

Sudarshan Shakti Exercise

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About Sudarshan Shakti Exercise:

- **Aim:** It aimed at starting the **transformation of the forces into a modern, lean, and agile fighting combination capable of leveraging new-age technologies.**
- The exercise was designed to validate operational plans in a **network-centric environment** with elements of **combat power, combat support and logistic support.**
- These elements were exercised in a **synergised application** under all domains of enemy threat including **Grey Zone Warfare as part of high tempo operations.**
- **Scope and objectives:**
 - Integrated use of force multipliers like **special forces and niche technologies** covering **drones, tethered drones, loiter ammunition** as well as key aspects of electronic warfare made it a unique event.
- This exercise also facilitated in meeting the stated objectives of **five pillars of transformation** enunciated by COAS General Manoj Pande in January 2023.
- ‘Sudarshan Shakti 2023’ highlights the **commitment of the South Western Command** and its associated units towards maintaining **a high level of operational preparedness** and capability to fight a technology intensive future conflict.

Q1) What is a loitering munition?

A loitering munition (also known as a suicide drone or kamikaze drone) is an aerial weapon system category in which the munition can loiter (wait passively) around the target area for some time and attacks only once a target is located.

Source: [Army conducts 'Sudarshan Shakti' drill](#)

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