

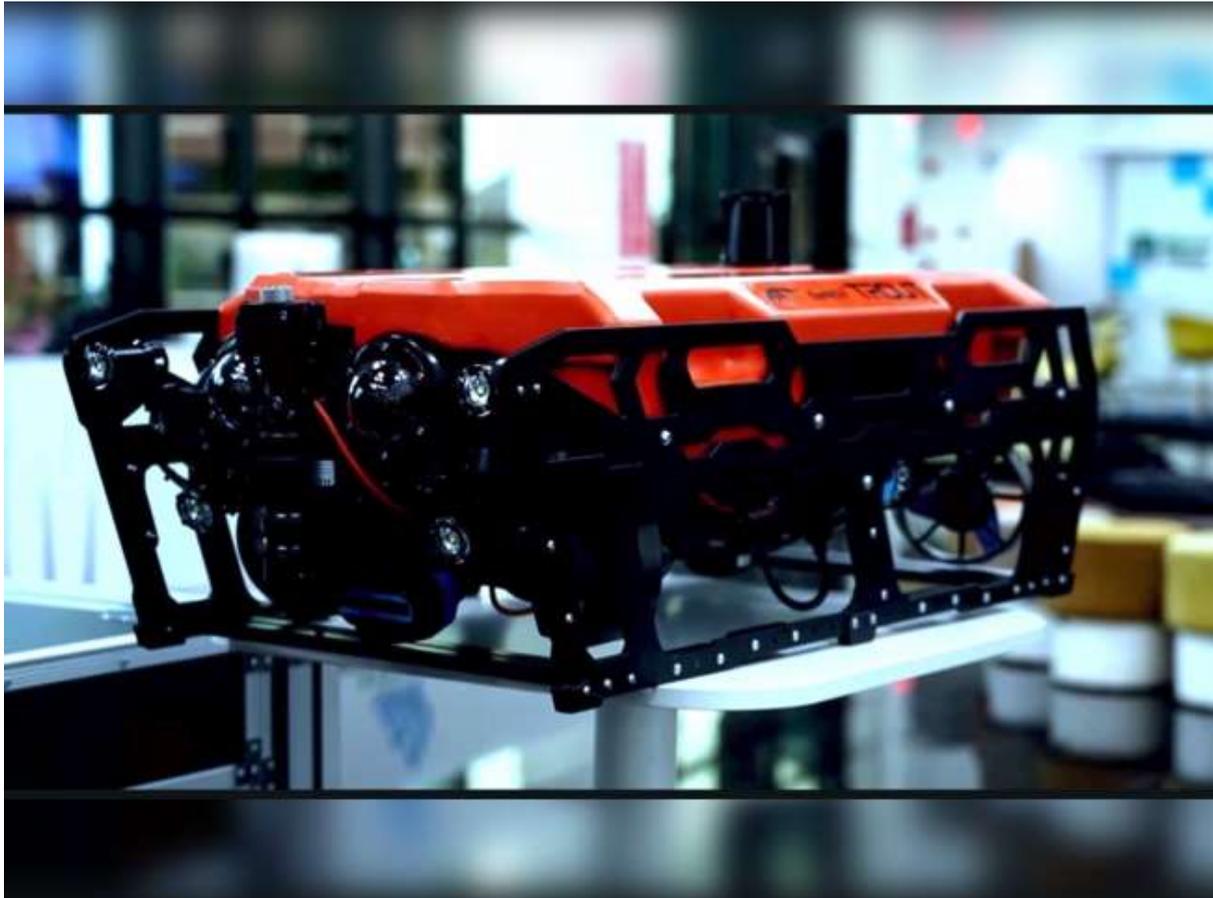
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Deeptech startup EyeROV bags Rs 47 crore order from Indian Navy

## Synopsis

The Indian Navy will be buying underwater remotely operated vehicles from EyeROV in this deal. Founded by IIT alumni, EyeROV has completed over 100 deployments. This partnership showcases Indian innovation in defence technology. The company has raised over \$2 million.



Company Images

The [Indian Navy](#) has signed a Rs 47 crore contract with Kochi-based startup [EyeROV](#) for the supply of advanced [Underwater Remotely Operated Vehicles](#) (UWROVs).

UWROVs are robotic machines designed to explore, inspect, and operate in underwater environments where conventional tools such as cameras and lights are difficult to use. EyeROV's Trout model, a 300-metre ROV, can deep-dive and is equipped with advanced payloads to carry out missions such as underwater surveillance, the company said in a statement.

Founded in 2016 by IIT alumni Johns T Mathai and Kannappa Palaniappan P, EyeROV has completed more than 100 underwater deployments across India, West Asia, and Europe. It has over 80 customers, including the Defence Research and Development Organisation ([DRDO](#)), [Indian Coast Guard](#), and the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research ([CSIR](#)).

“For eight years, EyeROV has engineered underwater systems tested in the harshest conditions. This partnership with the Navy is proof that Indian innovation can set benchmarks globally in defence deep-tech,” said Mathai. “This recognition is a true reward for our dedicated efforts over the past eight years.”

Till date, the company has raised over \$2 million from investors, including venture capital firm Unicorn India Ventures, according to market intelligence platform Tracxn.