

HAL wins ISRO deal to build launch vehicles

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Context

- The Hindustan Aeronautics Limited has bagged a **Transfer of Technology** (**ToT**) **deal**, valued at ?511 crore, **from the Indian Space Research Organisation**, to **build and operate Small Satellite Launch Vehicles** (**SSLVs**).
- The SSLV is a three-stage vehicle to launch satellites that weigh less than 500 kg into the Lower Earth Orbit (LEO).
- The Indian National Space Promotion and Authorisation Centre (IN-SPACe) on Friday announced the HAL as the winning bidder among three shortlisted bidders. The deal will enable commercialisation of SSLV launches.
- Pawan Goenka, Chairman, IN-SPACe, announced the winner. "The HAL will be giving ?511 crore. The ToT phase will take two years and during these **two years**, the **HAL will make at least two SSLV rockets with complete help and handholding from the ISRO** and after two years, they will be on their own. So during the two years, they will draw all the technology and take it from there," Dr. Goenka said.

IN-SPACe

- Indian National Space Promotion and Authorisation Centre (IN-SPACe) is a single window, independent, nodal agency that functions as an autonomous agency in the Department of Space (DOS).
- It is formed following the **Space sector reforms to enable and facilitate the participation of private players.**
- IN-SPACe is responsible to **promote, enable, authorize and supervise various space activities of non-governmental entities** including building launch vehicles & satellites and providing space-based services; sharing space infrastructure and premises under the control of DOS/ISRO; and establishing of new space infrastructure and facilities.
- The agency acts as an **interface between ISRO and Non-Governmental Entities (NGEs)** and assesses how to utilize India's space resources better and increase space-based activities.
- IN-SPACe is **primarily for private sector**, but it can also facilitate **space activities by any non-ISRO entity**, including public sector companies like HAL.

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