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After the successful collaboration on the K9 Vajra-T self-propelled howitzer, India and South Korea are set to deepen their defence partnership.

About K9 Vajra-T

- It is a **155 mm, 52-caliber tracked self-propelled artillery system (howitzer)**.
- It is an **Indian adaptation of South Korea's K9 Thunder** 155 mm self-propelled howitzer.
- It is **built by Larsen & Toubro with technology transferred from South Korean** defence major Hanwha Defense based on its K9 Thunder.
- It is **customised to suit the requirements of the Indian Army** for operations in varied terrains, including deserts, plains, and high-altitude regions.

K9 Vajra-T Features

- It has **all-welded steel armour** up to 19 mm thick.

- It is powered by an MTU MT 881 Ka-500 **diesel engine** producing 1,000 horsepower.
- The **main weapon** is the **155mm /52 calibre gun** capable of **firing high-explosive, smoke, and guided projectiles**.
- The gun weighs 50 tonnes and can fire 47 kg bombs.
- It has a **burst rate of fire of three rounds per 15 seconds** and a maximum rate of fire of six to eight rounds per minute for three minutes.
- It can **strike enemy targets** at around **50 kilometres**.
- It can also **turn around at zero radius**, basically at the same place where it is standing.
- The K9 uses a **digital fire control system** by which it can **fire multiple rounds** that can **impact a given area at the same time** (this mode of operation is called **Multiple Round Simultaneous Impact, or MRSI**).

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