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INTRODUCTION



April 2026 reflects the Indian Navy's focus on operational excellence, strategic outreach, and capability enhancement across all domains. The month witnessed significant progress in maritime cooperation and indigenous shipbuilding.

Recognition of personnel achievements, welfare initiatives, and professional milestones further highlighted the dedication and commitment of Indian Navy personnel towards service and operational readiness. Collectively, these developments reflected India's position as a capable, credible, and responsible maritime power committed to regional peace, security, and maritime cooperation.

IOS SAGAR 2026



INS Sunayna deployed under Mission IOS SAGAR marked her presence with successful port calls at Indonesia, Thailand, and Singapore. These visits aimed at strengthening maritime cooperation and enhancing interoperability with regional navies.

The engagements included professional exchanges, coordinated activities, and cultural interactions, highlighting India's role in promoting stability in the Indo-Pacific.

Lokayan 2026



As part of the Lokayan 26 expedition, on 18 April, INS Sudarshini concluded a successful port call at Casablanca, strengthening maritime ties through professional and cultural interactions with the Royal Moroccan Navy.

Following its transit through the Strait of Gibraltar, the ship entered the Atlantic Ocean, marking another milestone in the showcasing India's maritime legacy on the global stage. On 26 April 2026, INS Sudarshini concluded a three-day port call at Las Palmas before proceeding towards Mindelo, the final African stopover prior to commencing the trans-Atlantic passage.

Having completed seven port calls and maritime engagements with the navies of West Asia, the Mediterranean, Europe, and Africa, the voyage reflects the Indian Navy's commitment towards strengthening maritime cooperation.

INS Trikand Deployment



As part of its ongoing deployment in the South West Indian Ocean Region, INS Trikand undertook port calls at Dar es Salaam and Mombasa during April 2026 to strengthen maritime cooperation and bilateral ties with partner nations in East Africa.

The visits included professional interactions, joint training activities, cultural engagements, sports fixtures, and exchanges aimed at enhancing interoperability and strengthening people-to-people connections. The deployment was aligned with India's vision of MAHASAGAR — Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions.

IN-SLN DIVEX 2026



The fourth edition of IN–SLN DIVEX 2026 was conducted at Colombo from 21–28 April 2026 with the participation of INS Nireekshak and diving teams from both navies. The exercise focused on specialised underwater operations, interoperability, and the exchange of best practices, including advanced harbour dives, mixed gas diving drills and deep-sea dives beyond 55 metres over World War-era wrecks off Colombo.

The engagement also included professional interactions, sports fixtures, yoga sessions, and a beach clean-up drive, strengthening stronger bonds of friendship and cooperation between the two navies.

Indian Navy Commanders' Conference 2026



The Indian Navy Commanders' Conference 2026 commenced on 14 April 2026 at Nausena Bhawan under the leadership of Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi, Chief of the Naval Staff. The conference brought together senior Naval leadership to review operational readiness, strategic priorities, and the evolving maritime security environment.

On Day 3 of the conference, Union Home Secretary, Shri Govind Mohan addressed the senior Naval leadership in New Delhi. He acknowledged the role of the Indian Navy in safeguarding India's maritime interests and preserving the nation's maritime heritage and strategic influence.

During the conference, Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi also released the Indian Navy Maritime Security Strategy–2026. Building upon the Defence Forces Vision 2047 and Indian Navy Vision 2047, the strategy outlines the Navy's roadmap for the coming decade to ensure secure seas and safeguard India's maritime interests amid an evolving global security environment.



Taragiri Commissioning and Launch of DSC A23



INS Taragiri, the fourth stealth frigate of the Project 17A class, was commissioned on 03 April 2026 at Visakhapatnam by Hon'ble Minister of Defence, Shri Rajnath Singh. Designed by the Warship Design Bureau and built by Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited, the vessel represents a major advancement in indigenous naval capability.

With advanced stealth features and multi-role operational capability, the ship significantly enhances combat readiness. The commissioning of the vessel marks another milestone in strengthening the Indian Navy's modern fleet.



DSC A23, the fourth vessel under the Diving Support Craft project, was launched on 19 April 2026 at Titagarh, Kolkata. Built by Titagarh Rail Systems Limited, the vessel is designed for specialised diving and underwater support operations.

Featuring a catamaran hull and advanced stability characteristics, it enhances the Navy's capability in coastal and harbour operations.

Ran Samwad 2026



The Tri-Service seminar Ran Samwad 2026 was held on 09–10 April 2026 at Air Force Training Command, Bengaluru, under the theme “Multi Domain Operations: An Imperative for Addressing Conventional and Irregular Threats”. The seminar brought together senior military leaders and experts to deliberate on evolving paradigms of warfare across land, air, sea, cyber, space and cognitive domains.

During the seminar, Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi addressed the forum on “Maritime Forces Visualisation of Multi-Domain Operations”, highlighting the transformation of the maritime battlespace into a highly interconnected and technology-driven environment.

Naval Investiture Ceremony



The Naval Investiture Ceremony was held in Mumbai on 01 April 2026, where gallantry and distinguished service awards were presented to Indian Navy personnel. The awards were conferred by Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi on behalf of the President of India.

The ceremony recognised exceptional service, dedication, and courage displayed by personnel over the past year.

Naval Civilians' Felicitation Function 2026



The Naval Civilians' Felicitation Function was held on 23 April 2026 at the Manekshaw Centre, New Delhi, recognising the invaluable contributions of civilian personnel. Raksha Rajya Mantri Shri Sanjay Seth attended the event and highlighted their critical role in operational preparedness.

Described as the 'Neenv ka Pathar' of the Navy, civilian personnel were commended for their dedication and professionalism.

33rd AGM & Governing Council Meeting of Navy Foundation



The 33rd Governing Council Meeting and Annual General Meeting of the Navy Foundation was held on 20 April 2026 in Kochi. The event focused on welfare initiatives for naval veterans and reviewed key issues raised by various chapters.

Discussions included updates on healthcare and pension schemes, along with measures to enhance veteran support systems. The meeting also highlighted the continued commitment towards ensuring the well-being, dignity, and welfare of the naval veteran community.

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