



INDIAN NAVY SET TO COMMISSION 'IKSHAK', THE THIRD SURVEY VESSEL (LARGE)

The commissioning marks a significant milestone in India's pursuit of Hydrographic excellence and Indigenisation

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The Indian Navy's **indigenously** built Survey Vessel (Large), *Ikshak*, is set to be commissioned at **Naval Base Kochi on 06 Nov 2025**. The ceremony will be presided over by **Adm Dinesh K Tripathi, Chief of the Naval Staff**, marking the formal induction of the vessel.

As the third ship of her class, *Ikshak's* induction underscores the Indian Navy's steadfast commitment to building advanced, state-of-the-art platforms furthering the momentum of capability enhancement and self-reliance – charting a new course in indigenous hydrographic excellence.

Built by Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE) Ltd, Kolkata, under the supervision of the Directorate of Ship Production and the Warship Overseeing Team (Kolkata), *Ikshak* embodies **over 80% indigenous content**. The vessel stands as a testament to the successful collaboration between GRSE and Indian MSMEs, proudly reflecting the spirit and strength of *Aatmanirbhar Bharat*.

Beyond her primary role of hydrographic survey operations, *Ikshak* is designed with **dual-role capability**, serving as a **Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) platform**, and as a **Hospital Ship** during emergencies.

Notably, *Ikshak* is also **the first SVL ship with dedicated accommodation for women**, reflecting the Indian Navy's inclusive and progressive approach towards a future-ready fleet.

The ship's name, *Ikshak*, meaning 'The Guide', aptly symbolises her mission – to chart the unknown, ensure safe passage for mariners, and strengthen India's maritime power.



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