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*Cordially invite you to an  
Interactive Meeting*

*with*

**Lt Gen Ravi Thodge**

AVSM, SM, VSM, Master General Ordnance, Indian Army (Retd.)

On

**Make in India in Defence: Opportunities for MSMEs & Manufacturing Sector**

**Date & Time:** Friday, February 10, 2017 from 3:00 p.m. onwards

**Venue:** South Lounge, Centre 1 Building, World Trade Centre Complex,  
Cuffe Parade, Mumbai 400 005

India has the 3rd largest armed forces in the world and spends approximately 40 percent of its total defence budget on capital acquisitions and about 60 percent of defence requirements are met through imports. Government of India has embarked on Make in India in Defence to promote indigenous manufacturing. This provides huge opportunities for start-ups and MSMEs in defence products manufacturing and supply chain sourcing.

Lt Gen Ravi Thodge after an illustrious tenure with Army is working as a Consultant with the Ministry of Defence with special emphasis on Make in India. This includes working closely with MSMEs in the Ministry's modernization initiatives with an aim to reduce import dependence.

### RSVP

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### Programme

3:00 pm – 3:30 pm

Registration

3:30 pm – 3:40 pm

Welcome address by  
Mr. Vijay Kalantri, President, AIAI

3:40 pm – 4:15 pm

Keynote address by  
Lt Gen Ravi Thodge

4:15 pm – 4:25 pm

Q & A

4:25 pm - 4:30 pm

Vote of Thanks

4:30 pm onwards

Followed by High Tea



**Lt Gen Ravi Thodge**

**Param Vishisht Sewa Medal, Ati Vishisht Sewa Medal,  
Sena Medal, Vishisht Sewa Medal**

Lt Gen Thodge is an Alumnus of Sainik School Satara, National Defence Academy Khadakwasla, Indian Military Academy Dehradun. Commissioned in The famous Gorkhas, he joined First Gorkha Rifles in 1977. He had a very successful military career earning a name as a Soldier having seen action in most insurgencies and counter terrorist operations in Nagaland, Sri Lanka as part of IPKF, Punjab, J&K. He was a Company Commander in Siachin, Battalion Commander in intense counter terrorist operations, Brigade Commander on Line of Control and later he Commanded prestigious Counter Insurgency Force KILO, which brought peace in Kashmir valley in 2010,quelling the unrest. He also held very important assignments on Staff, a Commando Instructor, in Indian Embassy Nepal, Director in Military Operations post attack on the Parliament, Chief Instructor at the Defence Services Staff College and Retired as holding all important assignment of Master General of Ordnance, ensuring preparedness of Indian Army.

During his tenure as MGO, he has been the driving force for Make in India in Defence. His endeavours to reduce import dependence and provide fillip especially to MSMEs has had fairly good and appreciable results.