

CALL FOR BOOK CHAPTERS

“Defence Atmanirbharta (Self-reliance), Co-development and Exports”

The **Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses (MP-IDSA), New Delhi** invites Book Chapters for a book which would be based on the third Delhi Defence Dialogue (DDD) 2026, scheduled for 3–4 November 2026, on the theme “Defence *Atmanirbharta* (Self-reliance), Co-development and Exports”.

India aspires to become self-reliant in defence technologies and emerge as a developed nation by 2047 (Viksit Bharat@2047). This requires a nuanced and clear articulation of ‘Defence *Atmanirbharta*’, and what all is needed to achieve this aim. The Indian defence forces, as key stakeholders, need to evolve from ‘facilitators’ to ‘partners’ in indigenous development. Accordingly, they may require structural reforms such as creation of integral R&D organisations akin to the Air Force Research Laboratory (AFRL), Office of the Naval Research (ONR) and Army Innovation Command of the US defence forces and equivalent defence forces R&D organisations of leading defence manufacturing countries, i.e. Russia, France, China, UK, Israel, etc. In addition, reforms and synergy in defence finance, defence research, defence production and capital procurement would be required to prevent closure of indigenous development projects and make them successful through in-built mechanisms such as ownership, spiral development, adequate and timely funding, expeditious decision making, approvals, development partnerships and upgradation of design, testing and certification ecosystem.

The transformation of collaborations from ‘license production and Transfer of Technology’ to ‘co-development by the Indian industry’ requires new approaches such as forming consortiums, increasing investment in R&D, enhancing technology development work share and launching IPR-focused endeavours. The defence innovation collaborations could also provide new opportunities for mutually beneficial partnerships.

India is making focused efforts to enhance defence exports, which necessitate a comprehensive understanding of India’s own defence export, taxation and other challenges, and more importantly, an articulation of the way forward to position India as a defence exports hub. In addition, there is a need to examine the defence equipment import and acquisition organisations, taxation, Foreign Direct Investment (FDI), certification and other policies of the friendly countries that currently import or have the potential to import Indian defence equipment.

Keeping these issues into consideration, the Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses (MP-IDSA), is inviting contributions in the form of Book Chapters on the topics listed on the next page.

KEY TOPICS

1. *Atmanirbharta* in Defence: Concept, Challenges and Way Forward
2. India's roadmap and action plan for self-reliance in naval, aerospace, land and missile systems by 2047.
3. **Global Defence Research, Development and Innovations:** Study the following aspects of defence equipment manufacturing countries like USA, Russia, China, Israel, Republic of Korea, Japan, Germany, UK, France, etc.:
 - i. Integral Defence Forces Research and Development (R&D) Organisations and their organisational structures
 - ii. The Defence Forces R&D organisations' role and contribution in the development of complex and innovative defence technologies
 - iii. Defence innovation organisations and their innovation initiatives
 - iv. Defence design, testing, standards and certification ecosystems
4. **Defence Exports by India:** Study the following aspects of the countries from Africa, Latin America, Central Asia, South Asia, Europe and potential buyers of Indian defence equipment:
 - i. Defence equipment requirements of the friendly countries that could be met by the Indian defence industry
 - ii. Defence Acquisition organisations of their defence forces and their acquisition mechanisms
 - iii. Defence equipment import, FDI, taxation, certification and related policies
5. India's defence export, taxation, regulatory, certification and other policy reforms to stimulate defence exports.
6. Technology development and innovation reforms to make India *atmanirbhar* (self-reliant) in defence technologies
7. Policy, structural and other reforms in the key entities such as Indian Ministry of Defence, Defence Forces, DRDO, DPSUs and others to stimulate self-reliance
8. Reforms in MoD, DPSUs, etc. to prevent delays, inactions and closure of indigenous development projects and make them successful
9. Transforming Indian private industry from 'license manufacturers' to 'co-developers' of defence technologies
10. Nuances and Challenges of novel approaches by the Indian industry such as consortiums for developing complex high value defence technologies.
11. Challenges and way forward for enhancing R&D funding, technology development work share and IPR focused defence technology development by the public and private sector entities in India.

Submission: Contributors may submit Book Chapter to ddd.mpidsa@gov.in latest by **15 September 2026**. A full-length analytical chapters should be in the range of 4,000–8,000 words (including references). All contributions will be double blind peer-reviewed following the standard review process.

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