



Future Warfare Course 3.0 Concludes, Strengthening Strategic and Technological Readiness

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The third edition of the Future Warfare Course (FWC-03) culminated on February 25, 2026 at Manekshaw Centre, New Delhi. The course was organised by the Doctrine, Organisation and Training (DOT) under the Headquarters Integrated Defence Staff (HQ IDS) from February 2 - 25, 2026.

Curated through the vision of the Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) General Anil Chauhan, the FWC 3.0 provided a heady mix of operational and strategic alignment and technological proficiency to the participants. A total of 39 officers from the army, navy and air force participated in the course.

The course was conducted in two phases. The first phase included members from startups, MSMEs, private industry, academia & defence public sector undertakings (DPSUs), highlighting the civil-military fusion aligned with India's quest for self-reliance in national security. During the second phase, the participants interacted with the academia and subject matter experts (SMEs) including space tech companies and counter Unmanned Aircraft System (C-UAS) companies at Hyderabad from February 15-17, 2026. Visits to these companies also included field demonstrations of cutting-edge technologies.

Visits to Information Fusion Centre – Indian Ocean Region (IFC-IOR) Gurugram and Indian Institute of Technology Delhi were also conducted for deeper insight in the field. The participants were also familiarized with cognitive warfare by exposing them to a media and social media interface.

The course was focused on Multi Domain Operations (MDO) and culminated with a two day Strategic War gaming Exercise mentored by retired Ambassadors and representatives of the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA). The participants gained insightful knowledge on foreign policy, international and internal affairs to reinforce their military beliefs.

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