

INS Malvan

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Why in News?

The Indian Navy recently commissioned INS Malvan in Karnataka.

- INS Malvan, the second Mahe-class ASW Shallow Water Craft built by Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL), Kochi, is also the sixth of 16 such vessels to join the Indian Navy.
- **Commissioned at** - Karwar on 22 Jul 2026.
- **Historical significance** - It derives its name from the coastal town of Malvan in Maharashtra, a region linked to the maritime heritage of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj.
- **Vessel's predecessor** - An inshore Indian Naval Minesweeper that remained in service till 2003.
- **Aatmanirbhar Bharat** - With over 80 percent indigenous content, and India's expanding ecosystem of naval design, equipment, system integration, and growing self-reliance in defence shipbuilding.
- **Equipped for** - Underwater Surveillance, Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) operations, and Low Intensity Maritime Operations (LIMO) along with Mine Warfare capability.
- It reinforces coastal defence, littoral security, and enhance Maritime Domain Awareness.
- **Crest** - 'Bagh Nakha' (Tiger's Claw), symbolising bravery, warfare tactics, agility, and audacity, resonating with the ship's ethos to attack rapidly and strike silently.
- **Motto** - 'Silent Claws', embodies lethality, stealth, and the ability to strike the adversary swiftly.



INS MALVAN

SECOND MAHE-CLASS ANTI-SUBMARINE
WARFARE SHALLOW WATER CRAFT (ASW-SWC)

The second of the indigenously built Mahe-class ASW-SWCs,
commissioned into the Indian Navy on **22 July 2026**.



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Malvan in Maharashtra,
a region linked to the
maritime heritage of
Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj.



CREST – 'BAGH NAKHA'



The 'Bagh Nakha' (Tiger's Claw)
reflects **bravery, agility, and**
stealth attack tactics.



The waves surrounding 'Bagh Nakha'
reflect the vast sea surrounding the coasts
and the Indian Navy's unwavering resolve
to remain **ever vigilant, ever ready**, and
steadfast in safeguarding the nation's
seas and sovereignty.



MOTTO – 'SILENT CLAWS'

Embodies **lethal stealth** and the ability
to strike the adversary swiftly.



- **Significance** - It remain *Combat Ready, Credible, Cohesive, and Future Ready* to ensure national security.
- It safeguards India's maritime interests at all times and at all locations.

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