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■ **US- India to encourage private and government stakeholders to utilise the innovation ecosystems and promote defence start-ups**



Defence Secretary Giridhar Aramane and US Under Secretary of Defence for Policy Dr Colin Kahl co-chaired the 17th meeting of India-US Defence Policy Group (DPG) in Washington DC on May 17. The Ministry of Defence in a statement said, the two sides reviewed the progress made in furthering defence industrial cooperation and operationalising the India-US Major Defence Partner-

ship exercises and the ongoing and future cooperative activities in the Indian Ocean Region. The meeting also discussed promoting co-development and co-production in India including potential areas and projects where Indian and US Defence companies could work together. The two sides agreed to encourage both the private and government stakeholders to utilise the innovation ecosystems and promote Defence start-ups.