



INDIAN NAVY TO INDUCT INDIGENOUS STEALTH FRIGATE MAHENDRAGIRI INTO THE EASTERN FLEET

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The Indian Navy is all set to induct *Mahendragiri* (F38), **the sixth Project 17A** indigenous stealth frigate, into its Eastern Fleet **at Visakhapatnam on 11 Jul 2026**. The commissioning ceremony, **to be presided over by the Hon'ble Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh**, will mark another significant milestone in India's journey towards defence self-reliance and indigenous warship construction.

Heading to Visakhapatnam to witness a proud moment for our nation and the @indiannavy, for the Commissioning Ceremony of the 6th Project 17A stealth frigate, Mahendragiri, on 11 July 2026

This indigenously designed and constructed state-of-the-art warship is a testament to our... pic.twitter.com/taNCMF7pUX

— Rajnath Singh (@rajnathsingh) July 10, 2026

Designed in-house by the Indian Navy's Warship Design Bureau (WDB) and built by Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL), Mumbai, *Mahendragiri* represents the latest evolution of India's frontline stealth frigates. Incorporating advanced stealth features, enhanced survivability, reduced radar signature, and a high degree of automation, the warship is designed to undertake full spectrum of maritime operations in all dimensions of naval warfare.

With over 75 percent indigenous content, the ship reflects the success of the Government of India's *Aatmanirbhar Bharat* initiative and highlights the growing capability of the Indian shipbuilding ecosystem. The construction of the ship has involved a large number of Indian industries, including Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), thereby strengthening the nation's defence industrial base and generating significant employment.

Mahendragiri is equipped with an **advanced suite of indigenous and state-of-the-art weapons, sensors, and electronic warfare systems**, enabling her to effectively undertake anti-air, anti-surface, and anti-submarine operations. The ship is also capable of maritime security operations, Search and Rescue missions, Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR), and sustained deployments across the Indian Ocean Region (IOR) and beyond.

Named after the majestic Mahendragiri mountain range in the Eastern Ghats, the ship symbolises strength, resilience, and steadfast resolve. As the first Indian Naval warship to bear this name, *Mahendragiri* carries forward a legacy that reflects the Indian Navy's commitment to operational excellence and national service. **The ship is fully prepared to join the Fleet as a Mission Primed combat platform.**

The induction of *Mahendragiri* further strengthens Indian Navy's combat capability and underscores India's emergence as a leading indigenous warship-building nation. As India continues to enhance its role as the *Preferred Security Partner* in the IOR and a key contributor to a secure, stable, and prosperous Indo-Pacific, *Mahendragiri* stands ready to safeguard the nation's maritime interests with professionalism, determination, and resolve.

Guided by her motto, '**Mighty–Majestic–Matchless**', *Mahendragiri* is poised to serve the nation with distinction and add another proud chapter to the Indian Navy's illustrious history.



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