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# 'IT and CT are crucial to national security'

**What is the basic idea behind the recent focus on IT and defence?**

The Maharashtra Chambers of Commerce, Industries and Agriculture (MCCIA) has been trying to promote Information Technology (IT) and Communication Technology (CT) in defence. IT and CT not only enhance our daily interaction but are also crucial to national security. It has now become significant for the Indian army to track movements of neighbouring countries which can be done only through powerful communication systems. With this idea in mind MCCIA has made an attempt to exploit Pune's technological expertise.

**Since Pune is the IT hub, what kind of role it can play in Defence?**

Pune has a strong IT sector and it is an

ideal place for the Indian Army to exploit the local expertise. With its proficiency in technology allied with research Pune will go a long way in developing and fulfilling the Indian Army's critical communications requirements.

**Can you elaborate on how IT will be used?**

IT will be used in weapon systems, surveillance system and also in logistics.

**How is IT used in a weapon system?**

It will help the army gather information about its enemy. Most countries have been using the 'spying' system. But that has become outdated, hence this new technique. Take for instance a missile,

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which can also help in gathering information. It will have software with a camera which will show army personnel the war position. It will also show the area according to the map without

the need of the presence of army personnel. What's better, the information's genuineness is guaranteed.

**Are there any more IT-CT programmes in the pipeline?**

Yes. We are planning to some more programs to create IT-CT awareness among industrialists and government. Multiple sessions will be held on how to deal with the battlefield milieu. We are also planning an exhibition on IT and CT skills.

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**On IT's role in  
Defence**