

## **Hybrid and Non-Kinetic Warfare**

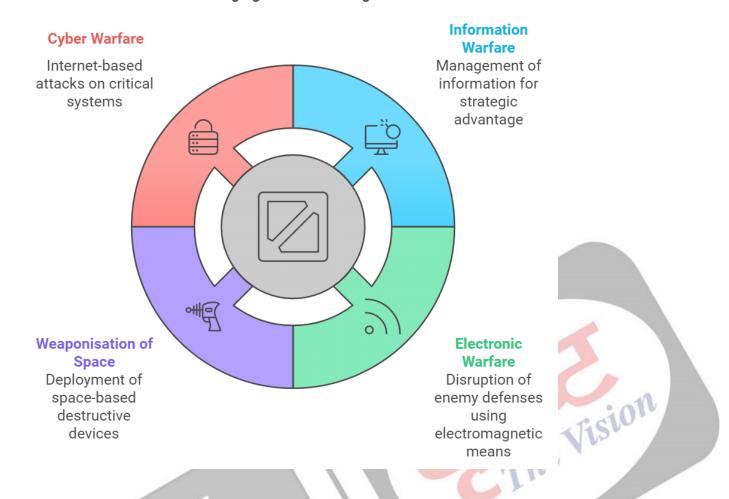
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Recently, the <u>Parliamentary Standing Committee on Defence (PSCoD)</u> has emphasised on the Indian armed forces' preparedness for <u>hybrid warfare</u>.

- Hybrid warfare refers to a combination of conventional military tactics (kinetic warfare) and modern strategies such as <u>cyber warfare</u>, information manipulation, economic disruption, and psychological operations (non-kinetic warfare).
  - Non-kinetic methods could be deadlier than traditional warfare e.g., pager blasts in Lebanon.
  - Non-kinetic warfare includes using jamming, lasers, or electromagnetic waves to disrupt drone operations instead of physically shooting down drones (Kinetic warfare).
- The tri-services "future warfare" course is designed to train officers from Major Generals to Majors (and their equivalents) in modern warfare techniques, both kinetic and non-kinetic.
  - It was recently conducted by the **Headquarters Integrated Defence Staff**.
- The Indian Army is observing 2024 as the <u>Year of Technology Absorption</u>, focusing on integrating disruptive technologies like <u>AI</u>, <u>hypersonic weapons</u>, <u>biotechnology</u>, and <u>quantum technology</u> into existing legacy systems.
- PSCoD is a <u>Departmentally-Related Standing Committees (DRSCs)</u> and functions under <u>Lok</u>
  Sabha.
  - The committee has 31 members—21 from Lok Sabha and 10 from Rajya Sabha. Lok Sabha members are nominated by the <u>Speaker</u>, and Rajya Sabha members by the Chairman.

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