



INDIAN NAVY SET TO COMMISSION SECOND INDIGENOUS DIVING SUPPORT VESSEL 'NIPUN'

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The Indian Navy is set to commission *Nipun*, the second Diving Support Vessel (DSV) of the Nistar-class, on **31 Aug 2026 at Naval Dockyard, Mumbai**. The induction of the specialised vessel will mark an important addition to the Navy's deep-sea diving and underwater support capabilities and herald the beginning of a new chapter in the ship's journey from construction to operational service.

Indigenously designed and constructed by Hindustan Shipyard Limited (HSL), Visakhapatnam, *Nipun* represents a significant milestone in India's pursuit of self-reliance in defence shipbuilding. The vessel was delivered to the Indian Navy on **30 Jul 2026**, following completion of an extensive programme of outfitting and trials. <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2292073>

Nipun is a purpose-built platform designed to **support a wide spectrum of diving and underwater operations**. The ship is equipped with **modern diving systems** and **underwater intervention capabilities, enabling sustained support to divers operating in demanding conditions at sea**. It will also augment the Indian Navy's capability to support submarine rescue operations.

The ship incorporates modern systems for navigation, platform management and precise station keeping, complemented by specialised facilities for diving, underwater intervention and medical support. These capabilities enable *Nipun* to function as an integrated platform for complex operations beneath the surface.

The forthcoming commissioning of *Nipun* will further strengthen the Indian Navy's ability to undertake specialised diving and underwater missions across India's maritime areas of interest. The induction of this indigenously built platform also reflects the growing capability of the country's shipbuilding ecosystem to deliver technologically advanced and specialised vessels in support of the Navy's operational requirements.



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