



# Launch of 'Utkarsh': India's Second Multi Purpose Vessel

The Indian Navy's second Multi Purpose Vessel, 'Utkarsh', was launched on 13 Jan 25 at L&T Shipyard, Kattupalli, Chennai.



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# Key Features of 'Utkarsh'



## Multi-Dimensional Role

'Utkarsh' means 'Superior in Conduct', reflecting its versatile capabilities.



## Impressive Specifications

The vessel is 106 m long with a maximum speed of 15 knots.



## Advanced Capabilities

Can tow ships, launch targets, and operate unmanned autonomous vehicles.



# Significance of the Launch

## Indigenous Shipbuilding

**Showcases India's progress in domestic naval manufacturing capabilities.**

## Government Initiatives

**Aligns with Aatmanirbhar Bharat and Make in India visions.**

# Contract Details



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## Contract Signing

Agreement between Ministry of Defence and M/s L&T Shipyard on 25 Mar 22.

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## Project Scope

Construction of two Multi Purpose Vessels for the Indian Navy.

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## Launch Event

'Utkarsh' launched on 13 Jan 25 at L&T, Kattupalli, Chennai.

# Key Personnel Present

- **Smt Rasika Chaube, Financial Advisor (Defence Services) launched the vessel as Chief Guest**
- **Vice Admiral Gurcharan Singh, Controller of Warship Production & Acquisition attended as Guest of Honor**
- **Senior executives from Indian Navy and L&T Shipyard were in attendance**
- **Representatives from various naval commands and defense organizations participated in the ceremony**

# Key Personnel Present



## **Rajesh Kumar Singh**

**Defence Secretary, chief guest at the launch ceremony.**



## **VAdm B Sivakumar**

**Controller Warship Production & Acquisition, representing the Indian Navy.**



## **L&T Representatives**

**Jayant Damodar Patil and Arun Ramchandani from M/s L&T.**

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# Launch Tradition

## Maritime Custom

The ship was launched following traditional maritime customs.

## Honored Guest

Dr Smt Sushmita Misra Singh, Defence Secretary's spouse, launched the ship.





# Future Prospects

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## Enhanced Naval Capabilities

'Utkarsh' will significantly boost Indian Navy's operational capabilities.

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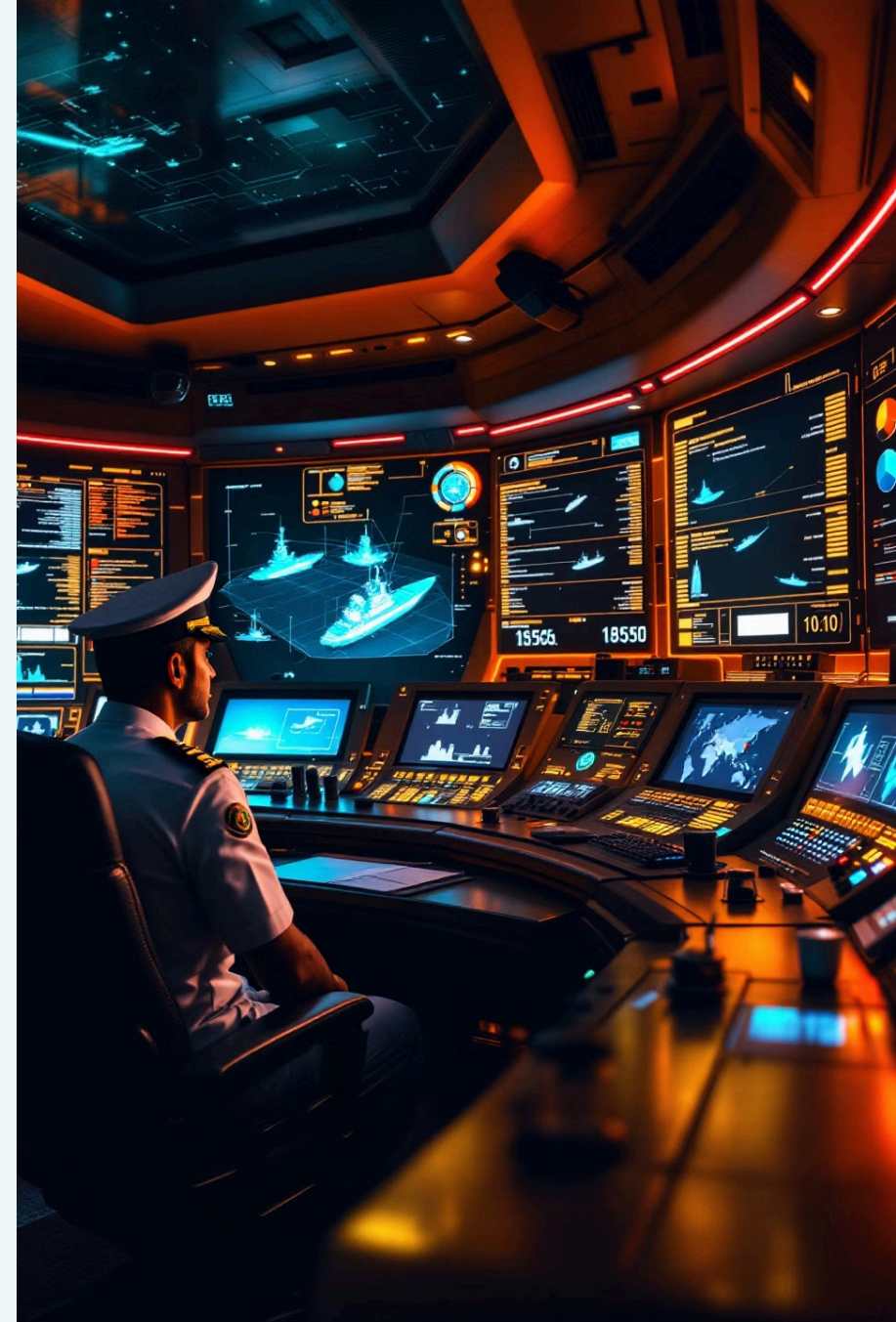
## Technological Advancements

The vessel will serve as a trial platform for indigenous weapons and sensors.

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## Strengthening Maritime Security

Multi-purpose vessels contribute to India's maritime defense strategy.



# Launch Ceremony Highlights



## Traditional Launch Moment

**Dr Smt Sushmita Misra Singh breaking the ceremonial coconut during the launch of 'Utkarsh' at L&T Shipyard.**



## The Magnificent 'Utkarsh'

**The 106-meter Multi Purpose Vessel showcasing its impressive design and build quality at Kattupalli shipyard.**



## Distinguished Guests

**Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh and VAdm B Sivakumar along with L&T representatives at the launch ceremony.**

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