



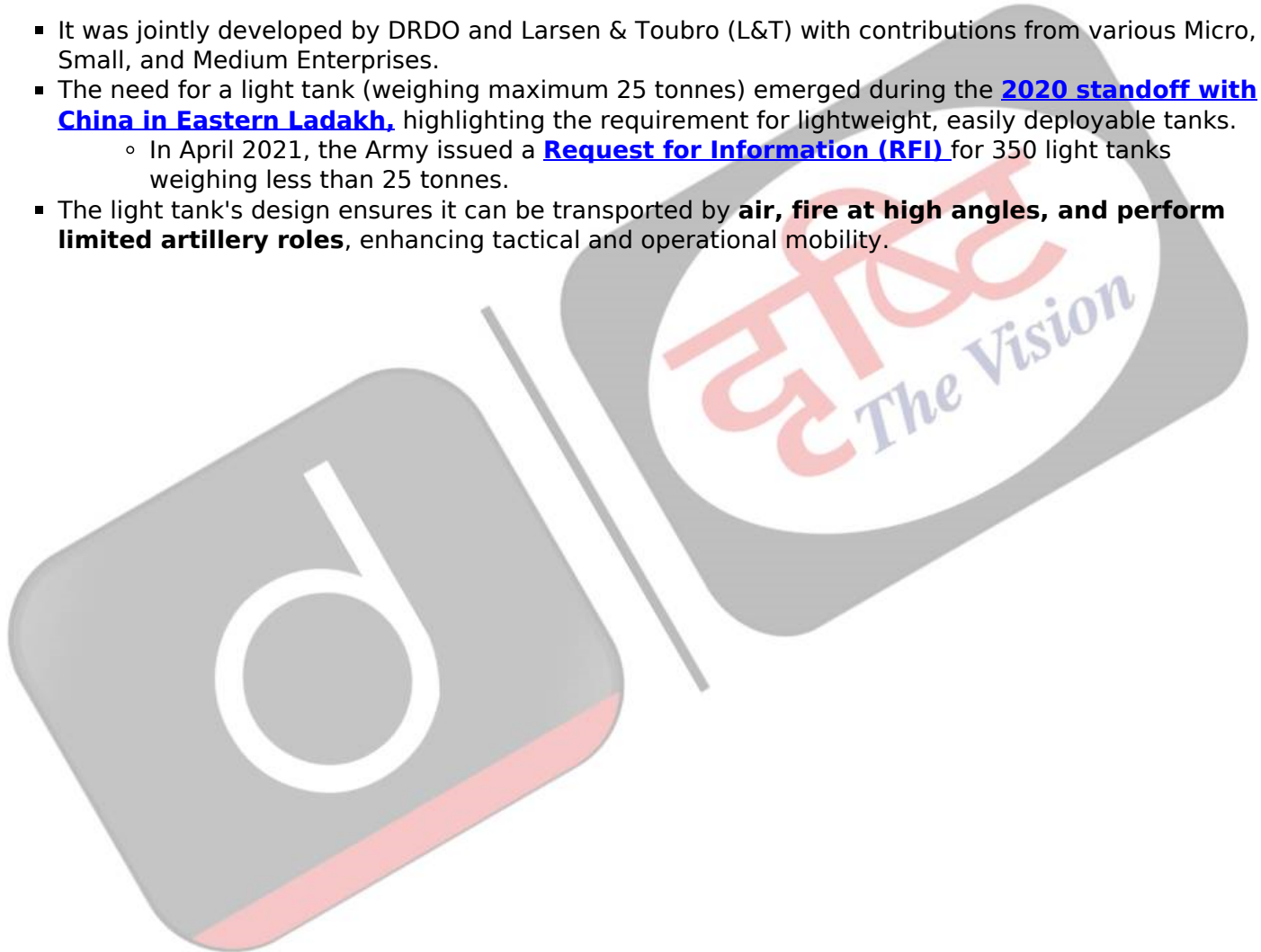
India's Indigenous Light Tank Zorawar

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The [Defence Research and Development Organisation \(DRDO\)](#) has unveiled the prototype of **India's indigenous light tank, Zorawar**, which is set to undergo extensive trials.

- It was jointly developed by DRDO and Larsen & Toubro (L&T) with contributions from various Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises.
- The need for a light tank (weighing maximum 25 tonnes) emerged during the [2020 standoff with China in Eastern Ladakh](#), highlighting the requirement for lightweight, easily deployable tanks.
 - In April 2021, the Army issued a [Request for Information \(RFI\)](#) for 350 light tanks weighing less than 25 tonnes.
- The light tank's design ensures it can be transported by **air, fire at high angles, and perform limited artillery roles**, enhancing tactical and operational mobility.

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Indigenous Zorawar Light Tank: Why is It Called 'Brave and Strong'?

