



Defence Minister Visit to Army War College at Mhow | Madhya Pradesh | 31 Dec 2024

Why in News?

Recently, **the Union Defence Minister** visited the **Army War College, Mhow** in Madhya Pradesh. He pointed out **'unconventional methods' of warfare as new challenges** before the nation.

Key Points

- **Challenges in Modern Warfare:**
 - New forms of warfare such as **information warfare, AI-based warfare, proxy warfare, electro-magnetic warfare, space warfare, and cyber-attacks** are emerging as major challenges.
 - Dominance in **electronic chip production** and monopolies on **rare earth materials** are also contributing to these challenges.
 - **Hybrid warfare and Greyzone warfare** further complicate security concerns.
- **Role of Mhow Training Centres:**
 - In this complex environment, it is crucial for the Indian Army to remain **well-trained and equipped for all potential threats**.
 - The training centres in Mhow play a significant role in preparing the forces for these modern challenges.
 - Mhow has been known for its **military excellence for over 200 years**, making its training centres vital to the Army's preparedness.
- **Integration and Jointness Among Forces:**
 - The government is focused on increasing **integration and jointness among the three military branches**.
 - This approach aims to better equip the forces to handle future challenges.
 - **Mhow Cantonment offers high-level training to officers** from all branches of the military.
- **Vision for India's Development:**
 - India's goal is to become a **developed nation by 2047**, viewing the current period as a time of transition.
 - The Indian military is **continuously upgrading with modern weapons**, not only equipping its own forces but also exporting domestically manufactured equipment to other countries.
- **Defence Minister's Visit:**
 - The Defence Minister visited **the Bhim Janm Bhoomi memorial** dedicated to **Dr. B.R. Ambedkar**, where he paid tribute to **the architect of the Indian Constitution**.
 - He praised Dr. Ambedkar as a symbol of selfless service, dedicated to **social equality and empowerment**.

Grey-zone Warfare

- It refers to **a form of conflict characterised by actions that fall below the threshold of conventional war** but are intended to achieve strategic objectives through **ambiguity, deniability, and coercion**.
- In grey-zone warfare, adversaries employ tactics such as **cyberattacks, economic coercion, and proxy conflicts** to achieve their goals without directly engaging in open warfare.

- It blurs the lines between peace and conflict, posing significant challenges to **international security and stability**.

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