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### MESSAGE

1. I am happy to note that *The Chanakya Aerospace, Defence & Maritime Review* is publishing a special issue to commemorate 75 years of India's Independence - "Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav".
2. As we march into "Amrit Kaal", the maritime domain will be one of the prime facilitators of India's growth and prosperity. In supporting this aspirational trajectory, the Indian Navy, as the principal manifestation of India's maritime power, stands steadfast in preserving, promoting and protecting our national maritime interests. While doing so, we continue to induct highly advanced and potent indigenously built platforms, thereby underscoring our deep commitment and focus towards 'Self-Reliance'.
3. Fostering partnerships with industry, academia and innovators is a key focus for the Indian Navy towards realising its vision of a *Combat Ready, Credible Cohesive and Future Proof Force*. In this regard, *The Chanakya Aerospace, Defence & Maritime Review* plays a crucial role in enhancing awareness of security related issues as well as increasing maritime consciousness amongst its readers. I am glad that the magazine, which is in its 53<sup>rd</sup> year of publication, has been educating its readers on a wide spectrum of topics pertaining to all three Services over the last five decades, with specific emphasis on 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' and 'Make in India' initiatives. This is a clear indicator of India's 'Whole of Nation' outlook as we navigate into the future.
4. I wish the team at *The Chanakya Aerospace, Defence & Maritime Review* the very best in all their endeavours.

Jai Hind.

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