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IITBBS can do its bit to make India self-reliant, says DRDO chief

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Bhubaneswar: Real atmanirbharta (self-reliance) can happen when the design, development and production of state-of-the-art systems required by the defence forces are done within the country, G Satheesh Reddy, chairman of Defence Research Development Organization (DRDO), said. He was speaking at the 13th Foundation Day of IIT Bhubaneswar via video-conference on Friday.

During the online programme, he spoke about indigenous developments in the form of battle tank, Arjun, and fighter planes that were conceptualized, developed and made in India. He also exhorted the students to aim for excellence in manufacturing.

Reddy further said IIT Bhubaneswar can contribute significantly in this endeavour through its expertise, research and technological contributions for strengthening the manufacturing sector in the country. He urged the students and faculty members to focus their energies on next-generation technologies ranging from artificial intelligence, advance missile technologies to cyber security.

RV Raja Kumar, director of IIT Bhubaneswar, said, "The institute could remarkably raise its standards to offer the best of education in the last 12 years."