

## Defence budget

India's defence budget for 2022-23 demands a close examination in the context of the country's changing geopolitical environment and the modernisation of the India armed forces. Notwithstanding the natural armed focus on the Indian Army (IA) and the Indian Air Force (IAF) due to the ongoing boundary crisis between India and China, both the Indian Navy (IN) and the role of that the Atmanirbhar mission is playing in the development and up-gradation of the IN's weapons systems and platforms require particular scrutiny. Under the current India defence budget, there is a renewed focus and reorientation of security policies to break away from an exclusively continental focus. The IN has also played a contributing role during the Gadrwan Crisis by strengthening India's stance in ongoing negotiations.

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