

INS Varsha

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INS Varsha Latest News

India is preparing to operationalise INS Varsha, a dedicated naval base for nuclear-powered submarines, on the eastern coast near Rambilli in Andhra Pradesh by 2026.

About INS Varsha

- It is a strategically designed **submarine base to house India's nuclear-powered submarines**, both ballistic missile (SSBNs) and attack (SSNs) variants.
- The high-security facility, part of the long-planned **Project Varsha**, is designed to support India's growing fleet of nuclear submarines and enhance the survivability of its sea-based deterrent.
- The new base will be located **near the coastal village of Rambilli**, approximately 50 kilometers from **Eastern Naval Command headquarters in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh**.
- It will feature **underground pens and tunnels** to house nuclear submarines, ensuring stealthy operations in the Bay of Bengal.
- The project covers an area of 20 square kilometers and will accommodate at least 10 nuclear submarines.

- **Similar to China's extensive nuclear submarine base at Hainan Island, the water depth at Rambilli will enable submarines to enter and exit the base without being spotted** by satellites.
- This level of stealth is vital for SSBNs (nuclear-powered ballistic missile submarines), which need to remain hidden during their long patrols, often carrying nuclear-armed missiles.

INS Varsha FAQs

Q1. What is the primary purpose of INS Varsha?

Ans. To house India's nuclear-powered submarines

Q2. Where is INS Varsha located?

Ans. Near the coastal village of Rambilli, Andhra Pradesh

Q3. What type of submarines will be housed at INS Varsha?

Ans. Nuclear-powered submarines

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