

MH-60R Seahawk

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MH-60R Seahawk Latest News

The Indian Navy recently received another MH-60R Seahawk multi-role naval helicopter from the United States.

About MH-60R Seahawk

- It is a state-of-the-art **multi-mission naval helicopter**.
- Often called the “**Romeo**,” it is manufactured by **US defence major Lockheed Martin**.
- It is an **all-weather** helicopter designed for **anti-submarine warfare (ASW)**, **anti-surface warfare (ASuW)**, maritime surveillance, **search and rescue**, medical evacuation, and **shipborne operations**.
- It is the **U.S. Navy’s primary** anti-submarine and surface warfare helicopter.
- Besides the United States, the platform is operated by countries including **India, Australia, Japan, South Korea**, Israel, Greece, Norway, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Spain, Thailand, and Brazil.
 - **India signed a deal** with the United States to **procure 24 MH-60R** Seahawk helicopters in 2020 as part of efforts to modernise the Indian Navy’s helicopter fleet.

MH-60R Seahawk Features

- It measures 19.5 m (63.9 ft) in length with a height of 5.18 m.
- The helicopter can carry a **crew of three to four personnel**, accommodate **five additional passengers**, lift nearly 3,000 kg of payload, attain a top speed of about 330 kmph and has an **operational range** of around **830 km**.
- It can **endure airborne** for up to **2.7 hours** when deployed in **undersea warfare missions** and up to **3.3 hours** in **surface warfare operations**.
- It is one of the **world's best submarine-hunting helicopters**, equipped with **advanced sensors** like the **AN/AQS-22 ALFS dipping sonar, sonobuoys**, and multi-mode radar.
- The cockpit is also fitted with a **global positioning system**, an inertial navigation system, a satellite communication system, and secure VHF/UHF communications.
- It can be armed with **Mk 54 lightweight torpedoes** for anti-submarine warfare missions.
- For surface warfare missions, the MH-60R can carry **AGM-114 Hellfire missiles**, lightweight torpedoes, and machine guns.

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