

## **IL-38 Aircraft**

## Why in News?

<u>Indian Navy's</u> **IL-38 Aircraft** will take part in the **74<sup>th</sup>** <u>Republic Day</u> celebrations at the <u>Kartavya Path</u> 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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