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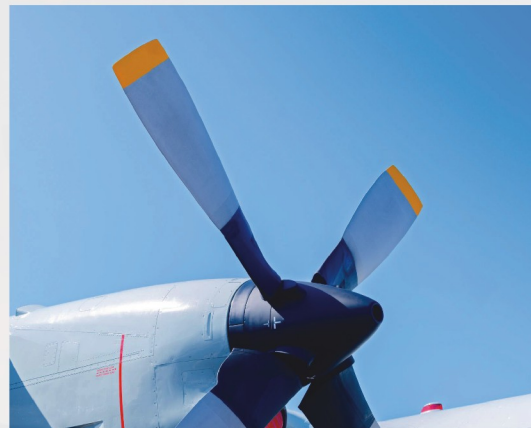
SOCIETY OF INDIAN DEFENCE MANUFACTURERS



Building Resilient Global Defence Supply Chains

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INDIA AT A STRATEGIC INFLECTION POINT

The global defence industry is undergoing a fundamental transformation. Geopolitical realignments, supply-chain diversification, and the need for trusted manufacturing partners have made indigenisation and resilience strategic imperatives for nations worldwide.

At this defining moment, India has emerged as one of the most promising defence and aerospace manufacturing ecosystems globally, backed by policy certainty, expanding industrial capability, and growing global confidence.

DEFCORE 2026 is conceived as a focused international platform that spotlights on India's defence components ecosystem, the invisible yet critical backbone of global security systems.

MAKE IN INDIA FOR THE WORLD

Over the past decade, India has decisively shifted from being a major importer of defence equipment to a credible producer and exporter of defence components, systems, and sub-systems.

- Defence production reached approximately ₹1.5 lakh crore (USD 17.6 billion) in FY 2024–25, driven by sustained domestic manufacturing.¹
- Defence exports crossed ₹23,600 crore (USD 2.8 billion), a more than 34-fold increase since 2014.²
- The Government of India has set clear targets of ₹3 lakh crore defence production and ₹50,000 crore defence exports by 2029.³

India today is increasingly integrated into global defence supply chains, supplying precision components, assemblies, and mission-critical systems to leading international OEMs and Tier-1 players.

Source:

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MARKET OPPORTUNITY: WHERE DEMAND MEETS CAPABILITY

India's defence sector is supported by strong long-term fundamentals:

- Large-scale modernisation programmes across the Army, Navy, and Air Force ensure sustained domestic demand.
- Rapid growth in commercial aviation, MRO, UAVs, space systems, and dual-use technologies is expanding the opportunity landscape.
- Increasing collaboration with global OEMs and system integrators is positioning India as a competitive sourcing destination.
- A growing emphasis on lifecycle support, spares, and sustenance is creating recurring demand beyond new acquisitions.

Together, these drivers make India one of the most attractive destinations for defence manufacturing partnerships.

POLICY FRAMEWORK THAT INSPIRES CONFIDENCE

India's rise as a defence manufacturing hub is anchored in stable, long-term policy support:

- Aatmanirbhar Bharat and Make in India as core national missions
- Defence Budget of approximately ₹7.8 lakh crore (FY 2026) with strong capital allocation.¹
- FDI up to 74% under the automatic route, enabling deeper global collaboration.²
- Positive Indigenisation Lists providing assured market access to domestic manufacturers
- Defence Industrial Corridors in Uttar Pradesh and Tamil Nadu, fostering integrated ecosystems
- Focused incentives for manufacturing, R&D, innovation, MSMEs, and start-ups

These measures collectively reduce risk, enhance predictability, and support long-term investments.

Source:

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DEFCORE 2026: THE GLOBAL CONVERGENCE PLATFORM

DEFCORE 2026 – International Exhibition and Conference is showcase of a complete value chain of Army, Aerospace, and Marine components, on a single global platform. The Expo & Conference is designed to enable business, policy dialogue, and technology collaboration at scale.

The event will showcase capabilities across:

- Defence and aerospace components and assemblies
- Precision engineering and advanced manufacturing
- Materials, electronics, avionics, propulsion, and structures
- UAVs, space components, and emerging technologies
- Testing, certification, MRO, and sustenance solutions



EXHIBITOR & VISITOR PROFILES – POWERING BUSINESS CONNECTIONS

EXHIBITOR PROFILE

- Defence components and sub-system manufacturers
- Tier I, Tier II & Tier III suppliers
- Precision engineering, advanced machining, and Industry 4.0-driven manufacturing solutions
- Avionics, electronics, embedded systems, Drone components, sensors & radar firms
- Electronic warfare, Communications & Surveillance solution providers
- Advanced materials, composites & special alloys manufacturers
- Missile, propulsion systems & component suppliers
- AI, cyber security, autonomous systems & defence software companies
- Defence & aviation MRO service providers
- Start-ups, MSMEs, R&D institutions & technology innovators



VISITOR PROFILE

- Ministry of Defence & Armed Forces
- DPSUs: HAL, BEL, BDL and others
- Indian & global OEMs
- System integrators & platform manufacturers
- Defence procurement agencies
- Commercial aviation & space companies
- Policy makers, investors & industry leaders
- Academia & research organisations

WHY PARTICIPATE IN DEFCORE 2026

DEFCORE 2026 offers unmatched strategic value for exhibitors, buyers, and partners:

- Direct engagement with Ministry of Defence, Armed Forces, DPSUs, and global OEMs
- Opportunity to showcase Make in India capabilities to international procurement agencies
- Access to indigenisation, offset, and export-driven opportunities
- Curated B2B meetings with system integrators, Tier-1 suppliers, and investors
- Insights into upcoming procurement programmes and future technology trends
- Positioning as an early mover in next-generation defence and aerospace supply chains



Confederation of Indian Industry

The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) works to create and sustain an environment conducive to the development of India, partnering Industry, Government and civil society through advisory and consultative processes.

