieve objectives, sequence actions in time & space as well as optimise resources



Policies

To translate intent into enforceable direction towards accomplishing full potential. It shall provide clarity, consistency and accountability, guide decision-making within defined boundaries of Networking and Data Centricity



Execution of Operations

Translate plans into action and intent into outcomes. It will apply leadership, coordination and resources in real conditions



Integration Beyond Borders

One Force – One Future – One Family



The End State



Foundation



Connection



Integration



The Advantage



Standardisation



Secure Connectivity

*Command, Control,
Communication,
Computers, Cyber,
Intelligence,
Surveillance and
Reconnaissance Fusion*

Decision
Superiority



INITIATIVES : TECH ABSORPTION



Shri Rajnath Singh, Hon'ble Raksha Mantri, released 'Digitalisation 3.0 - From Boots to Bytes and Towards AI Readiness. The publication highlights 100 fielded applications, reaffirming the Army's commitment to future digital readiness along with an AI Handbook for Military Leaders.



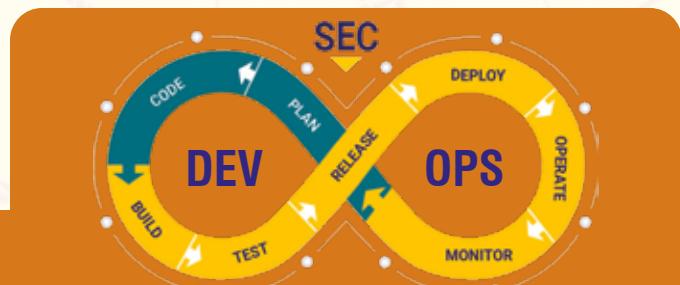
PRAKSHEPAN is a cutting edge Military Climatology Application powered by scientific & technical collaboration from several ministries and Indian National agencies including IMD, NCMRWF, CWC, NE SAC, GSI and DGRE. It has three prediction modules - Landslide Prediction, Flood Prediction and Avalanche Prediction.



EKAM delivers secure, intelligent and scalable digital capabilities across operational and administrative domains integrating multiple AI models and applications under a unified framework.



ANUMAAN eNgage application provides real time acquisition of enemy targets and transfer of Geo Ref target data alongwith photos and videos to Surveillance Control Centre onward engagement.



Indian Army's Software Development Agency has been conferred with CMMI Maturity Level 3 (ML3) accreditation, demonstrating its commitment to quality, process standardization and continuous improvement.

IA has also implemented DevSecOps which is a transformative approach that integrates security into Software Developed Lifecycle (SDLC) with an aim to accelerate the development lifecycle and optimize resource allocation.



CHIEF'S PAGE



Mr Daniel P Driscoll, US Secretary of the Army, COAS. The discussions focused on strengthening bilateral Defence Cooperation, deepening military-to-military engagement and reinforcing the shared commitment of both armies to global peace and security.



COAS addressed officers of the UAE National Defence College (NDC) during his visit to UAE from 05 to 06 Jan 26. He highlighted the evolving global security landscape & the changing character of modern conflicts, underscoring the impetus to technology in modern warfare.



COAS visited Base Hospital, Delhi Cantt on New Year 2026, interacting with patients, appreciating their resilience and commending medical staff for dedicated, compassionate and professional care to serving personnel, veterans and their families.



COAS reviewed the Guard of Honour at the Sri Lanka Army Headquarters, Colombo during his visit to Sri- Lanka from 07 to 08 Jan 26. He interacted with Lieutenant General BKGM Lasantha Rodrigo, Commander of the Sri Lanka Army.



COAS visited the National Cadet Corps (NCC) Republic Day Camp 2026 at New Delhi on 14 Jan 2026 and reviewed the 'Guard of Honour presented by the impeccably turned-out NCC cadets of the Army, Navy and Air Force wings.



Subedar Major Durgesh Singh was appointed Army Subedar Major, the second to hold the post on 01 Jan 2026, strengthening the link between leadership and troops.



