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Subject: Monthly Summary for the Cabinet for the Month of Jan 2025 (Unclassified) - Reg.

The undersigned is directed to circulate herewith a copy of the unclassified portion of the monthly summary in respect of Department of Defence Production (DDP) for the month of Jan 2025 for kind information.

  
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- 1 The sixth Scorpene-class submarine 'Vaghsheer', the first stealth frigate 'Nilgiri' of Project 17A, and the fourth stealth destroyer 'Surat' of Project 15B were commissioned by the Indian Navy on 15 Jan, '25 at the hands of the Hon'ble Prime Minister. These platforms were constructed by Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL), a DPSU of GOI.
- 2 Aero India- the biennial aerospace and defence exhibition, will be held in Bangalore from February 10 to 14, 2025. As a prelude to Aero India 2025, Hon'ble Raksha Mantri chaired the Ambassadors' Round-table in New Delhi on 10<sup>th</sup> Jan 2025. Ambassadors/ High Commissioners and delegates of 77 friendly countries participated in the event. This edition of Aero-India expects participation of more than 90 countries including 50 foreign OEMs, marking highest ever participation.
- 3 On 5<sup>th</sup> Jan 2025, two designed Fast Patrol Vessels (FPVs)- Amulya and Akshay, part of an Advanced fleet of eight FPVs being constructed by GSL for the Indian Coast Guard, were launched.
- 4 During the month of January 2025, 152 Export Authorizations were issued to various industries, valued at Rs. 2064.72 Crores.
- 5 A Simplified iDEX Finance Manual has been finalized. This manual will reduce time taken for approval of the iDEX challenge winner and the signing off contract with them by about 50% and also in releasing various instalments of iDEX fund.
- 6 A "National Defence MSME Conclave" was organized on 20th January 2025 in New Delhi with the theme "Transforming Indian Industry: Shaping a Globally Competitive Defence Landscape". In the conclave, the financial and structural support systems provided by the Government to ensure stability and empowerment of MSMEs including Ease of Doing Business were highlighted during the plenary sessions and B-to-B discussions.
- 7 In order to strengthen the top management of the DPSUs, 2 (two) functional directors and 1 (one) CMD in DPSUs have joined during this month (taking the total to 56). Further, out of 70 positions for Independent Directors (ID), 2 have completed the tenure during the month leaving only 7 IDs. Further, 3 more Ids will be completing the tenure by April 2025. Availability of Ids in few PSUs like HAL & BEL have become a bottleneck and these DPSUs are not able to form their Audit Committee and Remuneration committee. Department has already taken up with the Department of Personnel and Training for filling these vacancies.
- 8 There is vacancy of one Additional Secretary and one Joint Secretary in the Department.