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FIGHTING ARMS, ROLE AND TASKS

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ARMED FORCES

LESSON PLAN AF 1

(Part 5)

Armoured Corps

The Armoured Corps is one of the combat arms of the Indian Army. Formed in 1947, it has battle tanks which provide the mobility and fire power. It currently consists of 63 armoured regiments; including the president's bodyguards. Armour is best suited for present day battle field environment because of its mobility, fire power, protection and shock action. An Armoured Regiment has 45 tanks. In India we have Tank T-72, Tank T-90, MBT Arjun and Bhishma tanks.

Armoured Corps

Role & Tasks

To destroy the enemy by relentless mobile and offensive action in both offensive as well as defensive operations.

Infantry is the main combat arm, best arm suited for close battle. Its role is to close in with the enemy and destroy him or capture his territory. In Defence, they hold the ground against all types of attack. They also take part in counter insurgency and counter terrorist operations. Infantry also provides assistance in aid to civil authorities when called for.

Role & Task

Infantry is essential arm of close combat. Its role in attack is to close in with the enemy and destroy or capture him; in defence it is to hold ground against all forms of attacks by the enemy.

Mechanised Infantry

It is infantry with more mobility and fire power. Mechanized Infantry operates in armoured personnel carrier (APC) which has enough protection against small arms fire. They operate along with Armour in battle field. Equipments used are BMP- I and II.

Mechanised Infantry (Cont...)

The concept of **mechanised infantry** is based on the need to provide protection with added mobility, radio communications and firepower to enable the infantry to operate effectively in mobile operations with armour.

Role & Tasks of the Mechanized Infantry

Primary Role

The primary role of the mechanised infantry is to close with the enemy in coordination with armour and destroy or capture the enemy.

Role & Tasks of the Mechanized Infantry

Secondary Role

- (a) Destroy the enemy over run by armour.
- (b) Hold ground temporarily.
- (c) Reconnaissance.
- (d) For counter infiltration and against parachute and heliborne landings.

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