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Tejas Trainer Makes Successful Maiden Flight

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Two seater (Trainer) version of Tejas (PV-5) made its maiden Flight on 26 Nov 2009. The flight took off from HAL Airport at 1300 hrs. The Successful maiden flight covered an altitude of 9km and Mach number 0.85. Extensive preparatory work that has gone in resulted in the first flight profile being executed with clock work precision. All the objectives set out for the flight were achieved and all the systems on board the new prototype performed well through out the sortie. Successful flight of Tejas trainer is a major milestone for Tejas programme and a significant achievement for all the stake holders in the programme. The Trainer when fully developed will have the full operational capability from the rear cockpit as well. As Tejas trainer has a lot of commonality with Tejas Naval version, even Tejas Navy programme would see accelerated progress as a result of the successful first flight.

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