

INS Sindhuratna

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About INS Sindhuratna:

- INS Sindhuratna had gone for an upgrade in Severodvinsk, Russia after a major **accident in February 2014**.
- INS Sindhuratna is a **Russian Type 877EKM diesel-electric submarine** also popularly called a NATO-defined Kilo-class sub.
- Eight of the Navy's diesel-electric submarines are **Kilo class or Sindhughosh class** from Russia (and the former USSR), sourced between 1984 and 2000 and INS Sindhuratna is among **the oldest Kilo-class submarines** in the fleet.
- It was commissioned into the Indian Navy in **December 1988**.

Q1) What is NATO and what was its purpose?

NATO is an alliance of countries from Europe and North America. It provides a unique link between these two continents, enabling them to consult and cooperate. Its purpose was to secure peace in Europe, to promote cooperation among its members and to guard their freedom

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