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## ■ **Defence Minister Urges Industry Leaders to Propel India as a Technological Leader**

Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh has called upon industry leaders to spearhead innovation and propel India from being an 'imitator' to a 'leader' in futuristic technologies. Addressing the annual session of the Confederation of Indian Industry in New Delhi, the Defence Minister underscored India's current demographic dividend and the government's commitment to harnessing its full potential. He said that given the rapidly evolving security landscape and the global focus on artificial intelligence, quantum computing, and genetics, it has become imperative for India not only to keep pace but also to make its mark in these domains.