



## K9-Vajra

### Why in News?

The Defence Ministry has started the process for the **procurement of 100 more [K9-Vajra](#) tracked self-propelled howitzers.**

- The 100<sup>th</sup> gun was delivered to the Army in 2021.



### What is K9-Vajra?

- The K9 Vajra is a **155 mm, 52-calibre tracked self-propelled howitzer** (a short gun for firing shells on high trajectories at low velocities) built in India by Larsen & Toubro (L&T) with **technology transferred from South Korean defence major Hanwha Defense** based on its **K9 Thunder**.
  - The K9 Thunder platform is made of **all-welded steel armour protection material**.
  - The K9 gun has been developed under the **'Buy Global' programme of the Defence Procurement Procedure (DPP)** where foreign companies are allowed to participate.
- The K9 Vajra was **mainly bought for use in deserts, but the India-China standoff prompted them to be deployed in the mountains as well**.
  - To **ensure that these systems performed optimally in the extreme cold weather conditions** of the mountains, the **Army also procured winterisation kits** for the regiment deployed.

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