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Project Udbhav

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Why is in news? Indian Army in collaboration with the United Service Institution of India (USI) - a hybrid-panel discussion under Project Udbhav

The Indian Army in collaboration with the United Service Institution of India (USI), concluded a hybrid-panel discussion **under Project Udbhav** on the topic "Evolution of Indian Military Systems, War fighting and Strategic Thought- Current Research in the Field and Way Forward".

Project Udbhav is an initiative set in motion by the Indian Army to **rediscover the profound Indic heritage of statecraft and strategic thoughts derived from ancient Indian texts** of statecraft, warcraft, diplomacy and grand strategy.

The project endeavours to **explore India's rich historical narratives** in the realms of statecraft and strategic thoughts.

It **focuses on a broad spectrum** including Indigenous Military Systems, Historical Texts, Regional Texts and Kingdoms, Thematic Studies, and intricate Kautilya Studies.

This pioneering initiative stands **testimony to the Indian Army's recognition of India's age-old wisdom** in statecraft, strategy, diplomacy, and warfare.

At its core, Project Udbhav **seeks to bridge the historical and the contemporary**.

The goal is to understand the **profound depths of indigenous military systems, their evolution, strategies** that have been passed down through the ages, and the strategic thought processes that have governed the land for millennia.

Aim of Project Udbhav is not limited to just rediscovering these narratives but **also to also develop an indigenous strategic vocabulary**, which is deeply rooted in India's multifaceted philosophical and cultural tapestry.

Overall aim is to **integrate age-old wisdom with modern military pedagogy**.

Since 2021, under the aegis of the Indian Army, there has been a project in progress on the compilation of Indian stratagems based on ancient texts.

The first scholarly outcome of the initiative is the 2022 publication titled "**Paramparik Bhartiya Darshan... Ranniti aur Netriyta ke Shashwat Niyam**" meant to be read by all ranks of the Indian Army. English translation of the title being "Traditional Indian Philosophy...Eternal Rules of Warfare and Leadership".

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