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Secretary (Defence Production) Shri Sanjeev Kumar has stressed on the need to achieve self-reliance in defence manufacturing to deal with conventional and unconventional challenges of today. Delivering a lecture organised by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India on '*Aatmanirbhar Bharat in Defence Sector and Various Government Initiatives*' in New Delhi on December 12, 2025, he defined self-reliance as not being dependent on others, designing & developing equipment indigenously, possessing the ability to upgrade, and maintaining full control over these products.



The Secretary (Defence Production) highlighted the impact of the Srijan Scheme, Positive Indigenisation Lists, Make Procedures, and iDEX scheme in creating a robust defence ecosystem in the country. He emphasised the crucial role of audit agencies in ensuring transparency within procedural frameworks.

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