

DAC Greenlights Multi-Domain Capability Upgrades for Armed Forces

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The <u>Defence Acquisition Council (DAC)</u> chaired by the **Defence Minister** has approved capital acquisition proposals worth ₹67,000 crore, enhancing combat readiness across the **Army, Navy, and Air Force.**

- Tri-Services Capability Boost
 - MALE RPAs (Medium Altitude Long Endurance Remotely Piloted Aircraft) approved for Army,
 Navy, and Air Force. It enables 24x7 surveillance and combat missions at extended ranges
- Indian Air Force (IAF) Upgrades
 - Maintenance Support for US-origin Aircraft (12 C-130J Super Hercules and 11 C-17 Globemaster III fleets)
 - S-400 Missile System (Russia) is also approved for Annual Maintenance Contract (AMC)
 - SPYDER/SAKSHAM System (India-Israel collaboration) Upgrade for Integrated Air Command and Control System (IACCS)
 - It also enhances air surveillance and missile defence in mountainous zones
- Indian Navy Acquisitions
 - Compact Autonomous Surface Craft for anti-submarine warfare (ASW)
 - It detects, classifies, and neutralises underwater threats
 - BrahMos (joint collaboration between India and Russia) Fire Control Systems and Launchers
 - Upgrade of BARAK-1 Point Defence Missile System (Israel) that enhances shipborne air defence

Defence Acquisition Council (DAC)

- It is chaired by the Union Minister of Defense that gives 'in principle' approval to capital acquisitions, monitors major project progress, and grants acceptance of necessity for acquisition proposals.
- It was formed after recommendations made by the Group of Ministers on 'Reforming the National Security System' in 2001, post-Kargil war.

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