Two Man Tactical Aerial Vehicle (iDEX)
Dual Use - Air Ambulance, Air Taxi, Eco – Tourism & Hospitality



500 MW Cryocooler
Dual Use-Space Telescope, Medical System, Super conducting power grid, Quantum computing



Captured Turkish-Pakistani YIHA-III kamikaze UAV

VIJAY DIWAS CELEBRATIONS

Aim
To commemorate the decisive victory in the 1971 Indo – Pak War and showcase indigenously developed dual use Technology of Civil Military value

Theme
Indian Army Capability Development through Indigenisation

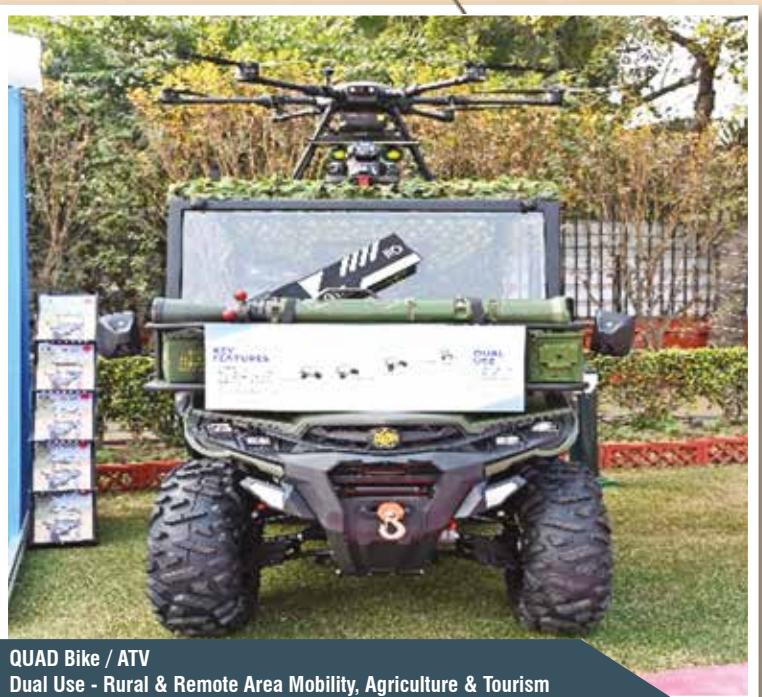
Concept
Summation of the year of Technology Absorbtion (2024-25)
Aligning with overall vision of JAI (Jointness, Atmanirbharta, Innovation)



LEO/MEO Satellite Backhaul Connectivity - SAMBHAV
Dual Use – Government Department, Law enforcement agencies, Rural Connectivity, Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief.



Fire Fighting Bot (iDEX)
Dual Use - Industrial Complex Airport Infra, Maritime infra security & Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief.



