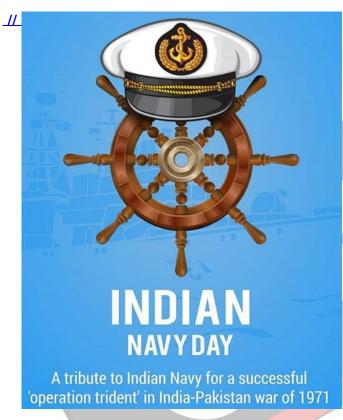


Indian Navy Day

Why in News

Every year, **Indian** Navy Day is celebrated on **4th December** to respect the Indian Navy's counter-attack in **Operation Trident** during the **Indo-Pakistan war in 1971**.





Key Points

- About:
 - The Indian Navy was established in 1612 by the <u>East India Company</u>.
 - This year, the Navy plans to celebrate the theme Swarnim Vijay Varsh to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of India's victory in the 1971 war.
- Operation Trident:
 - It was a **counter-attack by the Indian Navy** on the Karachi harbour during the **Indo-Pakistan war in 1971.**
 - India used **anti-ship missiles for the first time** during this operation and destroyed the Pakistani destroyer ship PNS Khaibar.
 - The Indian Navy's three warships INS Nipat, INS Nirghat and INS Veer played an important role in the attack.

Indian Navy:

- It is headed by the **President of India** as its Supreme Commander.
- Some of the **earliest operations of the Indian Navy** include its contribution in liberating Goa from Portugal in 1961.
- The **Navy has developed as an admirable force** with the making of the nuclear-powered ballistic missile submarine **INS Arihant** and several other ships.
- The **Indian Navy currently has one aircraft carrier**, the **INS Vikramaditya** which was a former Russian ship that was commissioned into service in 2013.
- It operates **three classes of submarines**: Chakra (it has the nuclear-powered INS Chakra) , Sindhughosh and Shishumar.
- The **Indigenous Aircraft Carrier (IAC) 1** named <u>INS Vikrant</u> has recently (2021) started sea trials (one of the last phases of trials).
- Marine Commandos or MARCOS is the special force unit of the Indian Navy, trained to conduct amphibious warfare, counter-terrorism, special reconnaissance, hostage rescue and asymmetric warfare.

The Vision

• They were the first to respond to the 26/11 Mumbai terror attacks.

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