

India's Defence Manufacturing - A journey of self-dependence and indigenisation



(Photo: Angad Singh)

India has shown an exemplary growth in defence manufacturing and exporting during the last decade. Most of this consistent and superlative growth is the result of increasing awareness and support with self-dependence and indigenisation in defence manufacturing, directed through the policies of 'Make in India', 'Make for the world' and 'Atma Nirbhar Bharat'. As a result, the defence export curve has moved upwards with more than 75% increase in the overall defence export since 2014-15.

The constant emphasis and encouragement to the inland defence manufacturing and harnessing the potential of the domestic research and development, technological advancements and industry-wide skill set has helped the Indian defence sector reach new heights with the passing years. Since 2014 Indian government has dedicated their focus on streamlining the defence manufacturing and creating

an environment for ease of export with drastic policy reforms and easy processing, NOC and other regulations for export. The Standard Operating Procedure (SOP), incentives and benefits on Tax and Duties, Special cell for helping in the promotion of

the defence exports etc. helped the public and private companies to concentrate on the exports and grew further.

India has never been a forerunner in the defence exports earlier. Stringent government policies, absence of focused

