



DefExpo-2022

For Prelims: Aatmanirbharta in Defence, Make in India, IADD, Indian Ocean Region plus Conclave.

For Mains: DefExpo-2022 its Objectives and Significance.

Why in News?

The 12th Edition of DefExpo 2022 is being held in Gandhinagar, Gujarat.

- The [11th edition of DefExpo](#) was held at **Lucknow (Uttar Pradesh) in 2020.**

What is DefExpo 2022?

▪ About:

- DefExpo is a **flagship biennial event of the Ministry of Defence**, showcasing the land, naval, air as well as homeland security systems.

▪ DefExpo 2022:

- It is being held in a first ever four-venue format which promises to engage the public and inspire them to join the Aerospace and Defence manufacturing sector; for **'Aatmanirbharta' in Defence.**
- The aim is to showcase the might of the **domestic defence industry which is now powering 'Make in India, Make for the World'** resolve of the Government and the nation at large.
- It is the first-ever edition exclusively for Indian companies.

▪ Theme: Path to Pride.

▪ Key Events:

- It will host the 2nd edition of the **India-Africa Defence Dialogue (IADD)**, with invites extended to 53 African countries.
 - The IADD will explore **new areas of convergence for mutual engagement, including in areas like capacity building**, training, cyber security, maritime security and counter terrorism.
 - India's approach towards Africa is guided by the **Kampala Principles.**
- A separate **Indian Ocean Region plus (IOR+) conclave** with participation of approximately 40 countries will see India **pitching its military hardware to various countries.**
- It will also mark the celebration of one year of the **formation of the seven new defence companies**, carved out of the erstwhile **Ordnance Factories.**
 - All these companies will be participating for the first time at DefExpo.

What are the Defence Sector Reforms Under Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan?

- **Revision of FDI Limit:** The [FDI limit in defence manufacturing](#) under automatic route is raised from 49% to 74%.

- **Project Management Unit (PMU):** The government is expected to begin time-bound defence procurement and faster decision making by setting up a Project Management Unit (for contract management purposes).
- **Reduction in Defence Imports:** The government will notify a list of weapons/platforms banned for imports and thus such items can only be purchased from the domestic market.
 - Separate budget provision for domestic capital procurement.
- **Corporatisation of the Ordnance Factory Board:** It will include a [public listing of some units](#), ensuring a more efficient interface of the manufacturer with the designer and end-user.

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