

Rolls-Royce reinforces commitment to partner India for combat engine co-development at Aero India 2023

Rolls-Royce is participating in the upcoming Aero India 2023 show in Bengaluru (Karnataka) from 13th-17th February. The show will serve as a platform for the company to reiterate its readiness to partner India for co-development of critical combat aircraft engine technologies.

The company will also take the opportunity to familiarise defence customers with its advanced technology solutions for air defence, and its full range of naval-marine offerings, including the power-dense

MT30 marine gas turbine for aircraft carriers, frigates and destroyers.

Kishore Jayaraman, President - India and South Asia, Rolls-Royce, said: "We firmly believe in India's vision of defence indigenisation with a sharp focus on developing critical defence technologies in-country. We are ready to partner the country for its combat engine co-development programme, and are well-positioned in India with an ecosystem of partners. Such a programme will not only catapult the

country's defence production and export capabilities, but also create a strong foundation for technology development in the future."

Commenting on Rolls-Royce's readiness for the partnership, Alex Zino, Executive Vice President - Business Development & Future Programmes, Rolls-Royce, said: "We are proposing a collaborative, co-development model for the country's fighter engine programme. Our offering is not merely about the transfer of technology, but the creation of a full range of

engine capability to boost India's future technology development and add thrust to its vision of being a key global defence player."

Rolls-Royce has a history of many firsts with the Indian Air Force (IAF) - from powering the first IAF aircraft to delivering the first whole engine technology transfer agreement for the licensed production of Rolls-Royce engines in India. Today, the company has successfully created a robust ecosystem of Indian partners, talent, supply chain, digital, service delivery and manufacturing capabilities. With this rich legacy of partnerships, Rolls-Royce continues to contribute to the development of the aerospace and defence ecosystem in India and is committed to supporting the self-reliance journey.

At Aero India 2023, Rolls-Royce will explore opportunities for its MT30 marine gas turbine for future platforms. The naval turbine offers a superior power-to-weight ratio, generating up to 40MW from a 30-tonne packaged unit, and offers ship designers much more options and flexibility in designing the naval vessels of tomorrow.

