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Defence Ministry signs ₹975 crore deal to strengthen Indian Army tanks

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The Ministry of Defence has signed contracts worth around ₹975 crore to improve the capabilities of the Indian Army's T-72 and T-90 battle tanks.

The deal is for procurement of TRAWL Assembly systems for T-72 and T-90 tanks.

Contracts have been signed with:

Bharat Earth Movers Limited (BEML)

Electro Pneumatics and Hydraulics (India) Pvt. Ltd.

What is the TRAWL system?

It is a special minefield-clearing equipment mounted on tanks.

Developed by DRDO (Defence Research and Development Organisation).

Its main job is to help tanks clear or pass through areas planted with anti-tank mines.

Why is it important?

It allows tanks to create safe lanes in minefields during combat.

This improves the mobility and safety of armoured units in war-like situations.

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It strengthens the Army's offensive and defensive battlefield capability.

Other key points

The project follows the “Buy (Indian–Indigenously Designed, Developed and Manufactured)” model.

It supports indigenous defence production and MSME involvement.

It is expected to generate employment opportunities and boost self-reliance in defence manufacturing.

In simple terms:

India has signed a nearly ₹975 crore deal to equip its T-72 and T-90 tanks with special DRDO-made systems that help them safely cross minefields, making the Army stronger and more mobile in battlefield conditions.

BEML CMD: ShantanRoy

Defence Minister: Rajnath Singh