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The Armoured Corps Celebrates '79th Armour Day'

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The Armoured Corps celebrated its '**79th ARMOUR DAY**' on **01 May 17**. **The event commemorates the mechanization of the erstwhile Indian Cavalry on 01 May 1938**, when the **SCINDE HORSE** became the first Indian Cavalry Regiment to stable its horses and convert to the **Vickers Light Tank** and **Chevrolet Armoured Cars**. The elite 'Tank' Corps celebrated the **DAY** with serving & veterans officers' fraternity of the Corps and other arms/services. The elegant function truly epitomized traditional elan, camaraderie and all - round excellence that characterizes the Armoured Corps.

'**Courage in the face of fearful odds**', has been the enduring saga of the Armoured Corps and is exemplified by the award of **two Param Vir Chakras, 15 Maha Vir Chakras** and **60 Vir Chakras**, amongst the large number of other gallantry and distinguished service awards bestowed upon its officers and men, after independence. The elite Arm has transited from Light Tanks / Armoured Cars in the 1930s to Stuart and Sherman tanks, Centurion heavy tanks, AMX-13 light tank in the 1950-60, the indigenous **Vijayanta tank**, Russian **T-54/55** and **PT-76** tanks in the intervening period, to is present day fleet comprising the **T-72 (AJEYA)** tank, the modern **T-90 (BHISHMA)** tank and the indigenous **Main Battle Tank ARJUN**. Organized, equipped and trained to effectively accomplish assigned mission in all types of conventional operations in varied terrain, the **Armoured Corps** also **contributes substantially** to the Army's counter insurgency effort with a large representation in the **Rashtriya Rifles and Assam Rifles**. It has a standing Contingent in the UN Peace Keeping Mission in Lebanon as its representatives amidst the blue beret fraternity.

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