

■ Defence Acquisition Council Approves Rs 45,000 Crore Procurement Proposals

The Defence Acquisition Council, led by Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh, has cleared nine capital acquisition proposals valued at Rs. 45,000 crore. These acquisitions will strengthen the Indian defence industry and support the 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat' initiative. Key approvals include Light Armoured Multipurpose Vehicles, High Mobility Vehicle Gun Towing Vehicles, Next-Generation Survey Vessels for the Navy, and upgrades for Dornier Aircraft. Meanwhile, India has officially received its first C-295 MW transport aircraft from Spain. Airbus handed over the aircraft to the Indian Air Force as part of a larger acquisition of 56 C-295 aircraft to replace the AVRO fleet. Airbus will deliver the first 16 aircraft, while Tata Advanced Systems in India will assemble the remaining 40. This partnership will boost Make in India initiatives, stimulate investment, and create jobs in the aviation sector. The C-295 is designed for tactical transport and logistics in challenging locations.