

Indian Navy Day 2024

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Recently, on **4th December, <u>Indian Navy Day</u>** was celebrated, honoring the <u>1971 Indo-Pakistan War</u> and <u>Operation Trident</u>, which highlighted the Indian Navy's strategic success in attacking Pakistan's Karachi port.

- The theme for 2024 is "Strength and Power through Innovation and Indigenization". The day underscores the critical role of the Indian Navy in maintaining national security and protecting maritime interests
- Indian Navy:
 - On 1st May 1830, the <u>East India Company</u> came under the British Crown and gained combatant status, becoming the Indian Navy. In 1858, it was renamed Her Majesty's Indian Navy.
 - The Indian Navy adopted the Vedic invocation to Lord Varuna, "Sam no Varunah," as its emblem motto, meaning "Be auspicious unto us, O Varuna."
 - On 21st October 1944, Navy Day was celebrated for the first time.
 - Since 1972, Navy Day has been celebrated on 4th December to honor the successful 1971 naval operations in the <u>Arabian Sea</u>, <u>Bay of Bengal</u>, and the Karachi harbor missile attack, and to pay tribute to war martyrs.
 - The Navy has three Commands, each under the control of a Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief: The Western (HQ- Mumbai), Eastern (Visakhapatnam) and Southern Naval Command (Kochi).

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