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78TH ARMY DAY JAIPUR



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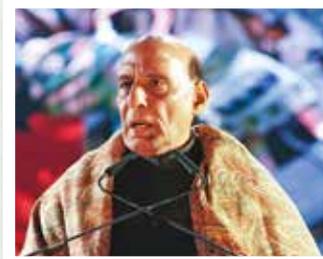
Legacy of the Army Day Parade

- Commemorates 15 January 1949, marking landmark event in the Nations Military History
- On this Day, Field Marshal KM Cariappa became the first Indian Commander-in- Chief of the Indian Army
- Reflects India's defence vision, professionalism, technology and national unity
- Showcases modernisation, operational readiness and humanitarian ethos
- Chronicles evolving legacy of wars, UN missions, counter-terrorism and deterrence



Prime Minister's Vision

- Prime Minister's vision of decentralisation and wider public engagement
- Expand Army Day Parade beyond Delhi, strengthening national connect
- Since 2023, hosted in Bengaluru, Lucknow, Pune; in 2026 at Jaipur, land of Ranbankuras



Address of Hon'ble Raksha Mantri

- Army Day honours supreme sacrifice, courage and service of soldiers
- Pays tribute to Rajasthan's timeless martial legacy and military traditions
- Celebrates soldiers' enduring contribution to national security
- Highlighted Operation SINDOOR as courage with restraint against terrorism



Address of Hon'ble Governor of Rajasthan

- Army Day Parade showcases outstanding displays boosting national pride
- Reflects Army's decisive victories in wars and Operation SINDOOR
- Honoured supreme sacrifice against ongoing threats
- Reinforced respect for soldiers, veterans and women warriors



Address of Hon'ble Chief Minister of Rajasthan

- Army Day Parade in Rajasthan honours its martial legacy and border ethos
- Transformed parade into a people's festival through statewide outreach
- Connected masses via multiple events; over 15 lakh attended physically and crores connected online

*Honouring a proud legacy, embracing transformation and standing ever ready—
the Indian Army continues to serve the nation with courage, professionalism and unwavering resolve.*

ARMY DAY PARADE 2026

FOR THE FIRST IN TIME AT JAIPUR

Celebrating Tradition • Showcasing Transformation

Fourth consecutive year the parade was held outside Delhi and first time outside a cantonment area – on Mahal Road

Theme highlighted transformation, technology, Operation SINDOOR and veterans in Nation Building

FIRST-EVER HIGHLIGHTS ARMY DAY PARADE 2026

Debuted Bhairav Battalions showcasing evolving hybrid warfare and India's growing capabilities

State of art indigenous systems featured showcasing Atmanirbharta and Military Modernisation



Mahal Road, Jaipur

- Blended heritage with modernity
- Strategic venue enabled over
- 15 lakh citizens to witness the parade
- Reinforced Army Day Parade's legacy of public outreach and national connect



Bhawani Niketan Campus

- 'Know Your Army' Exhibition strengthened Army-citizen connect in Jaipur
- Showcased modernisation through static and dynamic military displays
- Highlighted innovative equipment use and joint air-land combat capabilities



Sawai Mansingh Stadium

- Shaurya Sandhya at Jaipur celebrated valour, tradition and operational excellence
- Over 75,000 citizens witnessed patriotic displays across three evenings
- Showcased indigenous martial arts, reflecting Army's cultural and combat heritage

Venue

"Army Day Parade 2026 stands as a powerful testament to the harmony between legacy and transformation."

Strong Foundation Precursor



03 December 25

Sapta Shakti Blood Donation Drive

Marked the beginning of Army Day 2026 celebrations at Military Hospital Jaipur. Held under the theme “Donate Blood, Salute the Nation”, it saw 572 defence personnel and civilians participate.

07 December 25

Honour Run 2025

Jaipur’s Albert Hall Museum became the vibrant venue for the “Honour Run – Ek Daud Veeron Ke Naam,” where over 2,500 participants ran 21km, 10km and 5km to honour the bravehearts. Flagged off by the Hon’ble Chief Minister of Rajasthan, the event witnessed soldiers, families, children and citizens celebrating resilience and national pride.



