

DELIVERY OF 'ARNALA'- FIRST ANTI SUBMARINE WARFARE SHALLOW WATER CRAFT TO THE INDIAN NAVY

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'*Arnala*', the first of the eight ASW SWCs (Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft), indigenously designed and built by **Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE)**, Kolkata, was delivered to the Indian Navy on **08 May 25** at **M/s L&T Shipyard, Kattupalli**.

The warship has been designed and constructed as per the Classification Rules of **Indian Register of Shipping (IRS)** under a **Public-Private Partnership (PPP)** of GRSE with M/s L&T Shipyard, thus demonstrating the success of collaborative defence manufacturing.

Arnala is named after the historic fort '*Arnala*' located **off Vasai, Maharashtra**, a reflection of India's rich maritime heritage. The **77 m** long warship, is the largest Indian Naval warship propelled by a Diesel Engine-Waterjet combination. The ship has been designed for **underwater surveillance, search & rescue operations** and **Low Intensity Maritime Operations (LIMO)**. The ship is capable of undertaking ASW operations in coastal waters, along with advanced mine laying capabilities. The induction of ASW SWC ships would significantly boost shallow water Anti-Submarine Warfare capabilities of the Indian Navy.

Arnala's delivery is yet another milestone in the Indian Navy's quest for indigenous shipbuilding and upholding the Government's vision of '*Aatmanirbhar Bharat*' with over **80%** indigenous content.





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