

General Atomics, Bharat Forge to make aerostructures in India

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In a move that is expected to help India develop a manufacturing ecosystem for high-end drones, a top US drone manufacturer has announced a partnership with a leading Indian forging company to manufacture main landing gear components, sub-assemblies and assemblies of remotely piloted aircraft in the country.

BUILDING CAPABILITY

San Diego-based General Atomics Aeronautical Systems (GA-ASI), a subsidiary of General Atomics, said its partnership with Bharat Forge will result in significant capability-building for both companies and provide an impetus

to the Indian large, unmanned aircraft industry.

“GA-ASI is eagerly looking forward to working with Bharat Forge in the critical field of aerostructure manufacturing,” said Vivek Lall, Chief Executive of General Atomics Global Corporation.

“Bharat Forge’s expertise in the field of forging is known globally, and their outstanding contributions in the aerospace sector has inspired us to work together for building the next generation of the world’s most advanced unmanned aerial vehicles,” Lall said.

Baba Kalyani, Chairman and Managing Director of Bharat Forge Limited, said that aerospace is a high ‘technology intensive’ domain, which relies on product integrity, reliability, and zero defect.