QUAD Bike / ATV
Dual Use - Rural & Remote Area Mobility, Agriculture & Tourism

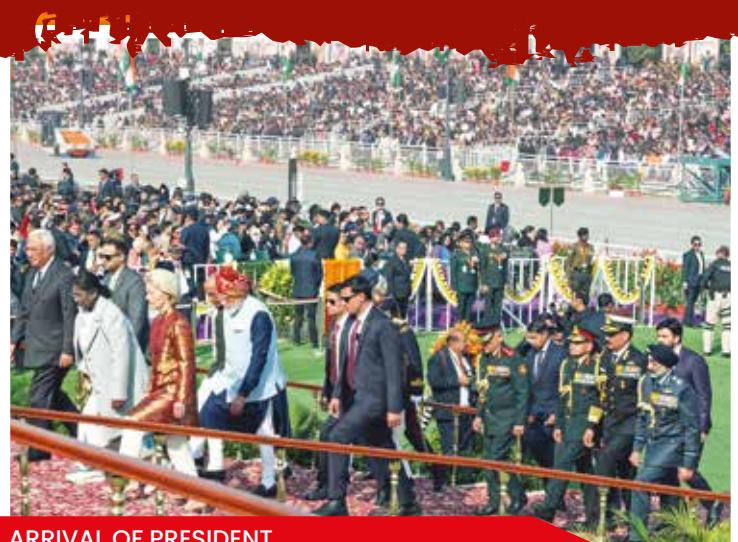


Empowering Women through Drone Technology

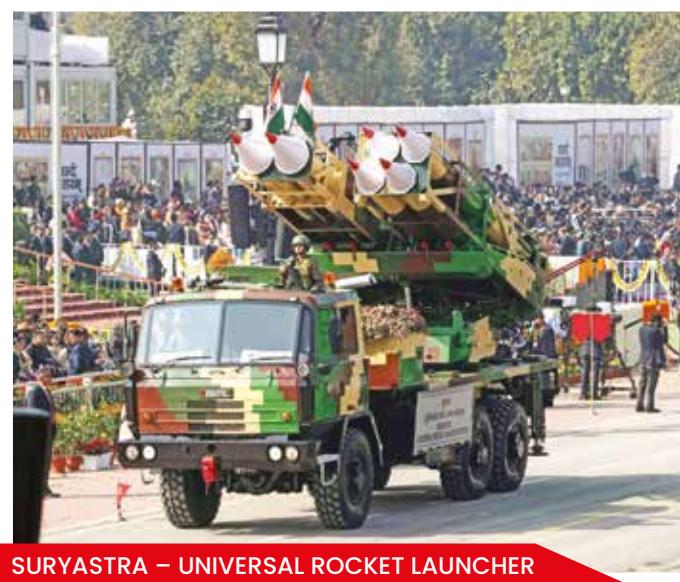
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MIXED SCOUTS MARCHING CONTINGENT



ARRIVAL OF PRESIDENT



SURYASTRA – UNIVERSAL ROCKET LAUNCHER



SHOWERING OF FLOWER PETALS ALONG KARTAVYA PATH

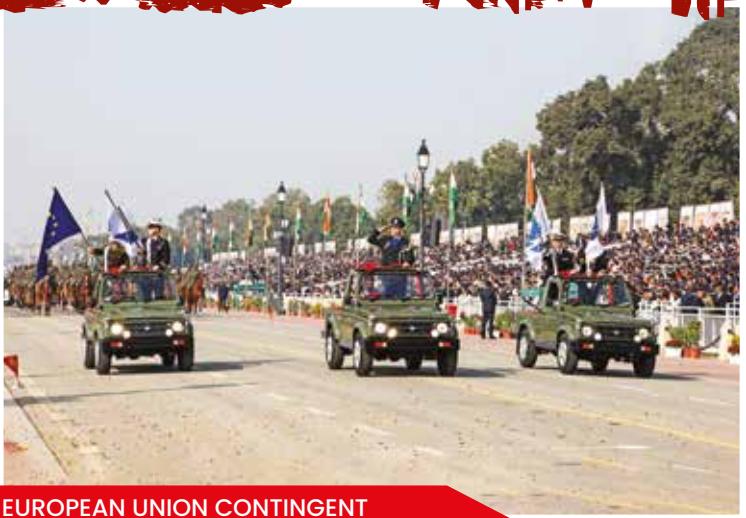


ROBOTIC DOGS AND UNMANNED GROUND VEHICLE (UGV)



