



Defence minister Nirmala Sitharaman visits the Combat Vehicles Research & Development Establishment at Avadi, Chennai, on Saturday. — PTI

## **DRDO will empower nation with ‘Make in India’: Nirmala Sitharaman**

### *Defence Minister visits Combat Vehicles Research and Development Establishment in Avadi*

Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman visited the Combat Vehicles Research and Development Establishment in Avadi on Sunday, where she was given a presentation on the ongoing national programmes in combat vehicles and technologies.

The Defence Minister, during her maiden visit to the facility, was also shown around various technology centres. S. Christopher, Chairman, DRDO & Secretary, Department of Defence, R&D, and P. Sivakumar, Director, CVRDE, gave a presentation about the unit, a press release said.

“The Defence Minister evinced keen interest in the advanced systems like Arjun MBT Mk-II, Arjun Armoured Recovery and Repair Vehicle (ARRV), Arjun Catapult, Unmanned Ground Vehicles, Sub-systems of Light Combat Aircraft –Tejas, Landing Gear, 180 hp engine for Rustom-II, 1000 hp Engine for T-72, 400 hp for BMP-II, besides Armoured Ambulance Tracked, Carrier Command Post Tracked, Bridge Laying Tank (BLT-72),” the release said.

During the visit, the first prototype of Arjun Armoured Recovery and Repair Vehicle (ARRV), was handed over by Deepak Kumar Hota, CMD, BEML to Mr. Sivakumar.

**Website launched** - Ms. Sitharaman also launched a website, 'DRDO Robotics & Unmanned Systems Exposition' (<https://rac.gov.in/druse>) for inviting the young & talented minds of engineering community from all parts of the country to take part in Defence Challenging applications. She also released two books titled 'Arjun MBT- an Indian Success Story' and 'Achievements of CVRDE'. The Minister expressed confidence that the DRDO will empower the nation with the 'Make in India' mission, the release said.



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## **Nirmala Sitharaman visits Combat Vehicles Research and Development Establishment, Chennai**

*Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman today visited the Combat Vehicles Research and Development Establishment (CVRDE) at Avadi near here.*

Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman today visited the Combat Vehicles Research and Development Establishment (CVRDE) at Avadi near here. In her first to the city after assuming office, Sitharaman evinced keen interest in the Arjun Main Battle Tank Mk-II, Arjun Armoured Recovery and Repair Vehicle, Arjun Catapult, unmanned ground vehicles, sub-systems of Light Combat Aircraft-Tejas and 180hp engine of Rustom-II displayed at the facility. On the occasion, the first prototype of the Arjun Armoured Recovery and Repair Vehicle (ARRV) was handed over by BEML Ltd chairman and managing director Deepak Kumar Hota to CVRDE distinguished scientist-director P Sivakumar, in the presence of Sitharaman. In her brief address, the defence minister congratulated members of DRDO and CVRDE for their "unstinted efforts" and contributions for the "defence self-reliance of the nation," an official release said. She expressed confidence that the DRDO will strive hard to empower the nation further with 'Make in India' concept.

Sitharaman released a book titled 'Arjun MBT (Main Battle Tank) — an Indian Success story' on the occasion. The BJP leader also launched a website inviting young engineering graduates to take part in Defence Challenging Applications, the release said. Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), Chairman S Christopher and Sivakumar made a presentation on the achievements and on-going programmes at the facility, it added.



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## **Defence Ministry to Have Cyber Wing, Special Operations Division Soon**

New Delhi: The Ministry of Defence (MoD) is likely to get three new agencies to tackle growing challenges in the fields of the cyber world, space and special operations. Their formation was announced by the MoD in July. The proposal is pending with the government. A source told the Indian Express that the ministry was awaiting responses from the law ministry and other allied ministries.

The approvals for the formation of Defence Cyber Agency, Defence Space Agency and a Special Operations Division are expected within a couple of months, a report in the national daily said. Similar agencies will be raised in Air Force and Navy. These divisions will be headed by officers of the rank of Major General.

Reports further said that the cyber and space agencies will have their headquarters in Delhi. Special Operations Division may have its office outside Delhi. The SOD will have officers of the special forces of the Army, Navy and IAF– they will be trained and equipped specialised operations. This division– a confluence of Army’s Special Forces, Navy’s Marine Commandos, IAF’s Garud Commandos– will be stationed at a place that has training facilities.

The Defence Cyber Agency will employ over 1,000 personnel, and it will work in close tandem with the National Cyber Security Advisor. The Defence Space Agency will recruit 200 personnel who will coordinate with ISRO and DRDO.

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