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Indian Army–Indian Navy MoA: Boost to Joint Military Operations

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The Indian Army and the Indian Navy signed a Memorandum of Association (MoA) to strengthen inter-service cooperation and promote greater jointness among the Armed Forces. The agreement aims to institutionalise coordination between the two services and enhance integrated operational capabilities in future warfare scenarios.

The MoA seeks to:

Institutionalise inter-service cooperation

Enhance operational cohesion and interoperability

Promote structured professional exchanges

Strengthen understanding of each service's operational ethos

Foster enduring camaraderie between Army formations and Naval establishments

Lay down broad guidelines for future Army-Navy affiliations

Importance of Greater Jointness

The agreement reflects India's ongoing efforts toward integrated and multi-domain warfare preparedness. Modern warfare increasingly requires seamless coordination among the Army, Navy, and Air Force across land, maritime, air, cyber, and space domains.

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The relevance of such integration was highlighted during “Operation Sindoor”, where coordinated action among the three services reportedly contributed to operational success.

Additional Key Facts:

Integrated Theatre Commands (ITCs):

India is working toward establishing Integrated Theatre Commands for unified military operations.

Theatre Commands will integrate resources of the Army, Navy, and Air Force under a single operational commander.

The initiative is being driven under the leadership of the Chief of Defence Staff (CDS).

Chief of Defence Staff (CDS):

The post of CDS was created in December 2019.

CDS acts as the principal military adviser to the Government of India.

Current CDS: General Anil Chauhan.

Integrated Defence Staff (IDS):

Established in: 2001

Motto: “Victory Through Jointness”

Functions:

Inter-service coordination

Joint planning and doctrine

Joint training and procurement coordination

Inter-Services Organisations (Command, Control & Discipline) Act, 2023

Enacted to strengthen joint command structures.

Empowers commanders of inter-service organisations to exercise authority over personnel from different services.

Considered a major step toward military integration and theatre command implementation.

Important Joint Military Exercises

Exercise Jal Prahar – Joint amphibious exercise of the Indian Army and Indian Navy.

Exercise Trishul – Tri-service exercise involving Army, Navy, and Air Force for integrated combat preparedness.

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