

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh hands over wide range of indigenous military equipment to Army to boost its combat capability

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These include Future Infantry Soldier as a System (F-INSAS), new generation anti-personnel mine 'Nipun', rugged and automatic communication system with enhanced capabilities, upgraded sights system for tanks and advanced thermal imagers, State-of-the art high mobility Infantry Protected Vehicles and Assault Boats.

The equipment and systems have been **jointly developed** by the Indian Army in collaboration with Defence Research and Development Organisation and the Industry, in line with the **Prime Minister's vision to modernise** the Armed Forces, under the 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan'.

Shri Rajnath Singh exuded confidence that the equipment and systems will enhance the operational preparedness of the Indian Army and increase their efficiency.

It is a shining example of the country's growing self-reliance prowess, in partnership with the private sector and other institutions.

He called for infrastructural development based on latest technology to help the Armed Forces remain prepared to deal with future challenges.