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.

- **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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