



**MERCHANTS' CHAMBER
OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY**

organised its 2nd

MCCI Defence Conclave 2022

**Atmanirbhar Defence – Opportunities,
Challenges and the way Forward**

May 24, 2022 in Kolkata.



Lt. Gen Rana Pratap Kalita,
UYSM, AVSM, SM, VSM, GOC-in-C,
Eastern Command (HQ)
addressed the Conclave as
the Chief Guest.





The Conclave was also addressed by **Maj. General IS Rathore**, Eastern Comand (HQ), **Mr. Shekhar Chakravarty**, CEO, Hooghly Cochin Shipyard, **Ms. Madhumita Chakravarti**, Director, CMSDS, DRDO, **Mr. A Lahiri**, Add. General Manager, HAL, Barrackpore Div., **Ms. Hemavathy M**, AGM-Strategic Planning, Bharat Electronics Limited, **Mr. Harikumar R**, General Manager- Technology Planning, Bharat Electronics Ltd, **Mr. Harihar Das**, DGM (VD & IEP), Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Ltd., and **Mr. Sujoy Kumar Majee**, Chief Manager (Outsourcing), HAL, Barrackpore Div.

The Defence Conclave was an endeavour of MCCI to develop long term synergies between the main producers of the Defence sector with industrial base in Eastern India. The Conclave was followed by a Technical Session and B2B Meetings with participating Defence PSUs.

The Guest speakers elucidated the business opportunities that their respective organisations have to offer for the participating industries.

Over 150 industry delegates from across sectors, interacted with the defence production units at the Conclave.

The B2B session was attended by Eastern Command, Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL), Barrackpore Division, Hooghly Cochin Shipyard, Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Limited and Bharat Electronics

Limited. 66 B2B Meetings were scheduled with the participating Defence PSUs at the B2B Session in the Conclave.

To take forward Atmanirbhar Defence on a mission mode, the Defence PSUs invited industries to come forward and participate in Defence sector which promise huge business opportunities. As per the report, the Government of India has already introduced 239 schemes with outlay 1.73 lacs crore during 2014-2020 for defence indigenous manufacturers. The Ministry of Defence has emphasized on the public-private partnership in the area of Critical Technology such as Nano technology, AI, Machine learning, Robotics, Missile, Navigation technology.

Defence Public Sector Undertakings (DPSUs) like Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) in Aerospace, Cochin Shipyard, Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Limited in naval sector, Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) in strategic electronics are some of the key defence enterprises being ably supported by over 450 licensed private sector engineering majors who have diversified to manufacturing Defence related products.

The Second edition of MCCI Defence Conclave was initiated to bridge the gap between users and producers in the Defence Sector and the Conclave mainly showcased how the market forces are changing as well as the defence procurement.



Lt. Gen Rana Pratap Kalita

UYSM, AVSM, SM, VSM, GOC-in-C Eastern Command (HQ)

Warfare is constantly changing; the military is trying to evolve with new technology globally. In case of any future conflict, any nation has to fight alone, hence there is an urgent need to be self-reliant.



Shri Shekhar Chakravarty

CEO, Hooghly Cochin Shipyard

Defence Acquisition Procedure (DAP 2020) aims to create industrial eco-system in Defence Sector. 5000 plus items are targeted to be indigenized in the Naval Sector to avoid unnecessary stock testing.



Smt. Madhumita Chakravarti

Director, CMSDS, DRDO, Kolkata

A design and fabrication centre for millimeter-wave semiconductor devices, systems and other related products leading to self-reliance is created to provide knowledge and infrastructure for development and limited series production of millimeter-wave semiconductor devices in collaboration with academic institutions and industries.



Shri Rishabh C. Kothari

President, MCCI

MCCI Defence Conclave will foster new mutually beneficial partnerships for the users as well as suppliers and help build a more resilient and Aatmanirbhar Bharat.



Shri Lalit Beriwal

Senior Vice President, MCCI

MSMEs have an important role to play in terms of strengthening the whole supply chain in the defence sector in national interest.

ABOUT MCCI

MCCI is a non-government, not-for-profit, industry-led and industry-managed organization, with around 700 direct members and 15,000 indirect members covering a wide cross-section of small, medium & large industries, trades, professions and services. There are 30 Standing Committees under the Executive Committee, looking after various aspects of the industry, trade and services sectors. Besides, 10 Associations of Industry & Trade are affiliated to MCCI.

For over 120 years, MCCI has worked to develop an indigenous vibrant industrial base in the country, especially in the Eastern India. The indomitable spirit and quest to build an institution to safeguard the interests of the indigenous business community led to the birth of a Baishya Sabha. With the changing times now it stands as MCCI. MCCI has always evolved to reinvent itself to meet the requirements of the times and is presently going through another such transformative phase in the era of 'new normal'.

MCCI works as a bridge between businesses and the policy makers to create a conducive economic environment for the industry to prosper and flourish while benefitting all the stakeholders in the economy. It works on the goal to take Indian industry to a higher growth trajectory.

MCCI is one of the leading Chambers of Eastern India which has always worked for the betterment of MSMEs. The Chamber has been continuously organising MSME Helpdesks in association with the Department of MSME and Textile, Government of West Bengal. Several Business Programmes are organized for the benefit of the members.

MCCI looks to the future with confidence in its capacity to serve the people and the business community of Eastern region and in the process, contribute to the economic development of the State in particular and the country as a whole.

For the year 2022, MCCI is prepared to provide opportunities for growth and development to its members through 4E's ~ Explore, Educate, Empower and Enable which will help members achieve the 5th E ~ Excellence in all spheres.

MCCI has always evolved to reinvent itself to meet the requirements of the times and is presently working on the specific Theme "**Bouncing Back**", working closely with the State and Central Government on policy matters and also building bridges through international connect initiatives.



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