

L&T Imprints 'Make in India' Across Globe



MUMBAI: Over three decades ago, India's premier defence research organisation was looking for a partner to develop a prototype for the first nuclear-powered submarine. The DRDO was also keen to work on the design and prototyping of missile launchers under Integrated Guided Missile Program.

At this juncture, the DRDO turned towards a domestic company for completion of the skilled and critical task. That company was Larsen & Toubro. This was much before the private companies saw business 'opportunities' in defence or there was any momentum for indigenous capabilities under Aatmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan.

The company subsequently set up nine state-of-the-art dedicated defence facilities to make ships and submarines to artillery guns to torpedo launchers to new-age military communication networks.

“As a company involved in nation-building for over eight decades now, we firmly stand with the policy of locally creating best-in-class products and projects under ‘Make in India’ initiative,” says Mr. SN Subrahmanyam, CEO & MD, Larsen & Toubro.

INDIGENOUS ECOSYSTEM

L&T is not only a trusted supplier and manufacturer of critical defence apparatus to the Indian Defence Services. It also exports defence products such as weapon, engineering and control systems and missile subsystems to a few foreign nations that are on India’s friend-list. Three decades after a Howitzer was included to the armoury of Indian army, L&T-made K9 Vajra-T howitzers have now been inducted in the service of the nation from last year.

The conglomerate is committed to achieving self-reliance for the domestic industry by creating a strong and feasible ‘Make in India’ ecosystem. L&T takes pride in being at the forefront of creating projects and products, some of the largest, tallest, and longest in the world – all made in India.

“We can drastically reduce our dependency on imported products, by putting processes and systems in place to develop a largescale, efficient and cost-effective domestic industrial ecosystem over a medium to long term period. The atmosphere is right for that and we should accelerate this. We are fully supportive of the Government of India’s initiatives and will do our best to contribute to Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan,” Mr Subrahmanyam added.

The company has been involved in developing a strong supply chain of local vendor-partners in its businesses as it did by over 80% localisation for the 155mm/52 calibre tracked, self-propelled ‘K9 Vajra-T’ howitzers, supplied to the Indian army. It is also nurturing local manufacturing and construction ecosystem to produce efficient and cost-effective substitutes for the global markets.

Apart from defence, L&T, the engineering, technology, construction, manufacturing, and financial services conglomerate, has been for decades implementing crucial and critical projects in diverse fields.

GLOBAL PRIDE

The imprint of ‘Aatmanirbhar Bharat’ is visible beyond our shores. L&T, India’s very own multinational conglomerate, is laying Metro Railway networks in four countries and constructing several arterial superhighways in the Middle East. It is also building the stadium for the 2022 FIFA World Cup in Qatar.

The conglomerate has also manufactured the cryostat for the world’s largest nuclear fusion reactor project in France; built a gas exploration platform in the Arabian Gulf; an oil and gas gathering centre in Kuwait and reactors for oil refineries in several countries.

At home in India, L&T’s iconic contributions include the Lotus Temple in Delhi, the world’s tallest statue and the largest cricket stadium in Gujarat and India’s first Smart City in Rajasthan. It played a significant role in the construction of almost all the nuclear reactors employed for power generation in India.

DIGITAL FOOTPRINT

As a long-term proponent of Atmanirbhar Bharat, Larsen & Toubro has been at the forefront of inducting digital technologies into traditional engineering and construction projects. Today there are over 50 digital solutions that are in production and widely used by thousands of the operating staff at hundreds of company project sites. Over 11,000 construction equipment had been connected providing real-time visibility into the operations of these machines at remote project sites. Looking to the future, L&T will continue to lead the way in building things that make India proud, setting new benchmarks in project execution and will benefit from digital technologies.

L&T continues to live up to the nation's expectations for a self-reliant India or Aatmanirbhar Bharat by delivering world-class projects, products and systems. The conglomerate has truly become the flagbearer of India's engineering, construction and technological prowess in the rest of the world.

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