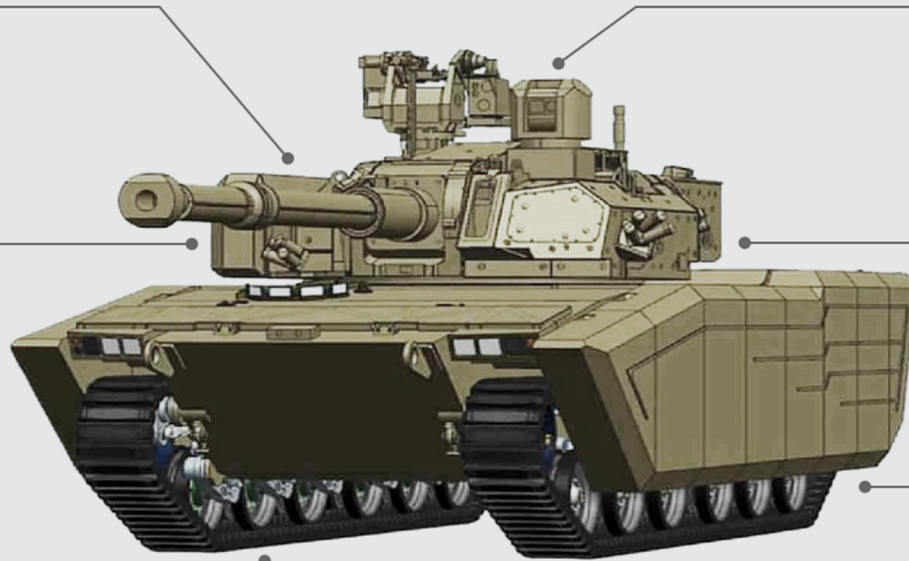
Developed by L&T in collaboration with DRDO

Field Artillery
FV433, 105mm

Coaxial machine gun
7.62 mm

Mass
25 t

Persons
3



Horsepower
1000

Speed
70 km/h

Offroad
35/40 km/h

Source: DRDO

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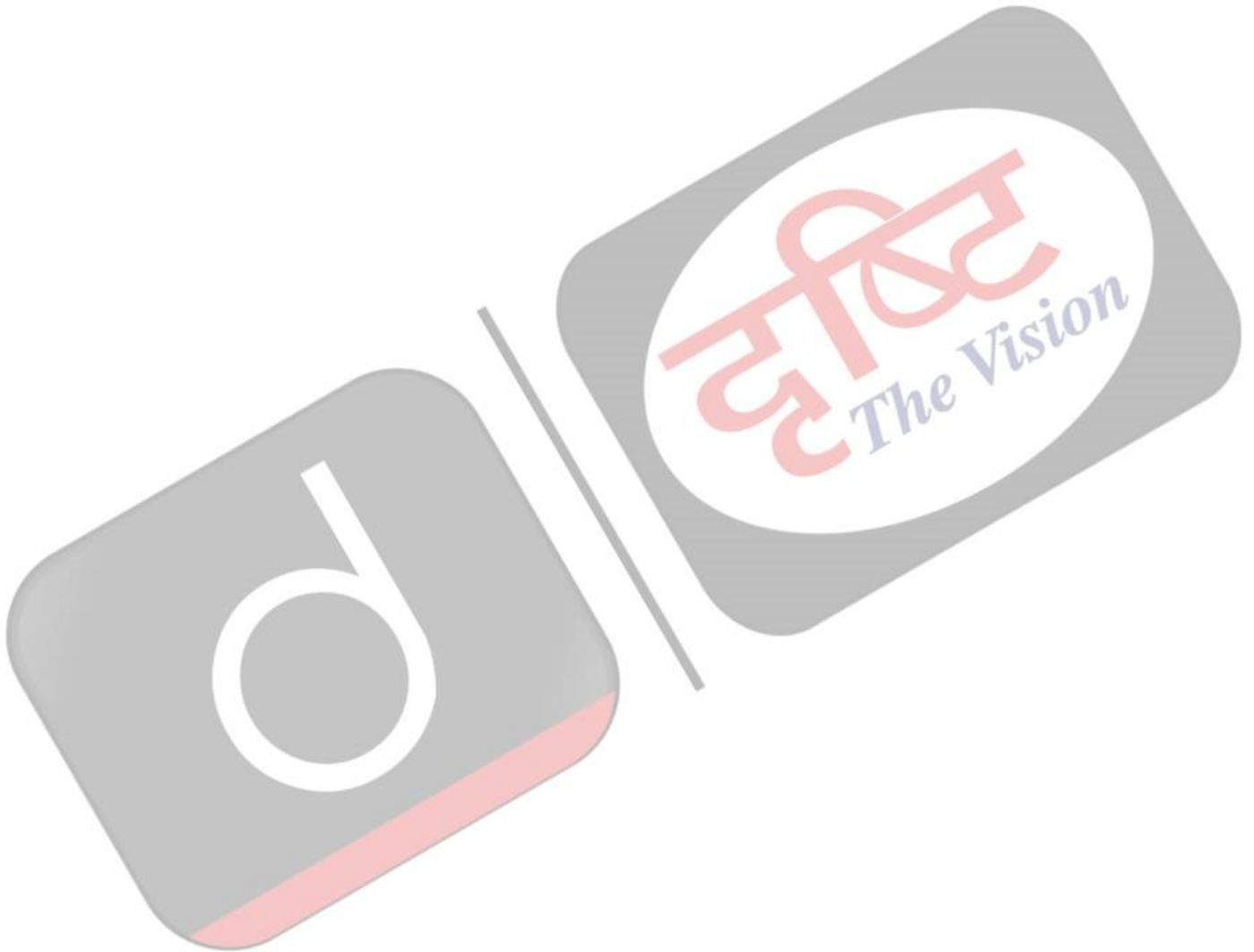
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Samayapuram Temple

