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The CDS also said that humanity is on the “cusp of an era” where space is emerging as a new domain of warfare, and pitched for developing a “space culture” that entails

developing doctrines, conducting research and establishing dedicated warfare schools.

“The Defence Space Agency is working on bringing out a military space doctrine, which hopefully should be out in two or three months. We are also working on a national military space policy,” the CDS told a gathering of defence and space experts. General Chauhan also mentioned the government’s approval of a 52-satellite constellation for the defence sector, of which 31 satellites will be built by the private sector. “We are going to launch 52-odd satellites for intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance purposes, in partnership with the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and private sector,” he said.

The Defence Space Agency is working on an integrated satellite communication grid to mitigate the current limitations and “prepare ourselves for future”, he said. He underlined that military space operations are critical for identifying potential threats to national security. These threats may originate from state or non-state actors, and the vulnerabilities may extend beyond the space-based system.

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