



INDIAN NAVY SET TO COMMISSION MAHENDRAGIRI, THE SIXTH PROJECT 17A INDIGENOUS STEALTH FRIGATE

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The Indian Navy is set to commission its sixth Project 17A indigenous stealth frigate, *Mahendragiri* (F38), at Visakhapatnam on **11 Jul 2026**.

Named after the majestic Mahendragiri mountain range in the Eastern Ghats, the frigate embodies resilience, strength, and unwavering resolve. **As the first Indian Naval warship to bear this name, *Mahendragiri* is truly *sui generis*.** She is now poised to forge a distinguished legacy and add another proud chapter to India's maritime history.

Designed in-house by the Indian Navy's Warship Design Bureau (WDB) and built by Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL), Mumbai, *Mahendragiri*, the sixth Project 17A stealth frigate, exemplifies India's growing expertise in indigenous warship design and construction.

Incorporating advanced stealth features, enhanced survivability, reduced radar signature, and a high degree of automation, the frigate is powered by a modern **Combined Diesel or Gas (CODOG) propulsion system**, enabling high-speed operations with exceptional endurance across the full spectrum of maritime missions.

With over **75 percent indigenous content**, *Mahendragiri* exemplifies the Government of India's ***Aatmanirbhar Bharat*** initiative. Her construction has brought together a vast network of Indian industries, including numerous Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), generating employment while strengthening the nation's defence industrial base.

The frigate is equipped with an advanced suite of indigenous and state-of-the-art weapons and sensors, including surface-to-surface and surface-to-air missile systems, sophisticated electronic warfare capabilities, comprehensive anti-submarine warfare systems, and an integrated Combat Management System. Capable of undertaking anti-air, anti-surface, and anti-submarine operations, *Mahendragiri* is equally suited for maritime security, power projection, Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR), Search and Rescue (SAR), and sustained presence missions.

The commissioning of *Mahendragiri* marks another significant milestone in the successful execution of the Project 17A programme. As successive frigates of the class join the Fleet, they continue to strengthen the Indian Navy's combat capability while reinforcing India's position as a leading indigenous warship-building nation.

As India continues to strengthen its role as the *Preferred Security Partner* in the Indian Ocean Region, *Mahendragiri* will serve as a formidable force multiplier, safeguarding the nation's maritime interests and contributing to a secure, stable, and prosperous Indo-Pacific.

As the Indian Navy continues to strengthen its maritime capabilities through indigenous warships, *Mahendragiri*, as a mission primed unit, stands ready to serve the nation with distinction, living up to her motto, '***Mighty–Majestic–Matchless***'.

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