



# Project Udbhav

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## Why in News?

Recently, the [Indian Army](#) in partnership with the [United Service Institution of India \(USI\)](#), wrapped up a hybrid-panel discussion as part of **Project Udbhav**.

- The discussion focused on "**The Evolution of Indian Military Systems, Warfare, and Strategic Thinking: Current Research and Future Directions.**"

## What is Project Udbhav?

- Project Udbhav is an initiative set in motion by the Indian Army to **rediscover the profound Indic heritage** of statecraft and strategic thoughts derived from ancient Indian texts of **statecraft, warcraft, diplomacy and grand strategy**.
  - It focuses on a broad spectrum including **Indigenous Military Systems, Historical Texts, Regional Texts and Kingdoms, Thematic Studies, and intricate Kautilya Studies**.
  - At its core, Project Udbhav seeks **to bridge the historical and the contemporary**.
- The project goes beyond rediscovering historical narratives; **it aims to develop an indigenous strategic vocabulary** deeply rooted in India's multifaceted philosophical and cultural heritage.
  - The ultimate objective is to integrate ancient wisdom into modern military **pedagogy**, allowing the Indian Army to draw from centuries-old principles in today's complex strategic landscape.
- In connection with Project Udbhav, the USI will conduct a **Military Heritage Festival on 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 2023**.

## United Service Institution of India

- USI is a **national security and defense services think tank** based in New Delhi, India.
  - It describes its aim as the "**furtherance of interest and knowledge in the art, science and literature of the defense services**".
- It was founded in 1870 by a soldier scholar, **Colonel (later Major General) Sir Charles MacGregor**.