09-16 December 25

South Western Command Cycle Rally

Covering 800 km from the Asafwala War Memorial to Jaipur Military Station, the rally crossed two states and six districts. With the message “Seema Vaasiyon ka Samarthan, Sena ka Sanrakshan,” it honoured heroes of Operation SINDOOR and strengthened the bond between the Indian Army and border communities.

19 December 25

ADP 2026 - Curtain Raiser

The countdown to ADP 2026 began at JECRC University, unveiling a ‘Tech-Driven, Future-Ready’ vision for the parade. Graced by the Hon’ble Chief Minister of Rajasthan, the event highlighted ‘Bhartiya Sena : Shaurya aur Balidan ki Parampara’, showcasing the Indian Army’s legacy and inspiring youth to contribute to nation building.



05-06 January 26

Mega Medical Camp for Veterans

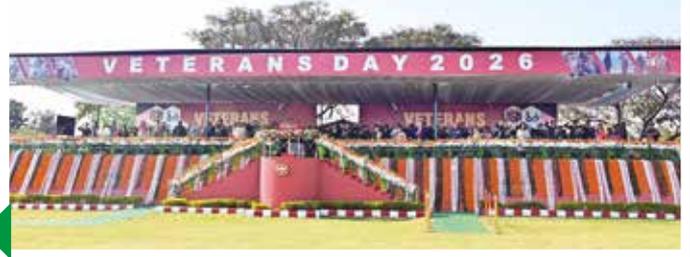
Prioritising “Veterans First, Health Always”, a specialised medical camp at Military Hospital Jaipur focused on Bone & Joint Wellness and Comprehensive Cardiac Care. It offered orthopaedic consultations, on-spot diagnostics and physiotherapy, providing holistic, dignified healthcare support to the veteran community.

CELEBRATING VETERANS DAY

Honoring a legacy of valor, the *Armed Forces Veterans Day Lunch* unfolded on January 14, 2026—a poignant prelude to the grandeur of the Army Day Parade. This majestic gathering united nearly 1,800 veterans, including distinguished representatives from the Navy and Air Force, alongside 30 Veer Naris whose presence added a layer of profound grace. The afternoon was further illuminated by the COAS and five former Chiefs, coming together to celebrate a lifetime of selfless service.

VENUE & THEME

The sprawling, emerald expanse of the Polo Grounds was transformed into a majestic tableau of national pride



THE PREAMBLE

Release of SAMMAN, VAYU SAMVEDNA & SAGAR SAMVAAD magazine ; Dedicated to those who served



AWWA leadership honors our Veer Naris, reaffirming the Indian Army's sacred bond with our eternal family



Every veteran was once a soldier and their enduring bond reflects a shared national duty. Veterans embody patriotism and integrity, contributing even after service. The Indian Army recognises their contribution through endeavours like the Veteran Achievers Award established in Oct 2024 wherein over 159 veterans have been felicitated.

BOUQUET



Blood Donation Camp



Honour Run 2025



Cycle Rally



Mega Medical Camp



Veterans Day Launch



Army Investiture Ceremony

RUNUP TO

WED
03/12/25

SUN
07/12/25

TUE -WED
9-16/12/25

FRI
19/12/25

MON-TUE
05-06/1/26

THU-MON
08-12/1/26

WED
14/1/26

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OF EVENTS

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Blood Donation Camp
Military Hospital, Jaipur

Honour Run 2025
Albert Hall Museum, Jaipur

Cycle Rally
Asafwala War Memorial

Curtain Raiser
JECRC University, Jaipur

Mega Medical Camp
Jaipur Military Hospital, Jaipur

Know your Army Exhibition
Bhawani Niketan Campus, Jaipur

Veterans Day Launch
Polo Ground, Jaipur Military Station

Army Investiture Ceremony
Sapta Shakti Auditorium, Jaipur
Military Starion

Wreath Laying
Prerna Sthal, Jaipur Military Station

Army Day Parade
Mahal Road, Jaipur

Shaurya Sandhya
Sawai Mansingh Stadium



Wreath Laying



Know Your Army Exhibition



Army Day Parade



Army Day Parade



Army Investiture Ceremony



Shaurya Sandhya

ARMY DAY PARADE : SHAURYA

COAS reviewed the parade and presented Gallantry Awards to Next of kin of Bravehearts

