

INS Nirdeshak

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The <u>Indian Navy</u> has commissioned INS Nirdeshak, a state-of-the-art survey vessel, at Visakhapatnam Naval Dockyard.

- About: INS Nirdeshak, the second ship of the Survey Vessels (Large) (SVL) Project, has been commissioned to enhance hydrographic.surveys, navigation, and maritime safety using advanced systems like Multi-Beam Echo Sounders, and Autonomous Underwater Vehicles (AUVs).
 - The SVL Project aims to modernize the Indian Navy's hydrographic survey fleet by replacing the aging Sandhayak class ships. The project comprises four ships; they are <u>Sandhayak</u>, <u>Nirdeshak</u>, <u>Ikshak</u>, and <u>Sanshodhak</u>.
- Indigenous Manufacturing: Built with over 80% indigenous content, the project supports the government's Make in India and Atma Nirbhar Bharat initiatives.
- Maritime Diplomacy and Security: The ship will act as a credible tool for maritime diplomacy, assisting friendly nations in oceanic surveys, which supports India's <u>SAGAR (Security</u> and Growth for All in the Region) initiative.
 - It enhances India's leadership in the <u>Indian Ocean Region</u> by improving maritime security.



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