

Airbus facility in Spain.

■ DefExpo 2022 Propels 'Aatmanirbharta' in Defence to Next Level

The 12th and largest-ever defence exhibition - DefExpo 2022 - has marked the emergence of India's defence industry as a sunrise sector for investment on the global scale in line with the theme of the expo - 'Path to Pride'. Held in Gandhinagar, Gujarat, the five-day event, which commenced on 18th October, witnessed unparalleled participation of over 1,340 exhibitors, businesses, investors, Start-Ups, MSMEs, Armed Forces and delegates from several countries. Conclusion of 451 MoUs (Memoradums of Understanding), ToT (Transfer of Technology) agreements, product launches and orders to domestic businesses, worth Rs 1.5 lakh crore, reflected India's progress towards achieving 'Aatmanirbharta' in Defence and integration between the Armed Forces' requirements, Research and Development and defence production by public and private players. The prowess of the Indian defence and aerospace manufacturing was evident in the display of aircraft, tanks, arms & ammunition, cutting-edge technologies and weapons systems at the first DefExpo exclusively for domestic companies.