

DRDO HANDS OVER AUTHORITY HOLDING SEALED PARTICULARS OF AKASH WEAPON SYSTEM (INDIAN ARMY VERSION) TO MISSILE SYSTEMS QUALITY ASSURANCE AGENCY

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