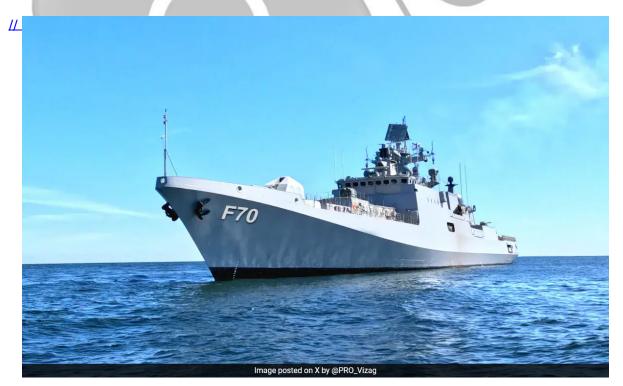


INS Tushil

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INS Tushil (F70), India's advanced **multi-role stealth-guided missile frigate,** was commissioned into the <u>Indian Navy</u> in Russia, marking a significant milestone in <u>India-Russia defense cooperation</u> and maritime strength.

- About: INS Tushil is an upgraded <u>Krivak III-class</u> frigate of <u>Project 1135.6 (Talwar Class)</u>. It is the 7th in the series after three Talwar-class and three Teg-class frigates.
 - INS Tushil, is the first of two upgraded frigates under a 2016 contract between the Indian Government and **JSC Rosoboronexport (a Russian company).**
 - A frigate is a versatile warship used for escorting, patrolling, and combat operations, crucial in modern navies.
 - The name Tushil means "protector shield," reflects the Indian Navy's commitment to protecting maritime frontiers.
- Advanced Weaponry: INS Tushil is equipped with <u>BrahMos supersonic cruise missiles</u>, Shtil Surface-to-Air Missiles, <u>anti-submarine torpedoes</u>, and electronic warfare systems.
- Operational Versatility: Designed for blue-water operations across air, surface, underwater, and electromagnetic dimensions, aligning with <u>India's SAGAR (Security and Growth for All in the</u> <u>Region)</u>, ensuring stability in the <u>Indian Ocean Region (IOR)</u>.
- India Russia Defense Cooperation:
 - Agreement on Military Technical Cooperation (2021-2031)
 - India-Russia 2+2 Dialogue.
 - Bilateral Projects: T-90 tanks, Su-30-MKI aircraft, MiG-29-K aircraft
 - Military Exercises: <u>INDRA(Tri-Services)</u>, Avia Indra(Air Force), and <u>Ex Vostok</u> (Army).



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