



## IL-38 Aircraft

### Why in News?

[Indian Navy's IL-38 Aircraft](#) will take part in the 74<sup>th</sup> [Republic Day](#) celebrations at the [Kartavya Path](#) for the first time and perhaps the last time.

- It will be among the **50 aircraft including 9 Rafales of the Indian Air Force-** will take part in the event.



### What is an IL-38 Aircraft?

- IL-38 is a **maritime reconnaissance aircraft that was** commissioned into the Indian Navy in 1977 and remained a **formidable air asset throughout its service life for nearly 44 years.**
- It was with the induction of IL 38 aircraft that the Navy **moved into the arena of airborne Long Range Maritime Reconnaissance (LRMR)** combined with long range anti-submarine search and strike, anti-shipping strike, electronic signal intelligence and distant SAR.
- The IL 38 is an **all-weather aircraft with long endurance and substantial operating range. Having clocked nearly 10,000 hours** of operational flying.

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