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Bharat Drone Shakti 2023 Inaugurated At Hindon Airbase In UP's Ghaziabad; Key Updates From Mega Event

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The mega drone show was inaugurated by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, who earlier in the day formally inducted C-295 MW transport aircraft into the Indian Air Force at the Hindon Air Base. The induction ceremony came days after the first C-295 transport aircraft made for IAF landed at Air Force Station in Gujarat's Vadodara on Wednesday.

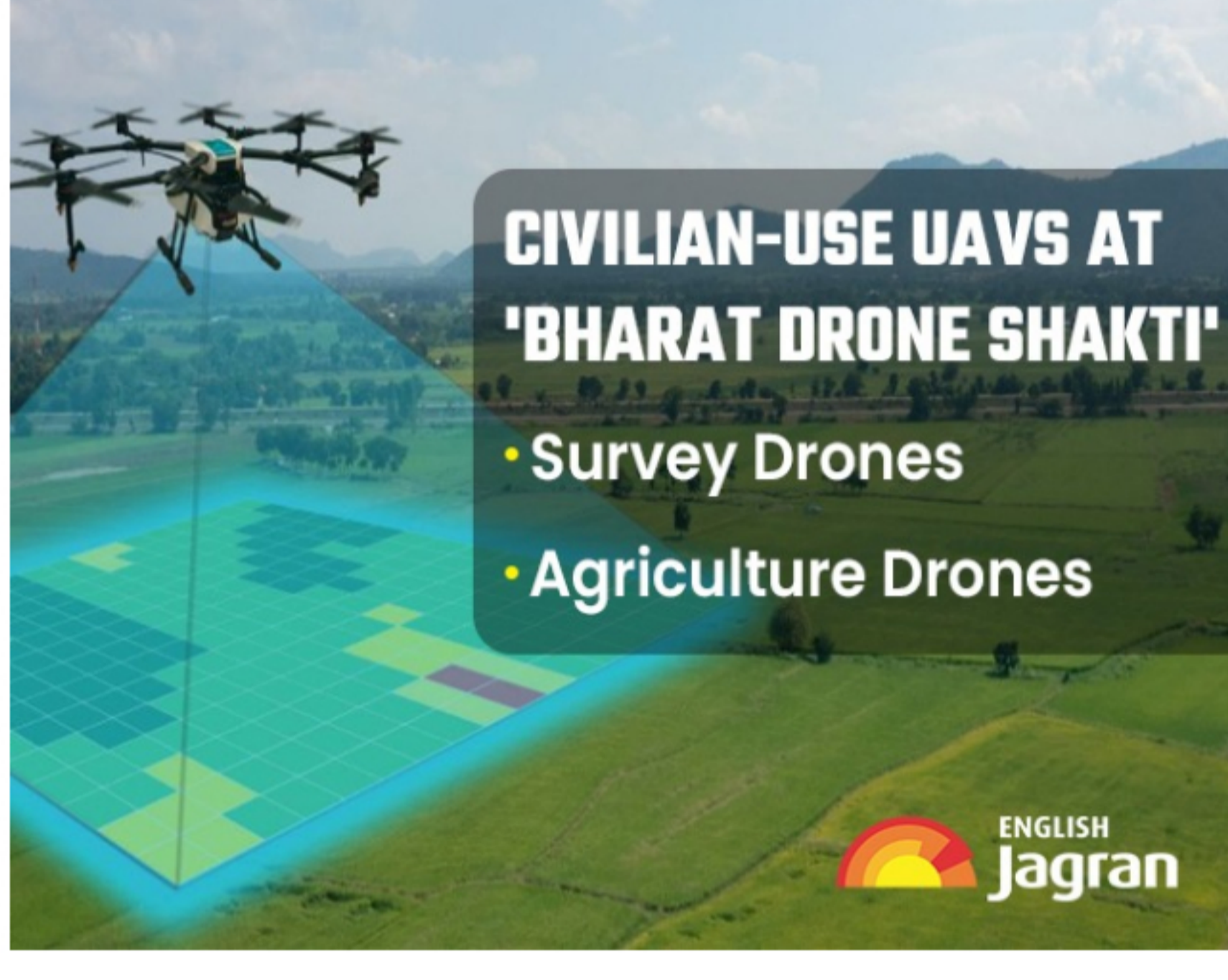
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The event is expected to attract representatives from central government, state departments, armed forces, and other government and non-government bodies. The exhibition "will give a fillip to India's commitment to becoming a global drone hub by 2030", the Centre said. 'Bharat Drone Shakti 2023' aligns perfectly with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of indigenisation of the country's defence sector.

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Let's take a look at the key highlights Of 'Bharat Drone Shakti 2023':

- More than 50 live demonstrations of civilian and military-use unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) by Indian manufacturers to take place during 'Bharat Drone Shakti 2023'.
- Over 75 drone start-ups and corporates will participate in the exhibition.
- Types of drones designed for civilian use that are to be displayed during the event include survey drones and agriculture drones.



- However, given the nature of the event, UAVs with military applications are expected to be the highlight of 'Bharat Drone Shakti 2023'.

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- Military-use UAVs that are to be shown to the attendees of the event include tactical surveillance drones, and loitering munition systems.



- Moreover, companies are also demonstrating UAVs with hybrid capabilities such as fire suppression, and heavy-lift logistics. Such drones can find use in both military and civilian domains.



- Apart from the aforementioned categories of UAVs, drone swarms and counter-drone solutions will also make appearances during the event.



- The event is expected to attract around 5,000 attendees, including representatives from central government, state departments, private industries, armed forces, and paramilitary forces, **MoD said**.

- Representatives from friendly countries, academicians and students, and drone enthusiasts are also expected to attend the UAV exhibition in large numbers.