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Procurement of Indigenous Tejas Fighter Aircraft

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Why in News

Recently, the Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) has approved procurement of 83 of the more **advanced Mk1A version of the Tejas aircraft**.

Key Points

- The procurement will be a major **boost to 'Make in India'** as the aircraft is indigenously designed, developed and manufactured.
- The DAC has also approved an amendment to the Defence Procurement Procedure (DPP) 2016.
- This will bring about more **transparency in costs and compress the timelines** for negotiation of the contract.

Tejas

- Tejas is a **Light Combat Aircraft**.
- It is **indigenously-designed** by Aircraft Development Agency (ADA) under the **Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)** and **manufactured by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)**.

Defence Acquisition Council

- DAC is the **highest decision-making body** in the Defence Ministry for deciding on new policies and capital acquisitions for the **three services (Army, Navy and Air Force) and the Indian Coast Guard**.
- The **Minister of Defence** is the **Chairman** of the Council.
- It was formed, after the Group of Ministers **recommendations on 'Reforming the National Security System'**, in 2001, post Kargil War (1999).

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