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**MESSAGE** 

Self-reliance in defence has been the cornerstone of India's defence production policy. The call for "Atmanirbhar Bharat" has provided further impetus to realize the goal of self-reliance. Over the years, transparent and streamlined procurement procedures, production policies and "Make in India" initiatives have provided significant stimulus to demand for indigenous products. Indian Defence Industry, which was primarily catering to the needs of the armed forces, has now evolved with diversified product mix and market.

Efforts to achieve 'Aatmanirbharta' in defence surged ahead with renewed thrust, with the country witnessing all-time high Defence production and record Defence exports. The value of defence production in Financial Year 2022-23 crossed the figure of Rs 1 lakh crore for the first time ever. Defence Exports reached an all-time high of approx. Rs. 16000 crore in FY 2022-23. It's a rise of over 10 times since FY 2016-17.

I am sure that EEPC India's annual event International Engineering Sourcing Show from 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> March at CODISSIA, Coimbatore will provide a platform for Entrepreneur's, Decision Makers, Industry Members and Policy Makers to brainstorm, showcase and forge meaningful partnership for business besides educate the people on appropriate usage of technology to get desired benefits.

I wish the event all success.

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