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INTRODUCTION

June 2026 witnessed significant milestones for the Indian Navy across operational, strategic and institutional domains. The historic tri-commissioning of INS Dunagiri, INS Sanshodhak and INS Agray marked a major step towards strengthening indigenous maritime capabilities. Operational deployments, maritime security missions and international engagements during the month demonstrated India's role as a trusted maritime partner and first responder in the region.

The month also witnessed notable achievements in training, personnel recognition and sporting excellence, including gallantry awards and new national records by Indian Navy sportspersons. Together, these developments reflected Indian Navy's continued focus on operational readiness, self-reliance, regional cooperation and professional excellence.



Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Commissioned Three Frontline Platforms in Kolkata



Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi commissioned INS Dunagiri, INS Sanshodhak and INS Agray into the Indian Navy at Kolkata on 21 June 2026. The three indigenously designed and built platforms—a stealth frigate, a survey vessel large and an anti-submarine warfare shallow watercraft—will significantly enhance Navy's combat, surveillance and underwater warfare capabilities. Built with over 75 per cent indigenous content and extensive participation from Indian industry, including MSMEs, the commissioning represented a major milestone in India's pursuit of self-reliance in defence manufacturing and maritime capability development.

Indian Navy Safely Recovered Unexploded Ordnance from Merchant Tanker off Kochi



The Indian Navy successfully recovered an unexploded ordnance from the Marshall Islands-flagged tanker MT Olympic Life following an incident off the coast of Oman. After receiving information through the IFC–IOR, Southern Naval Command deployed a specialist Explosive Ordnance Disposal team, which located the projectile lodged inside a fuel tank after it had penetrated the vessel's hull. Following extensive safety procedures, the ordnance was safely extracted and secured for examination. The operation highlighted Indian Navy's technical expertise, operational readiness and commitment to maritime safety and security.

Hon'ble President Conferred Gallantry and Distinguished Service Awards



Hon'ble President Smt Droupadi Murmu conferred Gallantry and Distinguished Service Awards during Phase-I and Phase-II of the Defence Investiture Ceremony 2026 at Rashtrapati Bhavan in June 2026. During Phase-I, Lieutenant Commander Suraj Prashar, Ram Goyal, Sea II, now Leading Seaman and Lieutenant Commanders Dilna K and Roopa A were awarded the Shaurya Chakra. During Phase-II, Distinguished Service Awards were conferred on senior leadership, including Vice Admiral Sanjay Jasjit Singh (Retd), Admiral Krishna Swaminathan, Vice Admiral Sanjay Vatsayan, Vice Admiral Ajay Kochhar, Vice Admiral A. N. Pramod, Surgeon Vice Admiral Aarti Sarin & Vice Admiral Atul Anand in recognition of distinguished service and professional excellence.

INS Trikand Responded to Distress Call in the Western Indian Ocean



INS Trikand responded to a distress call from merchant vessel MV Fareeda 5 on 17 June 2026 following a suspected piracy attempt in the Western Indian Ocean. The frontline frigate, deployed on mission, promptly investigated the incident and undertook measures to deter the potential threat. The timely intervention ensured safety of merchant vessel and its crew. The operation reaffirmed Indian Navy's commitment to safeguarding merchant shipping, countering piracy and maintaining maritime security across the region.

Indian Navy's Eastern Fleet Ships Udaygiri, Kavaratti and Shakti Visited Thailand & Vietnam



Indian Naval Ships Udaygiri, Kavaratti and Shakti of the Eastern Fleet arrived at Sattahip, Thailand, on 27 June 2026 as part of their operational deployment to the South East Asia Region. Led by Rear Admiral Alok Ananda, Flag Officer Commanding Eastern Fleet, the ships were received by the Royal Thai Navy. The visit included professional exchanges, cross-deck visits, operational interactions, sporting engagements and community outreach activities aimed at enhancing interoperability and strengthening bilateral maritime cooperation. The port call reflected the close maritime partnership between India and Thailand and underscored India's continued engagement with nations in the region.

INS Ikshak and INS Tarkash Visited Seychelles



INS Ikshak and INS Tarkash arrived at Port Victoria, Seychelles, on 26 June 2026 as part of their operational deployments to the South West Indian Ocean Region. The visit coincided with the Golden Jubilee celebrations of Seychelles' National Day, in which both ships participated with a marching contingent and naval band. During the port call, the ships engaged in professional interactions with the Seychelles Defence Forces and undertook community outreach activities aimed at strengthening maritime cooperation and goodwill.

INS Sharda Visited Colombo, Sri Lanka



INS Sharda departed Colombo on 13 June 2026 after a successful port call aimed at enhancing maritime cooperation between India and Sri Lanka. The visit included professional exchanges, training activities and sporting engagements with the Sri Lanka Navy, contributing to enhanced interoperability and mutual understanding. Sri Lankan personnel participated in capacity-building activities covering small arms handling, firefighting, first aid and rescue procedures. The visit also featured senior-level interactions and reaffirmed the strong maritime partnership and shared commitment of both nations towards regional maritime security and cooperation.