Over 15 lakh spectators witnessed, reflecting strong Army – citizen connect

Parade showcased next-gen indigenous technology including tanks, artillery, drones and C – UAS systems

Bhairav Battalion contingents from RAJRIF and SIKH LI participated for the first time



Combat Column projected speed, survivability and shock action



Reflected an Army that is agile, lethal and future-ready



Strong emphasis on Infantry and specialist mobility platforms

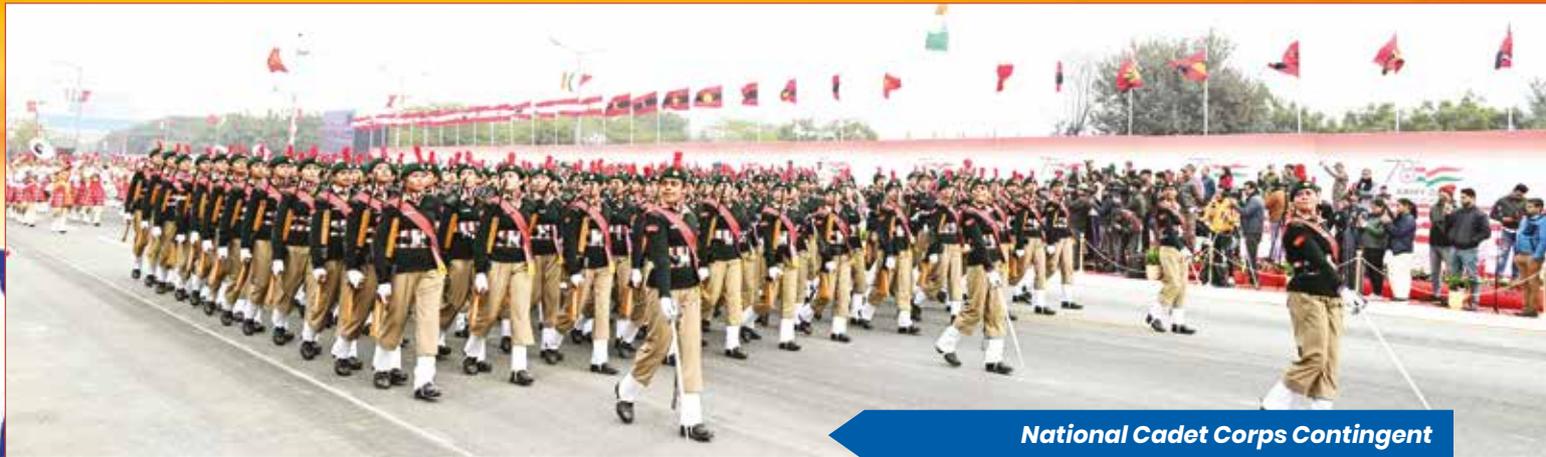
AUR BALIDAN KI PARAMPARA



Arjun Mk-1



AKASH Air Defence System



National Cadet Corps Contingent



Nepal Army Band



Rajasthan Folk Dance



Chenda by MADRAS Regiment

Nepal Army bands participated, highlighting India – Nepal military ties

Seven military bands, motorcycle display and canine display added vibrancy

Tableaus and cultural performances showcased Op SINDOOR, Army transformation and Rajasthan's heritage



Reinforced Army's Ethos,
Public Trust and Soldier
Welfare Commitment

Blended Tradition,
Operation SINDOOR and
Emerging Technologies

SHAURYA SANDHYA

Strengthened Army Day
Parade Legacy of Credibility
and Transformation

Featured Synchronised Display
of 1,000 Drones, Symbolising
Adoption of Emerging
Technologies

