

DEAL SHOWS DEPTH OF AMERICAN SUPPORT FOR ARMY, CREATES NEW PATHS FOR DEFENCE TIES: GOR

India to buy Javelin anti-tank guided missile system: US envoy

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New Delhi: India's army has signed a letter of offer and acceptance to buy the Javelin anti-tank guided missile system from the US, sources said.

Till late evening, New Delhi had not commented on the agreement to procure the advanced, portable, medium-range, fire-and-forget anti-tank guided missile.

"BIG news! India plans to buy the battle-tested Javelin anti-tank system," the US ambassador to India, Sergio Gor, said in a post on X.

"....This is a great step forward in the US-India defence relationship and opens the door to co-production possibilities. The engagement between our two nations is at record high levels!"

The US army, US Marine Corps and many other defence forces have used the Javelin system, designed for use against a wide array of targets, including armoured vehicles and fortified positions, the US embassy in India said.

The shoulder-fired system features an automatic guidance mechanism that



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allows the missile to track its target after launch, enabling the operator to take cover and avoid counter-fire.

Soldiers can reposition after firing or reload to engage another threat.



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The missile uses an arched top-attack trajectory, climbing above its target before striking areas where the armour is weaker.

The gunner selects the target using a cursor, after

which the command launch unit sends a lock-on-before-launch signal to the missile. Its soft-launch design allows the system to be fired safely from enclosed structures, including buildings and bunkers.

Javelin Joint Venture, a partnership between RTX and Lockheed Martin, produces the system.

Last year, India and the US had signed a 10-year framework for a defence partnership aimed at strengthening interoperability across land, sea, air, space and cyberspace.

India has acquired sev-

eral US-made defence platforms, including the Apache and Chinook helicopters, C-17 and C-130J transport aircraft, P-8I maritime patrol aircraft and M777 howitzers.

"The Javelin agreement demonstrates the depth of US support for the Indian Army and creates new opportunities for our defence industries to work together," Gor said in a statement.

"We see tremendous potential for future cooperation that strengthens the defence industrial bases of both countries."



The Javelin anti-tank guided missile system