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# DRDO News

## Launch of DSC A 23 (Yard 328) - fourth ship of Diving Support Craft (DSC) project

*Source: Press Information Bureau, Dt. 20 Apr 2026*

DSC A 23, the fourth ship of five Diving Support Craft (DSC) project was launched on 19 Apr 2026 at Titagarh, Kolkata (WB) by Mrs Deepa Sivakumar, in the presence of Vice Admiral B Sivakumar, Chief of Materiel. The event was conducted with full naval traditions and ceremonial splendour, in presence of senior officials from Indian Navy and M/s Titagarh Rail Systems Limited (TRSL).

The construction of Diving Support Craft is being undertaken by M/s TRSL, Kolkata. Featuring a 30 m long catamaran-hull form and an approximate displacement of 380 tons, these ships offer superior stability, enhanced deck area and improved sea-keeping characteristics, which makes them suitable for undertaking Diving operations in coastal waters and harbours.



**Fig: Diving Support Craft (DSC A 23)**

Designed and built in accordance with the Naval Rules and Regulations of the Indian Register of Shipping (IRS), the project underwent extensive Model Testing and Hydrodynamic Analysis at the **Naval Science and Technological Laboratory (NSTL)**, Visakhapatnam.

With induction of these ships, the Indian Navy's capabilities in Diving Support, Underwater Inspection, Salvage Assistance and Coastal Operational Deployment will be augmented. With 70% of main and auxiliary equipment sourced from indigenous manufacturers, Diving Support Craft are proud flag bearers of Aatmanirbhar Bharat and Make in India initiatives of Government of India (GoI) and Ministry of Defence (MoD).

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# Defence News

## आसमान के रक्षक 'गरुड़' कमांडो को अब मिलेगी नई ड्रोन ताकत

Source: *Dainik Jagran, Dt. 21 Apr 2026*

भारतीय वायुसेना के 'गरुड़' स्पेशल फोर्स अब और सशक्त होने जा रहे हैं। देश की सुरक्षा को अभेद्य बनाने के संकल्प के साथ, सरकार ने इन जांबाजों के लिए अत्याधुनिक 'माइक्रो यूएवी' सिस्टम की खरीद प्रक्रिया शुरू कर दी है। 'यह केवल एक उपकरण नहीं, बल्कि हमारे सैनिकों की सुरक्षा और सामरिक श्रेष्ठता के लिए एक बड़ा सुरक्षा कवच होगा।

### हर परिस्थिति में निगरानी

यह नया ड्रोन सिस्टम ऊंचाई वाले इलाकों और विषम जलवायु के लिए डिजाइन किया जा रहा है। ये ड्रोन शून्य से 20 डिग्री सेल्सियस नीचे से लेकर 50 डिग्री सेल्सियस तक के तापमान में काम करने में सक्षम होंगे और 6,400 फीट की ऊंचाई तक उड़ान भर सकेंगे। दो सैनिकों द्वारा आसानी से ले जाए जाने वाला यह 'मैन-पोर्टेबल' सिस्टम स्वायत्त, मैनुअल और टारगेट ट्रैकिंग जैसे कई मोड्स में काम करेगा। सुरक्षित एन्क्रिप्टेड कम्युनिकेशन इसकी सबसे बड़ी ताकत होगी।

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## India-UK defence cooperation deepens as CDS Anil Chauhan meets UK counterpart in London

Source: *Hindustan Times, Dt. 21 Apr 2026*

India and the UK have discussed means to deepen defence cooperation to advance defence industrial and intelligence collaboration and cyber cooperation. India's Chief of Defence Staff General Anil Chauhan and his UK counterpart Air Chief Marshal Sir Richard Knighton have discussed these issues at a meeting in UK. The Air Chief Marshal posted on X: "Great to discuss defence and security cooperation with India's Chief of Defence Staff General Chauhan today".

The Office of the Indian CDS posted on X that "the visit will further deepen defence cooperation". General Anil Chauhan is on a three-day visit (April 19-21) to the UK. The two military commanders have discussed deepening cooperation across training, operations and defence industry partnerships.

Senior UK civil and military leaders will also interact with General Chauhan during his visit. Representatives of the British defence industry will meet him to progress talks on greater defence co-production between the two countries. General Chauhan will also be given a tour of the Royal College of Defence Studies, where he will meet a multinational cohort of students. This is the first official visit by an Indian CDS to the UK and marks the fifth senior UK-India military engagement this year, following the UK Chief of the Air Staff Air Chief Marshal Harv Smyth's visit to India in March.



**Fig: Chief of Defence Staff General Anil Chauhan and his UK counterpart Air Chief Marshal Sir Richard Knighton in London**

Lindy Cameron, British High Commissioner to India, said: “We are stepping up cooperation to strengthen interoperability, spur innovation and support a free, open and secure Indo-Pacific. “India is a key defence partner for the UK. We will continue to build on this momentum in the months ahead,” Cameron said.

The UK and India had launched a 10-year Defence Industrial Roadmap under the Vision 2035 agreement to support growth, strengthen security and contribute to international stability. The UK Ministry of Defence has set up a dedicated programme office, Defence Partnership-India, to drive bilateral defence collaboration.

<https://www.tribuneindia.com/news/top-headlines/india-uk-discuss-means-to-deepen-defence-cooperation/>

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## **INS Sudarshini departs Casablanca, Morocco**

**Source: Press Information Bureau, Dt. 20 Apr 2026**

The Indian Navy’s Sail Training Ship, INS Sudarshini, concluded a productive and engaging port call at Casablanca, Morocco, on 18 Apr 2026. The visit marked an important step in strengthening the Indo-Morocco maritime partnership, as part of the ongoing Lokayan 26 deployment.

During the port call, the Commanding Officer of INS Sudarshini held professional interactions with senior Moroccan naval leaders, focusing on training exchanges and maritime cooperation. The essence of ‘Lokayan’ was reflected through active training engagements, with Indian Navy trainees interacting with cadets of the Royal Moroccan Naval School during cross deck visits and friendly sports fixtures. Diplomatic outreach was enhanced through an onboard reception hosted by INS Sudarshini and a reciprocal luncheon hosted by the Royal Moroccan Navy, strengthening professional and cultural ties.

The current visit reaffirms deepening maritime ties between the two countries, driven by shared maritime interests and strategic convergence. INS Sudarshini now proceeds to Las Palmas, Spain, furthering the message of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam and goodwill across the seas.

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