Make in India in Defence

Context

- Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh emphasised the need to progressively reduce dependence on foreign manufacturers and indigenously develop comprehensive capabilities in the defence sector.
- Shri Rajnath Singh also referred to the Technology Development Fund (TDF) Scheme which has been established under the aegis of Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) to promote self-reliance in Defence Technology as part of ‘Make in India’ initiative.

‘Technology Development Fund (TDF)’ scheme

- The ‘Technology Development Fund (TDF)’ scheme has been set up by the Government of India under the ‘Make in India’ initiative.
- This is to create an eco-system for enhancing cutting edge technology capability by inculcating R&D culture in Industry for building indigenous state-of-the-art systems for defence applications.
- Technology Development Fund (TDF) Scheme aims for the development of defence and dual-use technologies that are currently not available with the Indian defence industry or have not been developed so far.