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The Indian defence industry needs a boost. India's high rate of growth and economic performance has opened up new opportunities to energise our defence industry. Private sector partnership is crucial in this process. Unfortunately, very little progress is taking place in spite of policy changes having been initiated. Shri **A. Vinod Kumar** makes a case for creating multiple interdependencies to energise the Indian defence industry.

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#### 7. ETHICS AND VALUES IN MILITARY LEADERSHIP

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