

## First Tri-service Common Defense Station in Mumbai

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The <u>Armed Forces</u> are embarking on a significant initiative to transform Mumbai into India's inaugural **tri-service common defence station,** marking a crucial step towards achieving jointness among the <u>Army, Navy</u>, and <u>Air Force.</u>

- This strategic move aims to consolidate all facilities and resources of the three services, encompassing logistics, infrastructure, repair and maintenance, and supplies, under a unified leadership framework.
  - Currently, Mumbai houses separate wings of the three services, operating independently.
  - The Navy, with its substantial presence in Mumbai, will assume the lead role in this new integrated setup.
- **Sulur,** located near Coimbatore, and **Guwahati** are expected to be selected as the sites for the second and third common defence stations.
- Currently, there are no common defence stations in India. The Andaman and Nicobar command is a full-fledged command raised as a tri-service command in 2001.

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