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Third Edition of INDUS-X Summit

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Context:

The **third edition of the INDUS-X Summit, held in California**, marked significant progress in advancing a **joint defence innovation ecosystem between India and the USA**.

Co-organised by the U.S.-India Strategic Partnership Forum (USISPF) and Stanford University, the event focused on deepening defence collaboration through innovation, joint research, and investment.

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between **India's Innovations for Defence Excellence (iDEX)** and the **US Department of Defense's Defence Innovation Unit (DIU)** to enhance cooperation in defence innovation.

The US-India Strategic Partnership Forum (USISPF)

It is a **non-profit organization**.

It's primary objective is **strengthening the India-US bilateral and strategic partnership** through policy advocacy *in the fields of economic growth, entrepreneurship, employment-creation, and innovation*.

Innovations for Defence Excellence (iDEX)

- It was **launched** by the Hon'ble Prime Minister **in April 2018**.
- It will be **funded and managed by a Defence Innovation Organization (DIO)**.
- It will function as the **executive arm of DIO**, carrying out all the required activities while **DIO will provide high level policy guidance to iDEX**.
- It aims at **creation of an ecosystem to foster innovation and technology development in Defence and Aerospace**.

The objectives of iDEX are:

- Facilitate **rapid development of new, indigenized, and innovative technologies for the Indian defence and aerospace sector**, to meet needs for these sectors in shorter timelines;
- Create a **culture of engagement with innovative startups, to encourage co-creation for defence and aerospace sectors**; and
- Empower a culture of technology co-creation and co-innovation within the defence and aerospace sectors

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