IASV Triveni Met INS Tarkash During Indian Ocean Deployment



On 19 June 2026, INS Tarkash, deployed in the South West Indian Ocean Region, effected rendezvous at sea with IASV Triveni, the Indian Army's sailboat undertaking a global circumnavigation expedition. IASV Triveni, crewed by six women officers from the three Services, was transiting from Cape Town to Mumbai on the final leg of its voyage. The interaction at sea highlighted the spirit of jointmanship among the Armed Forces and marked a notable moment during the vessel's historic expedition.

Indian Navy Conducted Outreach Programme for NCC Cadets from Ladakh



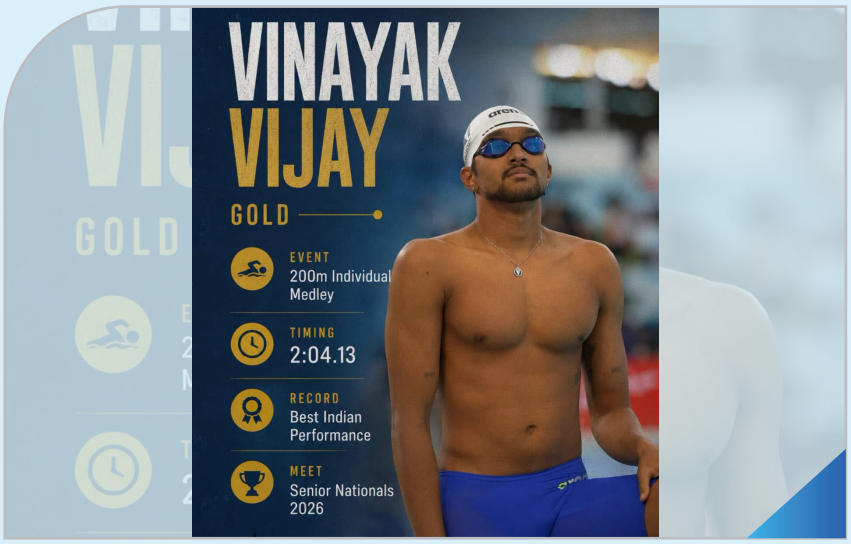
As part of the Indian Navy's outreach initiative, 50 NCC cadets and Associate NCC Officers from Leh and Kargil visited naval ships and establishments under Headquarters Eastern Naval Command, Visakhapatnam, from 05 to 17 June 2026. The programme included a Day at Sea onboard Indian Naval ships and visits to aviation and maritime heritage facilities, providing participants with firsthand exposure to naval operations and service life. The initiative aimed to enhance awareness of maritime affairs and encourage youth participation in the nation's maritime security and defence services.

Lokayan 26 Voyage : INS Sudarshini Visited Norfolk & Baltimore, USA



As part of the ongoing Lokayan 26 expedition, Indian Navy's Sail Training Ship INS Sudarshini continued its transoceanic voyage and arrived at the Port of Baltimore, Maryland, USA, on 26 June 2026. The passage from Norfolk included transit through the historic Chesapeake & Delaware Canal beneath major mid-Atlantic bridges. Prior to this, the ship participated in the Sail250 Virginia celebrations at Norfolk from 19 to 23 June 2026, representing India in the Parade of Sail and City Crew Parade. Having sailed over 13,000 nautical miles in five months from Kochi to Norfolk, the voyage highlighted India's seafaring traditions, maritime outreach and the spirit of friendship and cooperation across oceans.

Indian Navy Swimmer Vinayak Vijay Sets New National Record



Indian Navy's swimmer Vinayak Vijay, Petty Officer Communication (Tel), set a new national record in the Men's 200m Individual Medley at the 79th Senior National Aquatics Championships on 16 June 2026. Competing in his opening event of the championship, he clocked 2 minutes 04.13 seconds, surpassing the previous national record of 2 minutes 04.34 seconds. The achievement marked an impressive start to his campaign and brought laurels to the Indian Navy on the national sporting stage.

Indian Navy Athlete Ancy Sojan Sets New National Record in Long Jump



Ancy Sojan, Chief Petty Officer (Physical Training) of the Indian Navy, set a new national record in the Women's Long Jump at the National Inter-State Senior Athletics Championships in Bhubaneswar. She registered a leap of 6.88 metres, surpassing the previous national record of 6.83 metres set by Anju Bobby George in 2004. The achievement marked a significant milestone in Indian athletics and added to the growing list of sporting accomplishments by Indian Navy personnel at the national level.

AVC Asia Volleyball Cup 2026



Chief Petty Officer Chirag Suresh Kumar and Petty Officer Shikhar Singh were part of the Indian team that secured the Bronze Medal at the AVC Asia Volleyball Cup 2026 held in Ahmedabad. Their performances contributed significantly to India's success in the tournament. The achievement brought laurels to the nation and highlighted the continued excellence of Indian Navy sportspersons at the international level.

Batch 01/26 Passed Out from INS Chilka



A total of 3,011 trainees of Batch 01/26 passed out from INS Chilka on 12 June 2026 after completing 16 weeks of ab-initio naval training. The batch comprised 2,746 Agniveers of the Indian Navy, including 116 women, and 265 Naviks of the Indian Coast Guard. The Passing Out Parade was reviewed by Vice Admiral Sanjay Vatsayan, Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Western Naval Command. The ceremony marked successful induction of the trainees into naval service, with outstanding performers being recognised for excellence during training.

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