

A sneak peek into Army Day Parade 2025: Promo Unveiled at 55th IFFI

Pune to host the prestigious Army Day Parade for the first time

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Pune, a city renowned for its rich military heritage, is set to host the prestigious Army Day Parade for the first time on 15 January 2025, marking a historic milestone. The Indian Army unveiled a promotional video for the upcoming parade during the International Film Festival of India (IFFI) in Goa, receiving an enthusiastic response from cinephiles, international delegates, and industry leaders.

The Army Day Parade commemorates Field Marshal K.M. Cariappa's appointment as the first Indian Commander-in-Chief of the Indian Army in 1949, symbolizing India's post-independence military leadership. Traditionally held in Delhi, the parade began rotating to different cities in 2023, starting with Bengaluru, followed by Lucknow in 2024. Pune's selection for the 2025 parade highlights the city's historic ties to the Armed Forces and its role as the headquarters of the Indian Army's Southern Command.

This year's parade will take place at the Bombay Engineering Group and Centre, featuring marching contingents, mechanized columns, and technological exhibits. Highlights will include demonstrations of cutting-edge defense technologies such as drones and robotics, along with captivating performances like combat demonstrations and martial arts displays.

Preceding the parade, events like the "Know Your Army" exhibition, scheduled for early January in Pune, will allow residents to explore advanced weaponry and interact with soldiers who defend the nation. Such initiatives emphasize inclusivity and unity, making the Army Day Parade not merely a ceremonial occasion but a national celebration of courage, dedication, and technological progress.

The Indian Army fosters a stronger connection with citizens nationwide by rotating the Army Day Parade across different cities. This initiative decentralizes the celebration, providing local communities with opportunities to directly engage with the Armed Forces.

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