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Delegation of Financial Powers to Defence Services, 2021 Rules

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Why in News

Recently, the **Ministry of Defence** has released the **Delegation of Financial Powers to Defence Services (DFPDS), 2021 rules**.

- The primary focus of the enhanced delegation of financial powers is to **overcome procedural delays, bring about greater decentralisation and operational efficiency**.
- The DFPDS 2021 rules is **another big step in defence reforms** to strengthen security infrastructure.

Key Points

- **Key Highlights of DFPDS 2021:**
 - **Financial Powers Devolved to Field Formations:**
 - Enhanced the **delegation of revenue procurement powers** for the Army, Navy and Air Force.
 - **10% increase** in Delegated Financial Powers of Vice Chiefs of Services.
 - Financial powers have also been delegated to **new officers among the services, depending on requirements.**
 - **Focus on Operational Preparedness:**
 - Under the new rules, **critical equipment can be hired for short periods** as compared to purchases or a long-term lease, which are not only considerably expensive but also take a long time.
 - Enhanced delegation of financial powers is to **empower Field Commanders and below** to procure equipment/war-like stores in a speedy manner for urgent operational necessities and meeting essential sustenance requirements.
 - **Promoting Ease of Doing Business:**
 - Up to three times increase in funding related to Indigenisation/R&D to achieve '**Atmanirbhar Bharat**'.
- **Recent Reforms in Defence Sector:**
 - Creation of **Chief of Defence Staff**
 - Establishment of **Department of Military Affairs**
 - **Defence Acquisition Procedure 2020**
 - **Recent Critical Defence Acquisitions: Rafale fighter aircraft, S-400 missile defense system, etc.**
 - **Participation of Women in Armed Forces**
 - **Indigenisation of Defense Technology: LCA Tejas, Project 75, etc.**

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