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## **BHEL, HSL and Midhani join hands for Indigenous Submarine project**



New Delhi, December 30: In a strategic move aimed at harnessing their complimentary capabilities, Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (**BHEL**), Mishra Dhatu Nigam Limited (Midhani) and Hindustan Shipyards Limited (HSL) have come together to form a consortium for building submarines indigenously. The consortium will jointly stake claim with the Ministry of Defence for being considered as a prospective bidder for the proposed P-75 (I) project of the Indian Navy for building six submarines at an Indian shipyard. To this effect, an MoU towards setting up the consortium, was signed here between **BHEL**, Midhani and HSL. The consortium between three PSUs – **BHEL**, an engineering Maharatna with five decades of experience in design, development and manufacture of a variety of equipment for crucial infrastructure sectors like power generation & transmission, industry, transportation, oil & gas, renewable, water and defence sectors; HSL, a defence PSU engaged in ship building, repairs and submarine retrofit, and Midhani, another defence PSU engaged in development and manufacture of a wide range of super alloys and special-purpose steel for applications in defence, aerospace, atomic energy, etc., is a giant step in the direction of the “Make In India” initiative of the government, especially for catering to the defence sector. The consortium will also provide the country with a credible domestic alternative for manufacture of submarines. **BHEL** has emerged as a reliable supplier of strategic equipment and services to Indian Defence and Paramilitary forces for over 20 years now. **BHEL** has large infrastructure including dedicated engineering, R&D and manufacturing facilities at several locations to manufacture various types of equipment and provide complete services to meet the requirements of the Indian defence sector.

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