Bhargavastra Counter-Drone System

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India's indigenous counter-swarm drone system, Bhargavastra, developed by Solar Defence and Aerospace Limited, has completed development trials from November 20 to 24 at the Pokhran field firing ranges in Rajasthan.

- **Developer –** Solar Defence and Aerospace Limited (SDAL), a Nagpur-based firm part of the Solar Industries group.
- **Role–** A two-layer, vehicle-mounted counter-swarm drone system (VMCSDS) built to engage multiple aerial targets simultaneously and neutralize drone swarms up to 2.5 km away.
- **Variants–** Built in two versions—Version-I uses air defence rockets, and Version-II adds guided micro-missiles equipped with autonomous guidance and infrared (IR) seekers.
- **Trial Dates & Location–** In-house development trials ran from November 20 to 24, 2026, at Pokhran in Rajasthan.



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