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The Indian Navy's pioneering stitched vessel Indian Naval Sailing Vessel (INSV) Kaundinya will undertake her maiden overseas voyage.

About INSV Kaundinya

- It is a **stitched ship** which is inspired by a fifth-century vessel shown in **Ajanta cave paintings**.
- It is named after the **legendary mariner Kaundinya**, who is believed to have sailed from India to Southeast Asia **in ancient times**.
- It has been **built using traditional stitching techniques** instead of metal nails. Artisans from Kerala used coconut fibre, coir rope, wooden joinery, natural resins, and cotton sails.
- It is a joint initiative of the **Indian Navy, Ministry of Culture, and Hodi Innovations**.
- It features **symbolic motifs** like
 - **Gandabherunda** (mythical two-headed eagle) **symbol of the Kadamba dynasty** and the **Sun**
 - The bow **carries a Simha Yali**

- **Harappan-style stone anchor on the deck**
- **Significance:** INSV Kaundinya showcases India's ancient maritime traditions. It reflects India's historic role in trade, **cultural exchange, and modern maritime diplomacy.**

Who was Kaundinya?

- He is a legendary **Indian mariner** who sailed to Southeast Asia about 2,000 years ago.
- He married Queen Soma and founded the **Funan kingdom.**

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