

ISRO Signs Deal For First Privately Built Satellite:

- ISRO has roped in a consortium of six companies to deliver the country's first built spacecraft by late 2017
- The consortium was signed between M. Annadurai, Director, ISRO Satellite Centre (ISAC) and the consortium lead **Alpha Design Technologies Ltd**
- The satellite will be used for communication, remote sensing and navigation

The contract signed will include Assembly, integration and testing (AIT) processes.