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WHY IN NEWS

Defence Minister **Rajnath Singh** inaugurated the **North Tech Symposium 2026** on May 4, 2026 at **Prayagraj**, themed “**Raksha Triveni Sangam — Where Technology, Industry & Soldiering Converge**”. The three-day event (May 4–6, 2026) was jointly organised by the **Indian Army’s Northern Command** and **Central Command**, along with the **Society of Indian Defence Manufacturers (SIDM)**, bringing together over **284 companies** — including MSMEs, startups, and major defence manufacturers — to showcase indigenous defence technologies.

EVENT DETAILS

FEATURE	DETAIL
Event	North Tech Symposium 2026
Theme	Raksha Triveni Sangam — Where Technology, Industry & Soldiering Converge
Dates	May 4–6, 2026
Venue	Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh
Organisers	Indian Army Northern Command + Central Command + SIDM
Inaugurated by	Rajnath Singh (Defence Minister)
Participants	284+ companies; 1,500+ delegates; industry, academia, startups

Raksha Triveni Sangam — the theme draws on Prayagraj’s identity as the city of the Triveni Sangam (confluence of Ganga, Yamuna, and the mythical Saraswati), symbolising the convergence of three forces: technology, industry, and military soldiering.

TECHNOLOGIES SHOWCASED

Focus Areas

- ❶ **Strike drones and loitering munitions** (kamikaze drones)
- ❷ **All-terrain vehicles** for mountain and desert warfare
- ❸ **Autonomous ground systems** — unmanned patrol and logistics vehicles
- ❹ **Electronic warfare** systems
- ❺ **AI-enabled surveillance** — camera networks, border monitoring
- ❻ **Soldier modernisation** — exoskeletons, advanced body armour, communication systems

Objective

- Identify field-deployable, battle-ready indigenous technologies
- Streamline the path from prototype to **fast-track procurement**
- Reduce dependence on foreign defence imports (India's import bill: ~\$4–5 billion/year)

SIDM — SOCIETY OF INDIAN DEFENCE MANUFACTURERS

FEATURE	DETAIL
Full name	Society of Indian Defence Manufacturers
Founded	2016
Affiliated with	CII (Confederation of Indian Industry)
Role	Industry body for India's private defence sector
Members	800+ defence companies (MSMEs, startups, large firms)
Goal	Promote Aatmanirbhar Bharat in defence; facilitate MSME participation in DPP

INDIA'S DEFENCE INDIGENISATION — CONTEXT

PARAMETER	VALUE
Defence budget FY 2026–27	₹6.21 lakh crore (capital + revenue)
Capital procurement for domestic industry	75% reserved for Indian companies (DPP 2020)
Positive indigenisation lists	509 items (cannot be imported) — maintained by MoD
iDEX (Innovations for Defence Excellence)	Funds defence startups and MSMEs for R&D
Defence corridors	Uttar Pradesh Defence Industrial Corridor + Tamil Nadu Defence Industrial Corridor
Export target	₹50,000 crore (\$6 billion) by 2029
Defence exports FY 2024–25	~₹23,622 crore (record)

NORTHERN AND CENTRAL COMMANDS — BRIEF

COMMAND	HQ	AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY
Northern Command	Udhampur, J&K	LoC (Pakistan), LAC (China — Western Sector, Ladakh)
Central Command	Lucknow, UP	Central India (Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand)

The joint hosting by Northern and Central Commands is significant — Northern Command covers the most active operational zones (J&K, Ladakh) while Central Command includes areas relevant to LWE (Left Wing Extremism) operations.

UPSC RELEVANCE

PAPER	ANGLE
GS3 — Security	Indigenisation, DPP, iDEX, Positive Indigenisation List, defence startups
GS3 — Economy	Defence exports, Defence Industrial Corridors, Aatmanirbhar Bharat
GS2 — Governance	Ministry of Defence, procurement policy, DPP 2020

Mains Keywords: North Tech Symposium 2026, Raksha Triveni Sangam, SIDM, iDEX, Positive Indigenisation List, Defence Production Policy, Aatmanirbhar Bharat defence, defence corridors, Northern Command, Central Command

Prelims Facts Corner

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Organisers	Northern Command + Central Command + SIDM
SIDM	Society of Indian Defence Manufacturers; est. 2016; affiliated CII
Northern Command HQ	Udhampur, J&K
Central Command HQ	Lucknow, UP
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