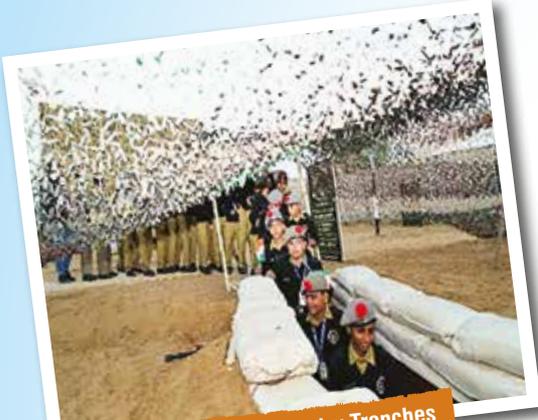
KNOW YOUR ARMY EXHIBITION



Briefing on Upgraded Schilka Weapon System to Visitors



Col Koshank Lamba, VrC and Lt Col Sushil Bisht, VrC, Inspiring the Youths



Visitors Experiencing Infantry Trenches

Conducted at Shri Bhawani Niketan Shiksha Samiti (SBNSS), Jaipur from 08 to 13 January 26, as a prelude to the 78th Army Day Parade

Comprehensive and integrated representation of Combat elements

Inclusion of historic war trophies and vintage military platforms

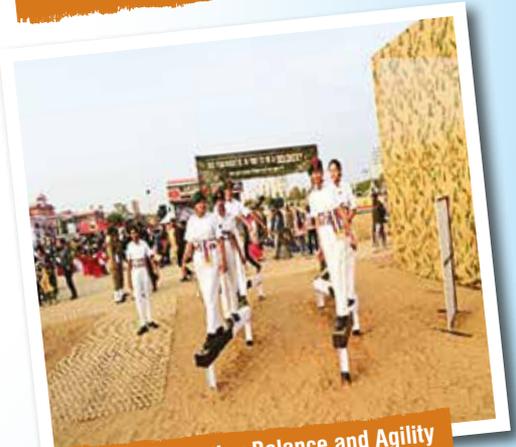
Visual coherence and effective public engagement



Live Demonstration of Robotic Mule to Visitors



Captured Staff Car of Lt Gen AAK Niazi



NCC Cadets Testing Balance and Agility



Captured Patton Tank and Yiha UAS



Students with their Heroes

MEDIA AND SOCIAL MEDIA : ARMY DAY PARADE 2026

Print Media



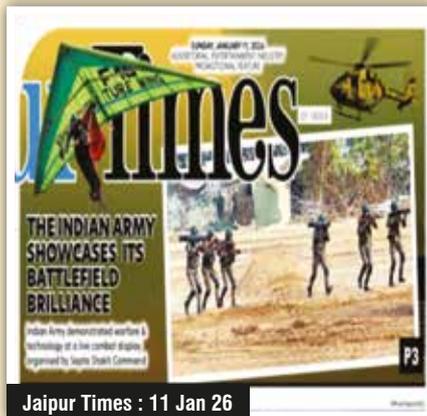
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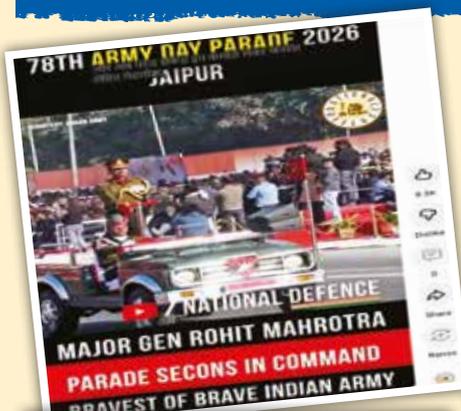


Punjab Kesari : 16 Jan 26



Dainik Navjyoti : 16 Jan 26

Social Media



CHIEF'S PAGE



COAS visited Forces Command and HQ 2nd Division during his ongoing tour to Australia from 16 to 19 Feb 26. The engagement focused on strengthening bilateral training cooperation, enhancing interoperability and exploring new avenues of collaboration including niche and emerging technologies.



COAS visited forward areas of Poonch Sector to review operational preparedness on 07 Feb 26. He assessed deployment posture, surveillance measures and security arrangements and reviewed the overall readiness of formations deployed in the sector.



