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The L&T Defence manufacturing unit at A M Naik Heavy Engineering Complex at Hazira in Gujarat has won the Apex Gold Award and has been declared 1<sup>st</sup> runner-up in the 2021 edition of National Awards for Manufacturing Competitiveness (NAMC).

The award acknowledges L&T Defence Hazira unit's thrust on continual improvement alongside Industry 4.0 manufacturing that complements its aim to be globally competitive with excellence in quality, reliability and consistently deliver ahead of schedule to add value for end-users - the Armed Forces.

Conducted by the International Research Institute for Manufacturing (IRIM), the awards are considered the gold standard in assessing and meritoriously recognising manufacturing firms on business competitiveness and continuity.

Senior IRIM assessors evaluated 110 applications from leading manufacturing organisations across