

DAP 2026 SAYS OWNED BY INDIA TAKES PRIORITY

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Quick Summary

DAP 2026 is about to be released. **This DAP has made a paradigm shift in DNA.** This Newsletter talks about this shift and how Zen stands **fully aligned** with this vision.

Revisiting the Journey so far

Early days

While DAP 2026 is only in its second edition, the history of Defence Procurement Procedures (DPP) goes back to 2002 when its first edition was released. It aimed to usher **transparency and time-bound procurement** of defence wherewithal.

Marching ahead

The next version (DPP 2003) **opened the doors to ‘transfer of technology’** from abroad. Following this, DPP 2005 gave importance to promoting **Indian design and development through indigenous R&D**. The successive DPP in 2009 introduced the **concept of Offsets** while DPP 2011 clarified many procedural issues.



AI-Enabled Anti-Drone System

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The Birth of the Indian-IDDM

The next DPP (DPP 2013) continued its emphasis on building indigenous capability while DPP 2016 introduced the **Buy (Indian - IDDM)** category courtesy the then Defence Minister **Shri Manohar Parrikar** who chose to **concur with a strong proposal by our CMD** in this regard **overruling voices of opposition and naysayers**. Riding high on the Atmanirbhar sentiment, the DPP version in 2020 continued to give the highest priority to the IDDM category.

DAP 2026 – A Paradigm Shift

That leads us to DAP 2026. It ushers **a paradigm shift** in the way India will look at the entire gamut of Defence Acquisitions. The same is briefly stated below:

The Amrit Kaal Bridge

DAP 2026 states: **“We stand at the threshold of the most consequential and decisive decade in independent India’s defence history.** The previous decade was about laying the foundation of Atmanirbharta, the next decade is about vertical velocity. This period is the critical **‘Amrit Kaal Bridge** that will ensure that India arrives at its centenary in 2047 as a Shaper of the Global Order. **Jointness, Atmanirbharta and Innovation (JAI) are the keystone of government policy** of defence preparedness across every facet.

The ‘Doctrinal Departure’

DAP 2026 marks a **doctrinal departure** from the initial phase of ‘Indigenisation’, which was primarily practiced as manufacturing foreign equipment or components on Indian soil. For the next decade, the metric of success is not just **“Made in India,” but “Owned by India.”** This marks a shift of focus from Transfer of Technology to **Co-Development and Intellectual Property (IP) Ownership**. Capital Acquisitions would prioritise the retention of source codes, critical design data, and upgrade authority within Indian entities. We now aim to be a **design powerhouse of the world!**

Zen and DAP 2026

‘Owned by India’ as a major plank of DAP 2026 is also our core signature. We are committed to making our **armed forces unbeatable in war** by enabling them with Indian solutions in our core-competent domains of Combat Training and Anti-Drone systems.

This is how:



We are one of the few Private Self-Funded Indigenous Research and Development (PSFIR) Companies **committed to creating sovereign IP**.

With no direct or indirect government R&D grant, Make-I prototype funding, IDEX or TDF grant, DRDO or DPSU co-development assistance, or any other government-sponsored development finance **we have invested substantial amounts of our own capital to conceptualise, design and develop ‘ready-to-deploy’ combat training and counter-drone solutions** that have strengthened our armed forces to win wars for our nation.



Our **Anti-Drone System (ZADS)** was instrumental in effectively countering the drone threat from our adversary during **Op Sindoor**.

Our involvement, commitment and conviction to creating sovereign **IP stands in sharp contrast to Public sector** or Government-aided bodies that operate on Govt funded/aided R&D where the risks involved are minimal/zero.



As a fruit of our labour, Zen proudly owns **more than 100 patents** (filed 231), 49 designs, 103 trademarks and 107 copyrights. Actually our IP portfolio has a total of **607 filings out of which 359 have been granted**. That is our contribution to creating sovereign IP.

Creating sovereign IP – an abiding commitment

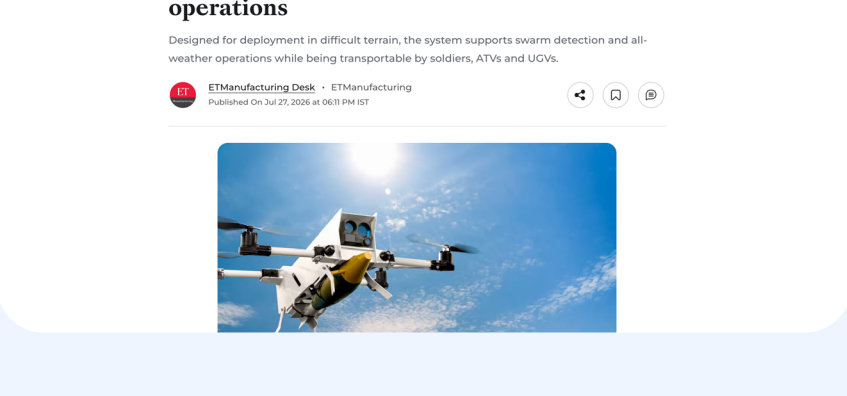
Notwithstanding the positives, there are challenges and shortcomings in the current DAP which need be addressed. Our **CMD, as a stakeholder and as someone who is in the forefront of proud ‘IP creators’,** has very strongly flagged these issues for consideration by the Govt. Some of the **issues flagged by the CMD** include the **recognition of PSFIR Companies** by way of a proper definition, calling for their **deserved equivalence with DRDO/DPSU/CGROs** in all matters of acquisition procedure, single vendor status and procurement preference and protecting, preserving and incentivizing the **‘vanishing few’ PSFIRs** not as mere Companies but as **‘National Strategic Assets’**.

Let us close this Newsletter with one statement –

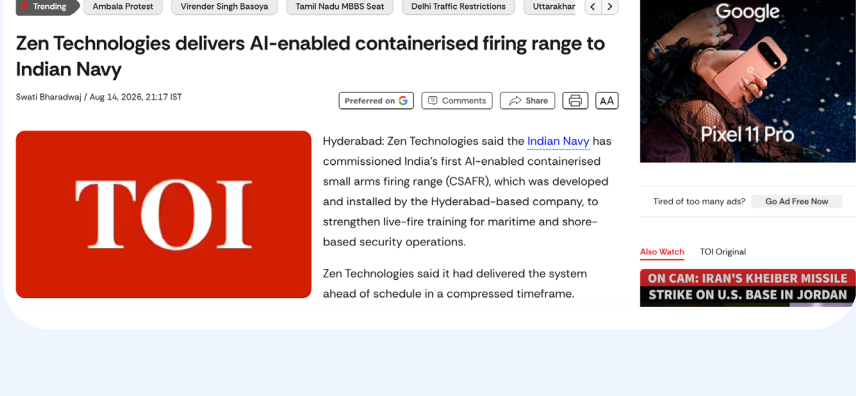
“The soul and spirit of DAP 2026 resonates with what Zen is committed to - ‘OWNED BY INDIA.’ Period.”

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