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## LCU L-56 Commissioned into Indian Navy

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Indian Navy has recently commissioned the ship LCU L-56, which is the 100<sup>th</sup> warship built by the Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE).

- LCU 56 is an **amphibious ship** with its primary role being **transportation and deployment of main battle tanks, armoured vehicles, troops and equipment** from ship to shore.
- It is the **sixth of eight indigenously built Landing Craft Utility** (LCU) MK IV class ships.
- The LCU Mk-IV Class of ships are **fitted with close to 90% indigenous content**, in line with the Government of India's 'Make in India' initiative towards achieving self-reliance and indigenisation.
- The induction of LCU 56 **will add to maritime and Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief** (HADR) capability of **Andaman Nicobar Command**.
- The ship will be deployed for multi-role activities such as **beaching operations, search and rescue missions, disaster relief operations, coastal patrol, and surveillance operations** along the Andaman and Nicobar Group of Islands.

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