AKASH (SURFACE TO AIR MISSILE) LAUNCHER

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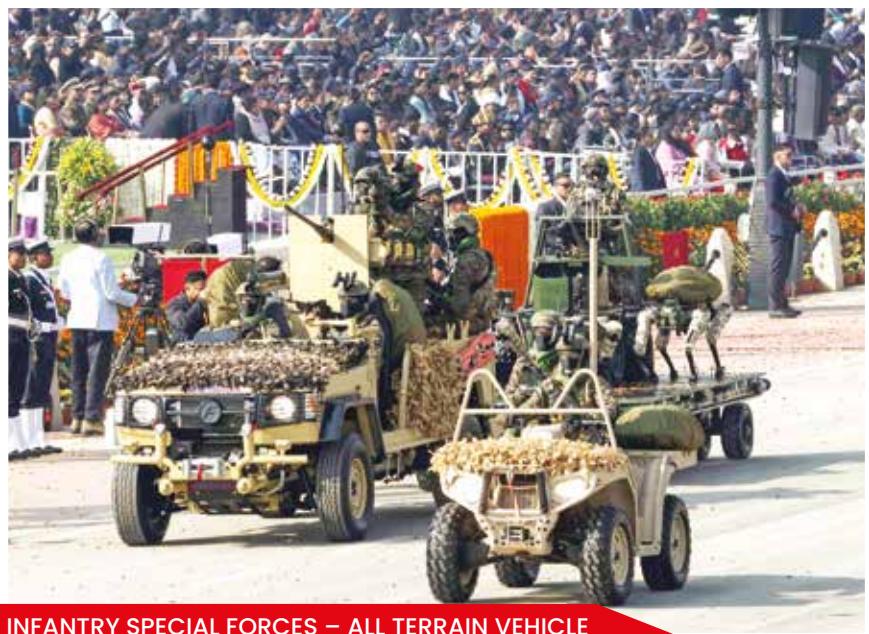
EUROPEAN UNION CONTINGENT



SARATH - BMP-II INFANTRY COMBAT VEHICLE (ICV)



BRAHMOS- SUPERSONIC CRUISE MISSILE
WEAPON SYSTEM



INFANTRY SPECIAL FORCES – ALL TERRAIN VEHICLE

SNIPPETS



Tiger Division extended warm greetings to Subedar Major & Honorary Captain Bana Singh, Param Vir Chakra, on his 77th birthday honouring his indomitable courage and supreme valour displayed during Operation MEGHDOOT at Siachen in 1987 on 06 Jan 2026.



Indian Army shooters delivered a sterling performance, winning 11 Gold, 6 Silver and 8 Bronze medals across all events of 68th National Shooting Championship 2025 at Delhi & Bhopal from 10 Dec 25 to 04 Jan 2026.



A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between Indian Army and Ministry of MSME on 23 Jan 2026. This MoU aims to promote cooperation between Indian Army's Base Workshops and the Corps Zone Workshops with the 33 Technology Centres functioning under the Ministry of MSME.



Ahead of 78th Army Day, Chief of Defence Staff General Anil Chauhan, accompanied by the three Service Chiefs, paid a solemn tribute to fallen heroes at the National War Memorial, reaffirming the nation's enduring gratitude to its brave soldiers.



Indian Army Ice Hockey Team achieve outstanding victory in the finals of the Khelo India Ice Hockey Championship 2026 at NDS Stadium, Leh on 26 Jan 2026.



Indian Army and HDFC Bank renewed their MoU for providing banking services & Personal Accidental Insurance (PAI) compensation in case of accidental death or disability for serving and retired personnel of Indian Army. The MoU provides enhanced PAI cover of ₹1 Cr for all Serving Personnel including Agniveers and Pensioners.

SNIPPETS



Lieutenant General Pushpendra Singh, VCOAS visited Larsen & Toubro and Bharat Forge defence facilities at Pune on 02 Jan 26 and highlighted the role of indigenous technologies in strengthening combat readiness under *Aatma Nirbhar Bharat*.



Officers of INS HAMLA, including 16 officers from Friendly Foreign Countries (FFC), visited ASC Centre & College ASCC & C, Bengaluru, for a two-day orientation on 16 & 17 Jan 2026.



The High Altitude Warfare School (HAWS) of Indian Army, successfully concluded an intensive two week Tailor Made Course for members of the Kyrgyzstan Armed Forces, conducted in extreme high altitude terrain and harsh weather conditions. The training focused on military skiing, casualty evacuation, avalanche rescue and recovery drills and the management of high-altitude sickness.



HQ Chief Engineer Shillong Zone, under the aegis of HQ 101 Area & HQ Chief Engineer Eastern Command, conducted a two day technical seminar on 'Energy Audit & Optimization Strategies' on 16 & 17 Jan 2026.