CII is a non-government, not-for-profit, industry-led and industry-managed organisation, with around 9,700 members from the private as well as public sectors, including SMEs and MNCs, and an indirect membership of over 365,000 enterprises from 318 national and regional sectoral industry bodies.

For more 130 years, CII has been engaged in shaping India's development journey and works proactively on transforming Indian Industry's engagement in national development. CII charts change by working closely with the Government on policy issues, interfacing with thought leaders, and enhancing efficiency, competitiveness, and business opportunities for industry through a range of specialised services and strategic global linkages. It also provides a platform for consensus-building and networking on key issues.

Through its dedicated Centres of Excellence and Industry competitiveness initiatives, promotion of innovation and technology adoption, and partnerships for sustainability, CII plays a transformative part in shaping the future of the nation. Extending its agenda beyond business, CII assists industry to identify and execute corporate citizenship programmes across diverse domains, including affirmative action, livelihoods, diversity management, skill development, empowerment of women, and sustainable development, to name a few.

For 2025-26, CII has identified "Accelerating Competitiveness: Globalisation, Inclusivity, Sustainability, Trust" as its theme, prioritising five key pillars. During the year, CII will align its initiatives to drive strategic action aimed at enhancing India's competitiveness by promoting global engagement, inclusive growth, sustainable practices, and a foundation of trust.

With 70 offices, including 12 Centres of Excellence, in India, and 9 overseas offices in Australia, Egypt, Germany, Indonesia, Singapore, UAE, UK, and USA, as well as institutional partnerships with about 250 counterpart organisations in almost 100 countries, CII serves as a reference point for Indian industry and the international business community.



Since its inception in 2017, the Society of Indian Defence Manufacturers (SIDM) has evolved into India's premier and sole defence industry association, serving as an advocate, catalyst, and facilitator for the defence sector's growth and capability building. The Society represents the entire spectrum of Defence and Aerospace manufacturers in India, spanning both the public and private sectors. Its membership includes large companies, MSMEs, start-ups, FOEMs, and academic institutions, with representation across all states and regions of the country.

Standing firmly as the 'Voice of the Industry,' SIDM works in close partnership with the Government to create a supportive policy environment for the defence sector's advancement. The organization has played a pivotal role in shaping key policies, including the Defence Acquisition Procedure (DAP) 2020, Draft Defence Procurement Manual (DPM) 2020, Draft Defence Production and Export Promotion Policy (DPEPP) 2020, and the Positive Indigenization Lists, among other significant reforms. A landmark achievement was SIDM's advocacy in establishing the Security of Supplies Arrangement (SOSA) between India and the United States, which has strengthened bilateral defence cooperation and supply chain resilience.

SIDM maintains robust engagement with the Ministry of Defence, Indian Armed Forces and other stakeholders, consistently addressing industry concerns to improve the ease of doing business. Through strategic MoUs with the Army, Navy, and Air Force, SIDM provides a vital platform for industry-military collaboration, enabling manufacturers to meet the evolving requirements of the Indian Armed Forces.

In pursuit of global excellence, SIDM has expanded its international footprint by establishing partnerships with leading defence industry associations worldwide. These include collaborations with ISIC (Japan), GIFAS (France), KDIA (Republic of Korea), NDIA (USA), SOFF (Sweden), AIDN (Australia), ABIMDE (Brazil), UKIBC (UK), BDSV (Germany), TEDAE (Spain), and EDCC & EDGE (UAE), AIAD (Italy) creating robust channels for bilateral trade and technological cooperation.

SIDM has strengthened the defence manufacturing ecosystem through innovative initiatives, including the constitution of the Defence Technology Incubation Council (DTIC) to nurture critical innovations and the Defence Export Promotion Council (DEPC) to boost Indian defence exports. Strategic partnerships with the Government e-Marketplace (GeM) for promoting procurement of Indian defence products and services, SIDBI for supporting MSMEs and start-ups, AICTE for promoting a future-ready defence workforce, and the Directorate General of Resettlement (DGR) to facilitate veteran employment reflect SIDM's comprehensive approach to sector development.

Through its state chapters in Andhra Pradesh, Delhi, Gujarat, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Telangana, Uttar Pradesh, and West Bengal SIDM addresses region-specific industry challenges and promotes grassroots-level advocacy. To enhance capacity building, SIDM organizes specialized training courses on Defence Procurement Procedures. It also recognizes outstanding achievements in the sector through the prestigious 'SIDM Champion Awards', inspiring the industry to achieve higher standards of innovation and manufacturing excellence.

Aligned with its vision of catalyzing the Indian defence industry to contribute effectively to national security and become a trustworthy global partner, SIDM continues to champion the cause of making India Atmanirbhar in Defence Production and is 'Proud to Arm the Nation'.

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