

■ PM Commissions India's First Indigenous Aircraft Carrier INS Vikrant

Showcasing the country's growing prowess of indigenous manufacturing and a major milestone in the path towards 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat', Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi commissioned the country's first indigenous aircraft carrier Indian Naval Ship (INS) Vikrant at Cochin Shipyard Limited



(CSL) on 2nd September 2022. During the event, the Prime Minister also unveiled the new Naval Ensign (Nishaan), doing away with the colonial past and befitting the rich Indian maritime heritage. He dedicated the new ensign to Chhatrapati Shivaji. With the commissioning of INS Vikrant, India has entered into a select band of nations having the niche capability to indigenously design and build an Aircraft Carrier. Designed by Indian Navy's in-house Warship Design Bureau (WDB) and built by Cochin Shipyard Limited, a Public Sector Shipyard under the Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways, INS Vikrant has been built with state of the art automation features and is the largest ship ever built in maritime history of India. The carrier is equipped with the latest state of the art equipment and systems.

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