As part of the 10th Veterans Day celebrations across the nation, Northern Command organised the Dhruba Motorcycle Rally from 05 Jan to 13 Jan 2026, flagged off from Udhampur.



Military Engineering Service (MES) engineers delivered a world-class airfield at Leh Air Force Station, constructing a runway in a record 21 months under extreme cold conditions in rugged high altitude. This enhances strategic readiness, supports regional development and exemplifies exceptional synergy between the MES, the Indian Air Force and the Union Territory of Ladakh.

SNIPPETS



Eastern Command conducted a Joint Conference on 23 Jan 2026 at Vijay Durg, Kolkata, attended by officers from Indian Army, Indian Navy, Indian Air Force, CAPFs and Subject Matter Experts.



Dot On Target Division of South Western Command carried out Air Defence Missile Firing at Mahajan Field Firing Ranges on 30 Jan 2026, showcasing precision, high operational readiness and unwavering commitment to national security.



Exercise SANJHA SHAKTI at Dighi Hills Range was conducted on 12 Jan 2026 under Southern Command to enhance Military-Civil coordination focusing on disaster response, public safety and interoperability among armed forces and civilian agencies.



Exercise AIRAWAT VAYU KAVACH, an Integrated Annual Air Defence Firing Exercise by Kharga Corps was conducted at Mahajan Field Firing Range on 24 Jan 2026.



Two-week joint training capsule between the Indian Army and CISF culminated at Pune on 31 Jan 2026 under the aegis of Southern Command with the conduct of Exercise EKTA SHAKTI, reinforcing seamless Military Civil Fusion for contemporary security challenges.



CIJW School, Vairengte conducted a Joint Counter-Drone Capsule on 24 Jan 26, attended by CRPF and Mizoram Police personnel, focusing on strengthening joint preparedness, coordinated planning and response mechanisms to counter emerging drone based threats.

BATTLE OF GADRA CITY

DECEMBER 1971

Battle of Gadra City fought on the night of 4/5 December 1971 was one of the important battles in the Western Theatre. Gadra City was an important location in Barmer Sector to pose threat to Hyderabad along the Barmer-Gadra-Naya Chor Axis. On 03 December 1971, 15 KUMAON (INDORE) was tasked to capture Gadra City as part of 11 Infantry Division offensive.

At 2000 hrs on 03 December 1971, as the Battalion moved towards assembly area, enemy subjected the unit to air strafing to delay the attack. The Battalion crossed the International Border at 1800hrs on 04 December 1971. In Phase 1 of the Operation, D Company under Major Sunhara Singh, launched attack on Eastern portion of the enemy defence line to capture the given objective. However, an MMG bunker of enemy halted the Company attack and brought heavy fire on the assaulting troops. Lance Naik Durga Dutt (part of assaulting column) crawled forward to deal with the MMG and threw a hand-grenade which destroyed the bunker. Then, while moving to the second bunker, he was hit by a burst from an automatic weapon. The brave NCO continued to move forward and silenced the second bunker also. He later succumbed to his injuries.

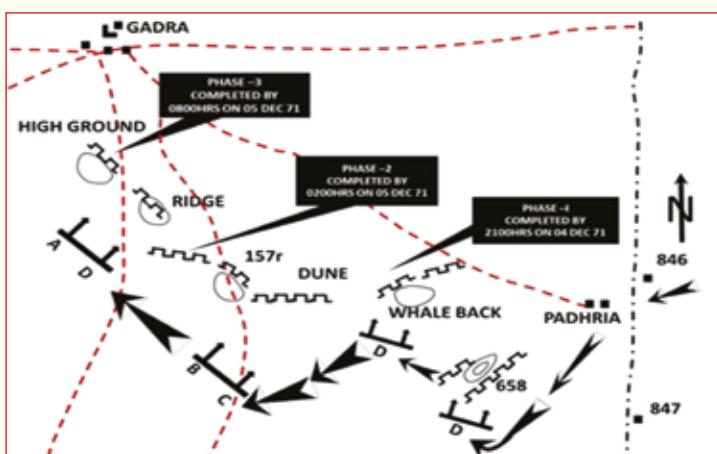
In the final phase of the battle of Gadra city, the enemy's main defences South of the town were to be tackled by A and D Companies. The move to the FUP took place under heavy shelling and when the men rose for the assault, they encountered heavy firing



