

INS Chennai and INS Kesari

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Indian Navy ships INS Chennai and INS Kesari successfully carried out manoeuvring exercises and Visit, Board, Search & Seizure (VBSS) drills during the sea phase of Africa India Key Maritime Engagement (AIKEYME) 2025.

About INS Chennai

- It is the **third and last ship** of the **Kolkata-class stealth-guided missile destroyers (Project 15A)** of the Indian Navy.
 - The first two ships to be manufactured under Project 15A were INS Kolkata and INS Kochi.
- INS Chennai was **constructed by the Mazagon Dock Limited (MDL)** at **Mumbai**.
- It was commissioned into the Indian Navy on November 21, 2016.
- It is placed under the operational and administrative control of the **Western Naval Command**.

INS Chennai Features

- It is 164 metres long and weighs over 7,500 tonnes.

- It sails at a top speed of over 30 knots (around 55 km) per hour.
- It is powered by four reversible gas turbine engines.
- It can carry 350 to 400 people.
- It is armed with supersonic surface-to-surface **BrahMos missiles and Barak-8 Long Rang Surface-to-Air missiles.**
- It is fitted with the **chaff decoy system 'Kavach'** for defence against enemy missiles.
- For protection from enemy torpedoes, the ship has been equipped with the **torpedo decoy system 'Mareech'.**
- **Both 'Kavach' and 'Mareech' have been developed in India.**
- The ship is designed to **carry and operate** up to **two multi-role combat helicopters.**
- The multi-mission ship is highly suited for expeditionary and surface strikes.
- The ship is equipped to fight under nuclear, biological and chemical (NBC) warfare conditions.
- It is fitted with a **modern Surveillance Radar**, which provides target data to the gunnery weapon systems of the ship.

About INS Kesari

- INS Kesari (L15) is a **Shardul Class Landing Ship Tank (LST)** of the Indian Navy.
- The ship was built by **Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE), Kolkata.**
- It was commissioned into the Indian Navy on 5 April 2008.
- The ship is capable of **carrying troops, tanks, armored vehicles**, and other military equipment.
- It is designed to support amphibious operations and **humanitarian assistance and disaster relief (HADR) missions.**

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