

INDIAN NAVY SET TO COMMISSION ADVANCED STEALTH FRIGATES UDAYGIRI AND HIMGIRI

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Indian Navy is set to commission the latest state of the art Project 17A multi-mission stealth frigates *Udaygiri* and *Himgiri* at **Naval Base, Visakhapatnam, on 26 Aug 2025**. The ceremony will be presided over by the **Hon'ble Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh**. This will be the first occasion when two frontline surface combatants, constructed at two different shipyards, will be commissioned simultaneously, underscoring the growing maritime importance of India's eastern seaboard.

Udaygiri and *Himgiri* are follow on ships of the Project 17 (*Shivalik*) class frigates. Both these vessels incorporate significant improvements in design, stealth, weapon and sensors systems and are capable of executing full spectrum of maritime missions in *Blue Water* conditions.

***Udaygiri*, built by Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Ltd. (MDL), Mumbai, and *Himgiri*, constructed by Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE), Kolkata,** showcase the nation's growing shipbuilding prowess, as well as, the synergy between India's premier defence shipyards. *Udaygiri* also holds the distinction of being the fastest ship of her class to be delivered post-launch, a result of the modular construction methodology adopted by Indian shipyards.

In keeping with the Navy's tradition of reviving names of illustrious predecessors, **both frigates are named after earlier INS Udaygiri (F35) and INS Himgiri (F34) that served the nation with distinction for over 30 years before being decommissioned.**

The commissioning of the new *Udaygiri* and *Himgiri* thus honours the legacy of their forebearers while ushering in a new era of capability.

Both frigates were designed in-house by the Indian Navy's Warship Design Bureau (WDB), and notably, *Udaygiri* is the 100th ship designed by the WDB, marking a milestone in five decades of indigenous warship design. The ships feature modern Combined Diesel or Gas (CODOG) propulsion plants, state of the art Integrated Platform Management System and a suite of advanced weapons and sensors developed by Indian manufacturers. The ships, with about **75% indigenous content**, supported by hundreds of indigenous MSMEs, align with the Government's vision of ***Aatmanirbhar Bharat*** in defence manufacturing.

The commissioning of *Udaygiri* and *Himgiri* will augment the Navy's combat readiness and reaffirm India's resolve to achieve self-reliance in warship design and construction. Upon commissioning, the two frigates will join the Eastern Fleet, strengthening India's ability to safeguard its maritime interests across the Indian Ocean Region.