Shaurya Vedanam Festival

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The first Shaurya Vednam festival was organized in Motihari, East Champaran district of Bihar on 7-8 March 2025 .

Key Points

- **About the festival:**
  - **Objective:**
    - The aim of this festival was to **showcase the military might of the [Indian Armed Forces](#)** and **to make the youth and common citizens aware and inspire them towards the defence forces.**
  - **Events and Chief Guests**
    - The festival was organised in collaboration with **the Ministry of Defence and East Champaran District Administration .**
    - The festival was inaugurated by **Bihar Governor Arif Mohammad Khan** and the chief guests included **Radha Mohan Singh (Chairman of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Defence),** Lt Gen Anindya Sengupta and other senior officials.
  - **Military exhibits and attractions:**
    - The event showcased modern military technologies and equipment of **the Army, Navy and Air Force , which included:**
      - The Indian Army showcased advanced equipment like **the K-9 Vajra gun, T-90 Bhishma tank, Swati radar and BMP combat vehicle .**
      - The Navy displayed models of **[submarines](#), destroyers and aircraft carriers , providing a comprehensive demonstration of naval power.**
      - The Indian Air Force showcased its might through **a flypast and display of fighter jets and helicopters .**

Motihari

- Motihari is an important historical town in **East Champaran district of Bihar.**
- It is the headquarters of East Champaran district, located on the Nepal border.
- According to legend, Motihari was named after two men, Moti Singh and Hari Singh .
- It is the **birthplace of the famous writer George Orwell** and has been the **main centre of Mahatma Gandhi's Champaran Satyagraha .**
- **Scenic Spots:**
  - **Kesaria Buddhist Stupa:** Located in Kesaria, it is one of the **tallest Buddhist stupas in the world.**
  - **Ashoka Pillar:** This 36½ feet high pillar located in Lauriya village was installed by Emperor Ashoka in 249 BC. It is also known as **" Sthamb Dharma Lekh".**