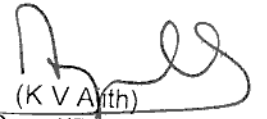


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Monthly Summary for the Cabinet: March 2024 (Unclassified)

- 1.1 iDEX organised the DefConnect 2024 event aimed at promoting innovation, entrepreneurship and self-reliance in Defence Production. During the DefConnect 2024, Hon'ble Raksha Mantri launched the following:
- ADITI (Acing Development of Innovative Technologies with iDEX) scheme to provide support to start-ups/MSMEs with grants of up to Rs 25 Cr targeting development of over 30 strategic technologies viz. autonomous weapons, hypersonic technologies etc.
 - 17 challenges in the first edition of ADITI.
 - 11th edition of Defence India Start-up Challenge (DISC) with 22 problem statements.
 - Rolling iDEX internship program, aimed at nurturing young talent and providing them with hands-on experience and mentorship in defence innovation.
- 1.2 In line with India's Defence Export Strategy to enhance defence exports, 154 Export Authorisations were issued to 32 countries during the month, having value of Rs. 2368.12 crores by private Companies and Rs. 536.19 crores by DPSUs bringing the total value of export to Rs. 21083.30 crores in FY 2023-24.
- 1.3 A total of 17 Industrial License applications were disposed off by the Standing Committee on Private Sector Participation.
- 1.4 Hon'ble Railway Minister visited BEML Bangalore Complex and witnessed the progress of Vande Bharat Sleeper Train sets on 9th March, 2024.
- 1.5 MIDHANI Supplied Maraging Steel, Titanium Alloys, special Steel products for Chandrayaan-3 Satellite and launcher, Aditya L-1 and Gaganyaan project.
