

INDIA, U.S. SIGN PROJECT AGREEMENT ON AIR-LAUNCHED UAV

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India and the United States signed a project agreement (PA) on July 30 for an Air-Launched Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (ALUAV) under the ambit of the Defence Technology and Trade Initiative (DTTI), the Defence Ministry said in a statement on Friday.

The PA was inked between the Ministry and the U.S. Department of Defence (DoD) by the co-chairs of the Joint Working Group (JWG) on Air Systems under the DTTI.

ALUAV prototype

"The PA outlines the collaboration between Air Force Research Laboratory, Indian Air Force, and Defence Research and Development Organisation towards design, development, demonstration, testing and evaluation of systems to co-develop an ALUAV prototype," the statement from the Defence Ministry said.

The PA fell under the Research, Development, Testing and Evaluation Memorandum of Agreement between the Ministry and the DoD that was first signed in January 2006 and renewed in January 2015, the statement added.

Significant step

It was a significant step towards deepening technology collaboration between the two nations through the co-development of equipment, it stated.

The DTTI's main aim was to bring a sustained leadership focus on promoting collaborative technology exchange and creating opportunities for co-production and co-development of future technologies for the military forces of both nations.

Under the DTTI, JWGs on land, naval, air, and aircraft carrier technologies had been established to focus on mutually agreed projects in the respective domains.

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