'India will continue to promote Make in India to build domestic def industry'

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ur Khan in Rawalpindi is located close to the headquarters of Pakistan's Strategic Plans Division that handles the country's nuclear arsenal, as was then reported by TOI.

The DIA report says Pa-

kistan "primarily is a recipient" of Beijing's "economic and military largesse", and its forces conduct multiple military exercises with Chinese forces every year.

"Foreign material and technology supporting Pakistan's WMD programmes

> are very likely acquired primarily from suppliers in China, and sometimes are transhipped through Hong Kong, Singapore, Turkey, and the UAE," it

The report says India is giving priority to advancing its bilateral, trilateral and quadrilateral defence partnerships in the Indian Ocean Region and Indo-Pacific through exercises, training, arms sales and information sharing to counter China's influence and boost its global leadership role. India will almost certainly continue promoting its 'Made in India' initiative this year to build its domestic defence industry, mitigate supply chain

concerns, and modernise its military, it says. In 2024, India conducted a test of its nuclear-capable Agni-I Prime medium-range ballistic missile and the Agni-V multiple independently targetable reentry vehicle (multiple warheads on a single missile).

"India also commissioned its second nuclearpowered submarine (INS Arighaat) to strengthen its nuclear triad and bolster its ability to deter adversaries,"

itsavs.