



Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi commissions three indigenously designed and built naval ships – INS Dunagiri, INS Sanshodhak and INS Agray at Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port, Kolkata, West Bengal

INS Agray, INS Dunagiri, and INS Sanshodhak have been inducted into the Indian Navy: PM

Today, 21 June is also celebrated as World Hydrography Day, And it is a truly remarkable coincidence that on this very day we have commissioned India's most advanced hydrography ship, INS Sandhayak: PM

The country whose maritime strength is robust, its economic and strategic influence will be equally robust; And India understands this reality well, India is preparing itself for this: PM

The journey from INS Vikrant to today is not merely the journey of new warships; It is the journey of India's growing self-reliance, today, INS Agray, INS Dunagiri, and INS Sanshodhak are giving new momentum to that very journey: PM

India has begun to move forward with a new vision for the shipbuilding sector; Special steps have been taken to enhance domestic construction capacity: PM

Shipbuilding, ship repair, and MRO are being viewed as part of a major national mission: PM

India has always regarded the ocean as a medium of cooperation, but India also knows that strength is essential to safeguard peace; Security is necessary to protect prosperity

and self-reliance is imperative for building the future: PM

Today, INS Agray, INS Dunagiri, and INS Sanshodhak have joined the Indian Navy as symbols of this very spirit: PM

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Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, today commissioned three indigenously designed and built naval ships - INS Dunagiri, an advanced stealth frigate, INS Sanshodhak, a survey vessel (large) and INS Agray, an anti-submarine warfare shallow water craft, at Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port, Kolkata, West Bengal. These inductions will significantly bolster the nation's operational capabilities, enhance maritime domain awareness, and strengthen the security of our coastal waters against geopolitical threats. All three ships were designed by the Indian Navy's Warship Design Bureau and constructed in Kolkata by Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE), with extensive participation by Indian industry, including more than 200 MSMEs. With an indigenous content of over 75 percent, these ships are also a testament to India's commitment to Aatmanirbharta.

Addressing the gathering, the Prime Minister noted that the occasion coincides with the International Day of Yoga being celebrated across the world and expressed happiness at having the opportunity to visit the historic land of Bengal, which has played a pivotal role in shaping India's intellectual, cultural and national renaissance and has connected India with the world through maritime routes for centuries. "The event represented an important milestone in the journey towards an Aatmanirbhar Bharat, a secure India and a developed India", Shri Modi noted. He pointed out that June 21 is also observed globally as World Hydrography Day and described it as a remarkable coincidence that India's most advanced hydrographic survey vessel, INS Sanshodhak, is commissioned on the same day. Congratulating the Indian Navy, scientists, engineers, workers and all citizens of the country, Shri Modi said the achievement reflected India's growing technological and maritime capabilities. "No nation can emerge as a major power without strong maritime capabilities. Development, security and prosperity are closely linked to the oceans. Most of the world's trade moves through sea routes, while vast global data networks operate beneath the oceans", Shri Modi stated while emphasizing the importance of maritime strength in the modern world. He further noted that critical minerals, deep-sea resources and future sources of energy will increasingly be connected to the maritime domain. Therefore, he said, a nation's economic and strategic influence is directly linked to the strength of its maritime sector.

Shri Modi stated that India fully understands this reality and is preparing itself accordingly. "The commissioning of the three naval platforms stands as testimony to the country's growing capabilities and skills", he remarked. Recalling the commissioning of INS Vikrant, he said that it had marked the beginning of a new chapter in India's maritime journey and announced India's growing naval strength to the world. He noted that the journey from INS Vikrant to the commissioning of INS Agray, INS Dunagiri and INS Sanshodhak is not merely a story of new warships but also a reflection of India's increasing self-reliance. "All three vessels symbolize India's commitment to indigenous design, manufacturing and innovation. Designed and built in India, the vessels showcase the talent of Indian industries, the expertise of Indian engineers and the hard work of Indian workers", Shri Modi underscored.

Shri Modi asserted that India does not wish to remain merely a buyer in the defence sector. "The strength of the nation's military cannot be measured by its dependence on global markets but by its ability to become self-reliant. India seeks to become a producer and a manufacturer, because nations that manufacture become decisive players on the global stage", he added. Highlighting recent achievements, the Prime Minister noted that more than 40 indigenously built warships and submarines have been

inducted into the Indian Navy over the past few years. He remarked that nearly every few weeks the Navy has received a new capability, while 45 major naval platforms are currently under construction. These figures, he said, are not merely statistics but indicators of India's industrial capacity and future potential.

Underlining the immense employment-generating potential of the maritime sector, Shri Modi said, "The Government views the maritime sector not as an isolated industry but as a major engine of employment and economic growth for a developed India. A modern ship requires large quantities of steel, electronics, machinery and thousands of components, creating opportunities across extensive industrial supply chains". Referring to the three commissioned vessels, he noted that more than 200 MSMEs contributed to their construction, generating substantial employment and economic activity across the country.

