



# Defence Minister Gives Away Raksha Mantri's Awards for Excellence for the Years 2014-15 and 2015-16

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Minister of Defence, Finance & Corporate Affairs Shri Arun Jaitley gave away Raksha Mantri's Awards for Excellence for the years 2014-15 and 2015-16 in recognition of exemplary performance amongst Ordnance Factories and the Defence Public Sector Undertakings (DPSUs) in New Delhi today.

Speaking on the occasion, Shri Jaitley said that India has conventionally depended for its defence preparedness on DPSUs, which have done an excellent job. Now the emphasis has to be to utilise its entire potential as a country to expand rapidly in defence production. Emphasising on the need for defence preparedness, particularly on the strength of domestic manufacturing, and as India evolves the need for this cannot be more overemphasised.

The Defence Minister further said the policies therefore, are also being liberalised to allow a fair competition between both the DPSUs and the private sector and that is why the recent policy, which the Ministry of Defence (MoD) has approved on the Strategic Partners, factors in both these contents.

Shri Jaitley noted that no country can indefinitely win wars and battles only on the strength of trying to buy imported equipment from outside and said, "I think history has provided us with an opportunity where now our emphasis has to be to improve on manufacturing and that is why the Prime Minister gave this great emphasis on the 'Make in India' brand and manufacturing abilities would be incomplete for a country like India unless we improve on our defence manufacturing. Defence manufacturing is also impacted by the security requirements of a country and security requirements are dictated by the kind of neighbourhood you have, and obviously in view of the peculiar situation from a geopolitical point of view where we are located, our preparedness is the best deterrent and which is certainly a guarantee for peace as far as our region is concerned."

**Following is the full list of the awardees:**

## **For the year 2014-15: -**

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### **INSTITUTIONAL AWARDS**

S.No.	Award	Institution
1.	Excellence in Performance	Bharat Dynamics Limited, Hyderabad
2.	Best Performance in Exports	Goa Shipyard Limited, Goa

### **BEST PERFORMING DIVISION/FACTORY/SHIPYARD AWARDS**

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S.No.	Award	Institution
1.	Best performing Division among DPSUs	Hindustan Aeronautics Limited, Hyderabad
2.	Best performing Factory of OFB	Ordnance Factory Medak, Telangana
3.	Best performing Shipyard among Shipyards	Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited, Mumbai

## GROUP/INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

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S.No.	Award	Sub Category	Institution
1.	Indigenisation	On Order Projects	Development & Engineering - R & FCS/NS2, Naval System 2 (R & FCS) <b>Bharat Electronics Ltd, Bengaluru</b> for Doppler Weather Radar (S Band Doppler weather Radar & C Band Polarimetric Doppler weather Radar).
2.	Design Effort	On Order Projects	<p>Awarded jointly to</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Development &amp; Engineering - Fire Control System / Naval Systems (Radar &amp; Fire Control System) Group, <b>Bharat Electronics Limited, Bengaluru</b> for LYNX U2 Naval Gun Fire Control System for Indian Navy.</li> <li>2. Aircraft Upgrade Research &amp; Design Centre, <b>Hindustan Aeronautics Limited, Nasik</b> for Integration of Indigenous RWR (Tarang MK - 1B) on various IAF Platform (MiG-21 T-96, MiG-21 T-75, AN-32RE and AN-32 NON RE aircraft)</li> </ol>
		Own initiative Projects	<p>Awarded jointly to</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Technical Services Group - <b>Goa Shipyard Ltd., Goa</b> for Initial Design of 72m Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW SWC)</li> <li>2. Excavator Group, R&amp;D, KGF, <b>Bharat Earth Movers Limited, Bengaluru</b> for Design &amp; Development of 180 Ton Class Electric Hydraulic Excavator - BE 1800E.</li> </ol>
3.	Innovation	On Order Projects	<b>Mishra Dhatu Nigam Limited, Hyderabad</b> for Development of India Specific -

		Reduced Activation Ferritic-Martensitic Steel (IN-RAFMS) for ITER Program.
	Own initiative Projects	Design and Engineering Division, <b>Bharat Dynamics Limited, Hyderabad</b> for Amogha - I Anti - Tank Guided Missile.

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**For the year 2015-16 : -**

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**INSTITUTIONAL AWARDS**

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1.	Excellence in Performance	Hindustan Aeronautics Limited, Bengaluru
2.	Best Performance in Exports	Bharat Electronics Limited, Bengaluru

**BEST PERFORMING DIVISION/FACTORY/SHIPYARD AWARDS**

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		Own initiative Projects	Indigenization Cell, Engine Division, <b>Hindustan Aeronautics Limited, Bengaluru</b> for Indigenous

			Development of Adour – 871 Low Pressure Compressor Vane – 1 Assembly
2.	Design Effort	On Order Projects	<p>1. Development &amp; Engineering Network Centric System 3 (NCS3) Group / Air Defence Control and Reporting System [ADC&amp;RS], NSC-Strategic Business Unit (SBU), <b>Bharat Electronics Limited, Ghaziabad</b> for Test Bed for Automated Air Defence Control and Reporting System (ADC&amp;RS) for the Field Force of Army.</p> <p>2. Central Design Office, <b>Garden Reach Shipbuilders &amp; Engineers Limited, Kolkata</b> for Detailed Design of CGS Barracuda.</p>
3.	Innovation	On Order Projects	Aircraft Upgrade Research & Design Centre (AURDC), <b>Hindustan Aeronautics Limited, Ojhar, (MIG) Nasik</b> for Integration of BrahMos Missile on Su-30MKI.
		Own initiative Projects	<p>Awarded jointly to</p> <p>1. Engineering Deptt., Shipbuilding Div., <b>Hindustan Shipyard Limited, Visakhapatnam</b> for Shafting Work.</p> <p>2. Shipbuilding Div., <b>Hindustan Shipyard Limited, Visakhapatnam</b> for Innovation in welding techniques at HSL.</p> <p>3. Engineering Ship Repair Complex, <b>Hindustan Shipyard Limited, Visakhapatnam</b> for Rudder Carrier Bearing Modification.</p>

Shri Jaitley inaugurated a grid connected solar power plant of 16 MW capacity at the Ordinance Factory, Medak in Telangana through video link. It has been set up at a cost of Rs. 105 crore by Bharat Electronics Limited. The plant has been set up for captive consumption of the factory, on 80 acres of spare land available with it, making it self-sufficient not only for its power requirement but also reduced carbon footprint.

The Defence Minister also inaugurated a 9 MW windmill project installed at Dammur, Karnataka at a cost of Rs. 53 crore by BEML through video link. With commissioning of 9MW windmill project at Dammur, BEML would be generating 250 Lakh units which will meet 68 per cent of its energy requirement.

Minister of State for Defence, Dr. Subhash Bhamre, Secretary (Defence Production) Shri Ashok Kumar Gupta, Vice Chief of Army Staff Lieutenant General Sarath Chand, Vice Chief of Naval Staff Vice Admiral Karambir Singh, Vice Chief of the Air Staff Air Marshal S B Deo, Additional Secretary (DP) Ms. Surina Rajan and other senior officials of the Ministry of Defence also participated in the function.

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