by enemy medium & light machine guns. A quick dash was the only answer; it reduced casualties. 'A' Company reserve platoon was, however, caught under effective enemy fire and suffered heavy casualties. Going across dune after dune, the men pushed on, destroying the pill-boxes in their path. There was a good deal of hand to hand fighting. The battle lasted well over two hours. During the final stage of battle, there was a lull in the firing but no signal communication could be established with the assaulting companies. Then came the cheering sight of three green lights streaking towards the morning sky, which confirmed the victory and capture of Gadra City.

The battalion was then tasked to exploit towards Dali, believed to be held with two companies supported by tanks and artillery. The assault was launched at 0100hrs on 07 December 1971. Since the enemy had no will to fight, it withdrew after losing 15 men. Bagal, the next objective, was also vacated by the enemy and it seemed he was de-motivated and withdrawing to Naya Chor. Large quantities of arms and ammunition were captured at Dali & Bagal by the Battalion.

Successful outcome of the battle was due to the effective plan and calculated risks taken by the CO, out-flanking manoeuvres and striking the enemy from the rear which outwitted & surprised the enemy. The junior leadership was exemplary and officers & JCOs led their men from the front. For this gallant act, the battalion was awarded 02 x Veer Chakra, 04 x Sena Medal and 03 x Mention-in-Despatches and honoured with the Battle Honour of 'GADRA CITY' and Theatre Honour 'SIND'.



COMMUNIQUE

NCERT BOOKS THROUGH FPO

MoU with NCERT for Delivery of Books to Forward/ Remote Areas for Children of Service Personnel

As part of continuing efforts to provide NCERT books to wards of service personnel in remote Military Stations, a total of 52 Military Stations have been identified in Phase -I. Further expansion of the facility to include 40 additional stations by March 2026 is being undertaken. In the 52 Stations covered so far, a total of 1,07,814 books have been made available till date for further sale to children of service personnel.

All defence personnel can procure NCERT books at reduced prices from their nearest FPOs. Currently, this facility is available in 52 military stations across the country as follows :-

Akhnoor	Bhuj	Jaisalmer	Mamum	Pune
Allahabad	Binnaguri	Jamnagar	Mantripukhri	Ranchi
Along	Chandigarh	Jodhpur	Mathura	Sriganganagar
Alwar	Clement Town	Jorhat	Mhow	Tawang
Amritsar	Dal housie	Kalimpong	Miran Sahib	Tenga
Babina	Dimapur	Kamptee	Nagrota	Tezpur
Bareilly	Dinjan	Kohima	Narangi	Udhampur
BB Cantt	Faridkot	Kota	New Delhi	Wellington
BD Bari	Fazilka	Lal Garh Jattan	Srinagar	
Beas	Gangtok	Lansdowne	Pathankot	
Bengdubi	Gwalior	Lucknow	Pithoragarh	

This facility is being extended to following stations in Phase 2 :-

Abhohar	Chatrapathi Shambhaji Nagar	Hisar	Missamari	Silchar
Ahmednagar	Danapur	Hyderabad	Naliya	Singarsi
Aizwal	Dhar Road	Jhansi	Nasirabad	Sukna
Banbasa	Dharangadhara	Joshimath	Palampur	Trivandrum
Banglore	Dharmashala	Kanpur	Rajouri	Tuensang
Barmer	Ferozpur	Leh	Sagar	Ukhrul
Bhopal	Gaya	Leimakhong	Samba	Yol
Chabua	Hasimara	Lohitpur	Sevoke Road	

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