Shri Modi stated that the time has come for India to enter the next phase of maritime development, and the Government has adopted a new vision for the shipbuilding sector and has introduced several policy reforms in recent years to enhance domestic manufacturing capabilities. "The ₹70,000 crore incentive package announced for the shipping sector is not merely an economic measure but an investment in India's maritime future and industrial expansion. Initiatives such as Sagarmala reflect this comprehensive vision and are helping reduce logistics costs, accelerate industrial growth and create new opportunities in coastal regions" he stated.

Reflecting on India's transformation in the defence sector, Shri Modi observed that there was a time when India was counted among the world's largest defence importers, creating both strategic and security challenges. Following the formation of the Government in 2014, he said, a determined effort was made to change this situation through major policy reforms and a strong emphasis on self-reliance in defence manufacturing. "These efforts have opened new opportunities in defence design, manufacturing and exports. While India's total defence production stood at around ₹40,000 crore in 2014, it has now risen to nearly ₹1.8 lakh crore, demonstrating the significant progress made towards building a strong, self-reliant and globally competitive defence industry", he remarked. Shri Modi emphasized that the progress made over the past twelve years demonstrates how transformative change becomes possible when policies are clear, direction is correct, and all stakeholders work together with a shared commitment towards national development.

Referring to India's rich maritime heritage, the Prime Minister said that the name of West Bengal naturally comes to mind whenever the country's maritime legacy is discussed. He observed that Bengal has historically played a crucial role in India's maritime connections with the world. The waters of the Hooghly River, he said, have witnessed changing chapters of history, the growth of trade, and new journeys of development. He also noted that the port bears the name of Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee, the son of Bengal and India's first Minister for Industry, making the occasion even more significant. "West Bengal is poised to become a major hub for India's Blue Economy, maritime manufacturing, logistics and coastal development in the years ahead", Shri Modi stated.

Shri Modi reiterated that India has always viewed the oceans as a medium for cooperation and connectivity. "Security is indispensable for protecting prosperity, while self-reliance is necessary for building the future. INS Agray, INS Dunagiri and INS Sanshodhak embody these very ideals and symbolize a nation that is increasingly aware of its capabilities, confident in its strengths and determined to move forward with renewed energy and purpose in the twenty-first century" he emphasised.

Concluding his address, the Prime Minister extended his best wishes to all personnel of the Indian Navy, scientists, engineers, workers and all citizens for their contribution to these achievements and expressed confidence that India's maritime and defence sectors would continue to strengthen the nation's security, prosperity and global standing.

A milestone for India's maritime security! Speaking at the Tri Commissioning ceremony of INS Agray, INS Dunagiri and INS Sanshodhak in Kolkata. @indianna vy <https://t.co/obmbDiY4T0>

— Narendra Modi (@narendramodi) June 21, 2026

INS अग्रय, INS दूनागिरी और INS संशोधक को भारतीय नौसेना में शामिल किया गया है: PM @narendramodi

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आज 21 जून को World Hydrography Day के रूप में भी मनाया जाता है।

और यह बहुत ही अद्भुत संयोग है कि आज के दिन हमने भारत का सबसे advanced hydrography जहाज़ “INS संशोधक” कमीशन किया है: PM @narendramodi

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जिस देश का समुद्री सामर्थ्य मजबूत होगा... उसका आर्थिक और रणनीतिक प्रभाव भी उतना ही मजबूत होगा।

और भारत इस वास्तविकता को अच्छी तरह से समझता है।

भारत इसके लिए स्वयं को तैयार कर रहा है: PM @narendramodi

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INS विक्रान्त से लेकर आज तक की यात्रा केवल नए युद्धपोतों की यात्रा नहीं है।

यह भारत की बढ़ती आत्मनिर्भरता की यात्रा है।

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भारत ने शिपबिल्डिंग क्षेत्र के लिए एक नई दृष्टि के साथ आगे बढ़ना शुरू किया है।

हाल के वर्षों में अनेक पॉलिसी रिफॉर्म्स किए गए हैं।

घरेलू निर्माण क्षमता बढ़ाने के लिए विशेष कदम उठाए गए हैं।

शिपबिल्डिंग, शिप रिपेयर तथा MRO को एक बड़े राष्ट्रीय मिशन के रूप में देखा जा रहा है: PM

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भारत ने हमेशा से समुद्र को सहयोग का माध्यम माना है।

लेकिन भारत ये भी जानता है कि शांति की रक्षा के लिए सामर्थ्य आवश्यक है।

समृद्धि की रक्षा के लिए सुरक्षा आवश्यक है।

और भविष्य के निर्माण के लिए आत्मनिर्भरता अनिवार्य है।

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