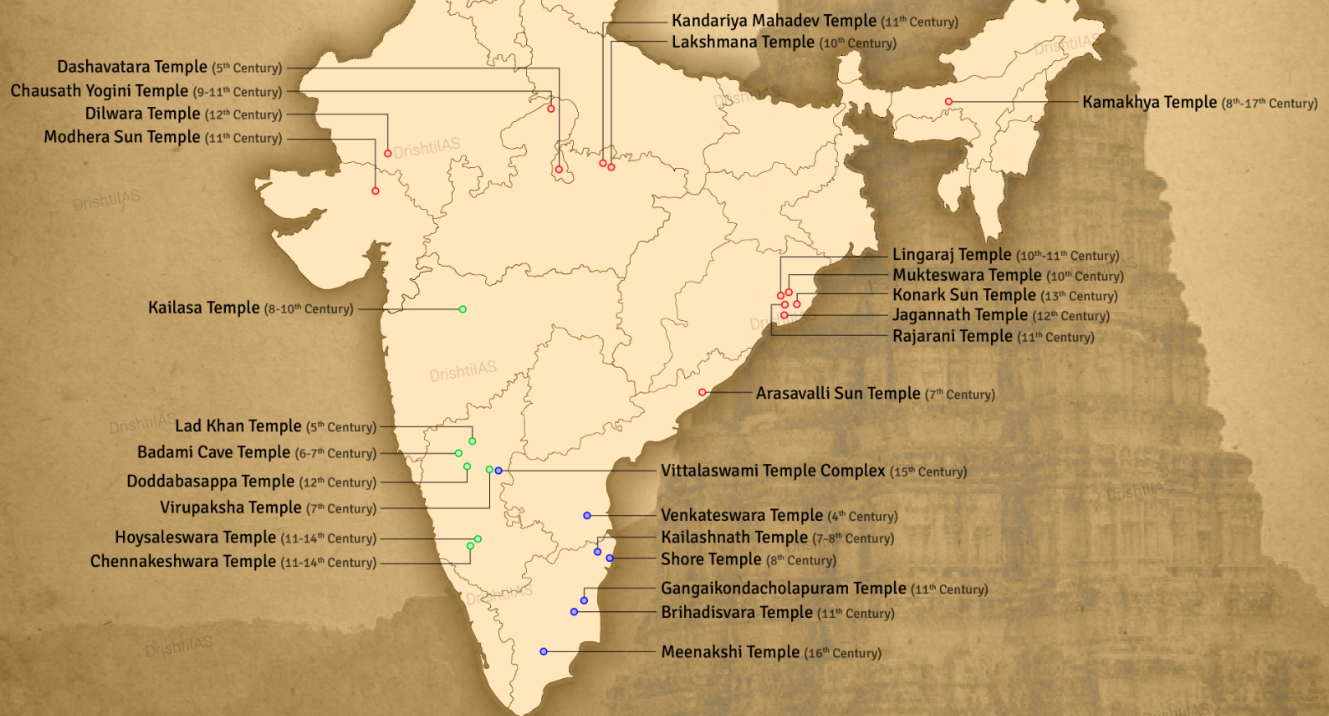
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The Hindu Group of Publications has released a coffee-table book titled '**Samayapuram - The Sacred Seat of Shakti**,' authored by **Vrinda Ramanan**, which explores the history and cultural significance of the **Samayapuram temple dedicated to Goddess Mariamman**.

- The temple located in Tiruchirapalli, Tamil Nadu is over 1,200 years old, is associated with legends of Goddess Mariamman, believed to be an incarnation of Goddess Durga, Mahakali, Adi Shakti, or Nishumbha Sudhini.
- The Mariamman temple has no historical evidence of its construction date, but is considered that it existed during the [Chola period](#).
- The current Temple Complex was built by [Vijayanagara King Vijayaraya Chakkaravarthi](#) in the 18th century. It is also one of the wealthiest temples of Tamil Nadu.
- The **Chithirai Ther Thiruvizha (Chariot Festival in the month of Chithirai - April)** is a major festival celebrated annually at this temple for 13 days, starting on the 1st Tuesday of Tamil month Chithirai.



Temples in India



Nagara Style



Dravidian Style



Vesara Style



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