

In a Big Boost to Self Reliance in Defence; Indian Air Force Inducts HAL's Light Combat Helicopter

'Prachanda' -the indigenously-developed Light Combat Helicopter (LCH) produced by Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd (HAL) has been formally inducted in the Indian Air Force. Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh, while addressing the induction ceremony at Air Force



Station, Jodhpur, Rajasthan said the LCH not only adds to the combat capability of the Air Force but is also a great leap towards the goal of Atmanirbhar Bharat. 'Prachanda', powered by two 'Shakti' engines is the only attack helicopter in the world which can land and take-off at an altitude of 5,000 meters with a considerable load of weapons and fuel. Under the Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyaan, the government is encouraging indigenous design, development and manufacture of defence equipment in the country to reduce their import. Not only this, by promoting local manufacturing, the government also aims to achieve Rs 35,000 crore defence exports target by 2025.