COAS interacted with Shri Praveen Kumar, IPS, DG BSF and Shri Sanjay Singhal, IPS, DG SSB on 10 Feb 26. They focused on issues of border management, operational preparedness and strengthening inter-force and inter-agency coordination to effectively address evolving security challenges.



COAS addressed the Fifth Edition of 'Strategic Leadership Perspective Planning Programme' for Senior Military Leaders of the Indian Army, Indian Air Force, Indian Navy and Secretary level officers from Ministry of Defence at New Delhi on 06 Feb 26.



COAS interacted with the Veterans in Poonch on 08 Feb 26 on service experiences, ongoing welfare initiatives and contribution to Nation Building. He also met Veer Naris and representatives of the Civil Administration at Poonch Brigade.



COAS along with Foreign Service Attaches from 39 Friendly Foreign Countries, launched a website titled 'Friends for Life' on 05 Feb 26. The platform is a bridge connecting generations of military leaders from 99 countries who have trained together at Indian Army training establishments.

SNIPPETS



Lieutenant General Pushendra Singh, AVSM, SM**, VCOAS awarded the VCOAS Unit Citation to six units in recognition of their exemplary performance, professionalism and devotion to duty.



Hon'ble Defence Minister of Greece, Mr Nikolaos Dendias, visited Bengaluru Military Station on 08 Feb 26. He witnessed the Indian Army's operational and technical capabilities including indigenous drone and simulator technologies.



In a strong demonstration of Military-Civil synergy, the Indian Army and Indian Navy, in partnership with Garden Reach Shipyard and Engineers, transported ten additional extra-wide bridges to Sri Lanka aboard INS Gharial under Operation SAGARBANDHU.



United States delegation comprising US Ambassador to India Sergio Gor and Commander of the US Indo-Pacific Command, Admiral Samuel J. Paparo, visited Headquarters Western Command on 16 Feb 2026. The delegation was briefed on operational preparedness, execution of Op SINDOOR and the Indian Army's role in nation-building and promoting regional stability.



The Indian Army presented a suite of indigenous AI solutions delivering strong dual-use value for defence and civilian domains at the India AI Summit held at New Delhi from 16-21 Feb 26.



Furthering defence cooperation with Friendly Foreign Countries, the Indian Army Mobile Training Team from the Simulator Development Division installed and operationalised a 12-Lane Infantry Weapon Training Simulator at the Myanmar Army Combat Forces School, Bahtoo.

COMMUNIQUE

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- Separate Armed Forces reception counter and escorted access
- Dedicated access and concession framework for Armed Forces personnel, supervised by their Vigilance and Security Division, headed by Col Anil Kumar (Retd), Contact No 9154037578
- Dedicated Defence connect channel - contact or message through WhatsApp: 6303606108 / 9441998333

GOLDEN PALM TRANSIT FACILITY, CHENNAI

- Bookings are now open for the Golden Palm Transit Facility, Chennai, which will commence operations from 01 April 2026. The facility is located at Nanganallur, Chennai near the Officers Training Academy (OTA), Chennai and is situated next to the OTA Nanganallur Metro Station. 
- The transit facility offers well-furnished, economical and comfortable air-conditioned rooms for working professionals, students and individuals undergoing medical treatment. Accommodation is available for both short-duration transients and long/mid-term boarders
- For transients, the daily tariff is ₹750 for Single Occupancy, ₹500 for Double Occupancy and ₹400 for Triple Occupancy
- For boarders, the monthly tariff is ₹12,000 for Single Occupancy, ₹10,000 for Double Occupancy and ₹9,000 for Triple Occupancy. Electricity and meals will be charged separately as per actual usage
- The accommodation is available for serving personnel, Ex-Servicemen and dependents of the Indian Army, Indian Navy, Indian Air Force and Indian Coast Guard
- Applicants are required to fill out the e-application form to secure accommodation at the earliest : 
- Correspondence address: Chennai Garrison Battalion, Army Camp, Pallavaram, Chennai – 600043
- For further details Contact : JCO IC, Golden Palm Transit Facility (9840750845)

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