

INS Gharial

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The Indian Navy recently deployed INS Gharial and three other vessels as part of the ongoing Operation Sagar Bandhu for offering humanitarian assistance and relief to the cyclone-affected regions of Sri Lanka.

About INS Gharial

- INS Gharial (L23) is a **Magar-class amphibious warfare vessel** of the Indian Navy.
- It is the **second indigenously built Landing Ship Tank (Large)**.
- It was built by **Hindustan Shipyard Limited** and **Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers**.
- It is **one of the largest ships** of the Indian Navy.
- It was commissioned on 14 Feb 1997 and is part of the Eastern Fleet under the **Eastern Naval Command**.
- It is capable of carrying **two helicopters**, one in the hangar and one on deck, **10 Vijayanta tanks** in her underbelly, and **four Landing Craft Assault (LCA)** slung aloft.
- It is also armed with **guns and rocket launchers**, which are used to “**soften up**” a **hostile beach** before the **tanks go in** and the **LCAs charge in with assault troops**.

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