

INS Imphal

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The Indian Navy's INS Imphal successfully participated in a Passage Exercise (PASSEX) with the U.S. Navy Arleigh-Burke class destroyer USS Gridley (DDG 101) recently.

About INS Imphal

- It is an **indigenously built stealth guided missile destroyer** of the Indian Navy.
- It is the third ship to be built under the **Project P-15B** series of stealth destroyers, otherwise known as the **Visakhapatnam-class**.
 - The **other destroyers in the Visakhapatnam class** are **INS Visakhapatnam, INS Mormugao, and INS Surat**.
- It was commissioned into the Indian Navy in December 2023.
- The **Navy's Warship Design Bureau designed** the ship in-house, and **Mazagon Dock Ltd. (MDL)** was **responsible for its construction**.
- It is the **first warship** to be **named after a city in the Northeast**, Imphal — the capital of Manipur.

- It was the **first naval warship commissioned with accommodation for women officers** and sailors.
- It is a unit of the Indian **Navy's Western Fleet**.
- Missions include **anti-air warfare (AAW)**, **anti-surface warfare (ASuW)**, and **anti-submarine warfare (ASW)**.

INS Imphal Features

- It is among the **largest destroyers constructed in India**, with an overall length of 164 metres and a displacement of over 7500 tonnes.
- It has a crew complement of 50 officers and 250 enlisted personnel.
- It is propelled by **four powerful Gas Turbines**, in a Combined Gas & Gas configuration, and is capable of achieving speeds in excess of 30 knots (56 km/hour).
- It has a **maximum operating endurance of 45 days**.
- The ship has **BrahMos missiles, medium-range surface-to-air missiles**, indigenous anti-submarine rocket launchers, and a 76 mm super rapid gun mount.
- It has **modern surveillance radar**, which provides target data to the gunnery weapon systems.
- It has a **total atmospheric control system (TACS)** that offers protection to the crew from chemical, biological, and nuclear threats.

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