

INS Nireekshak

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INS Nireekshak recently arrived in Colombo to participate in the fourth edition of the India-Sri Lanka Diving Exercise (DIVEX 2026).

About INS Nireekshak

- It is a **Dive Support and Submarine Rescue Vessel of the Indian Navy.**
- **Built by Mazgaon Shipbuilders in 1985**, the ship has been in service with the Navy since 1989 and was **commissioned** in the year **1995**.
- Equipped with **advanced deep-sea diving systems, recompression chambers, and submarine rescue infrastructure**, the vessel **can deploy Deep Submergence Rescue Vehicles** and support saturation diving missions.
- Its sophisticated systems allow it to **maintain stability during sensitive underwater operations**, making it **indispensable for search-and-rescue missions, underwater inspections, and diver training.**

Key Facts about DIVEX 2026

- It is the **fourth edition** of the **India-Sri Lanka Diving Exercise**.
- The week-long exercise will **bring together diving teams from** the **Indian Navy and the Sri Lankan Navy** to undertake a series of specialised underwater operations and training drills.
- The initiative is aimed at enhancing interoperability, strengthening coordination, and facilitating the **exchange of best practices** between the two maritime forces.
- **As part of India's humanitarian outreach**, the **INS Nireekshak** will also **hand over two BHISM (Bharat Health Initiative for Sahyog Hita & Maitri) cubes** to Sri Lankan authorities **under the government's Aarogya Maitri initiative**.
- These **portable medical units** are **equipped to handle up to 200 emergency cases** and come with essential medicines and basic surgical capabilities, as per the release.

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