

DefThink – Defence Finance Lab Launched at PCDA Southern Command, Pune

PCDA Southern Command and NADFM Pune Launch ‘DefThink’ to Foster Innovation in Defence Finance

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The DefThink initiative was launched today at the office of the Principal Controller of Defence Accounts (PCDA), Southern Command, Pune, in collaboration with the National Academy of Defence Financial Management (NADFM), Pune.

The initiative, titled “DefThink – Defence Finance Policy Lab,” comprises a set of innovative measures aimed at strengthening defence financial management system. These include a Digital Audit Repository, Defence Finance Hackathon, Data Simulation Lab, and other technology-driven and analytical interventions.



The DefThink concept was proposed by Indian Defence Accounts Service (IDAS) probationers during their training and was presented at the Controllers’ Conference held in New Delhi in July 2025. Based on its potential and relevance, the initiative has been launched as a pilot programme at PCDA Southern Command.

The inauguration ceremony was attended by Shri V. K. Vijay, PCDA (Officers), Pune; Shri Moloy Chakraborty, PCDA (Southern Command), Pune; Shri Harsh Vaidya, PCDA (Navy), Mumbai; and Shri Ande Poshetty, Director, NADFM.



The initiative aims to bring innovation, fresh perspectives, and technology-enabled solutions into the functioning of the Defence Accounts Department. DefThink is expected to contribute towards improved efficiency, data-driven decision-making, and capacity building in defence financial management.



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