

PRESS RELEASE

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Launching of the *Vagir*, the fifth Indian *Kalvari*-class submarine with Scorpene® design, entirely made in India

On November 12th 2020, INS Vagir was launched by Smt Vijaya Shripad Naik, wife of Shri Shripad Naik, Hon'ble Raksha Rajya Mantri. INS Vagir is the fifth P75 Scorpene® submarine entirely built by the Indian shipyard Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL) based on years of technology transfer and partnership with Naval Group

After recent commissioning of INS *Khanderi* in September 2019 and the launch of the INS *Vela* in May 2019, the *Vagir*, the fifth of the series of six *Kalvari*-class submarines ordered by India in 2005, to be launched.

This event highlights the success of the indigenous submarines construction program of the Government of India. These submarines have been completely built by Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL) through a transfer of technology from Naval Group, in line with Indian Government's "Make in India" policy. This series of six submarines are fitted with a number of equipment, built in India by qualified and highly trained industrial Micro, Small and Medium enterprises (MSMEs) which form the sound base of the Indian submarine building ecosystem.

"Naval Group is proud to be part of first of its kind P75 Kalvari program to deliver entirely "Made in India" submarines to the Indian Navy. The P75 program is a major element of the strategic Indo-French partnership developed over the last decades. This launch, amidst Covid-19 challenges, represents a new milestone for this unique industrial program and illustrates the Aatmanirbharta (self-reliance) of Indian Navy and industry", mentioned Alain Guillou, Senior EVP - International Development at Naval Group.

The Scorpene[®], a modern, high-performant, and stealthy submarine

The Scorpene[®] is a conventional-propulsion submarine designed and developed by Naval Group for all types of mission, such as surface warfare, anti-submarine warfare, long-range strikes, special operations or intelligence gathering. Extremely stealthy and fast, its level of operating automation allows for a limited crew which reduces its operating costs significantly. Its combat edge is highlighted by the fact that it has 6 weapon launching tubes and 18 weapons (torpedoes, missiles, mines).

With 14 submarines sold internationally by Naval Group, the Scorpene[®] is an essential reference product in the area of conventional attack submarines (SSK) for Navies across the world. The Scorpene[®] can be adapted to meet special needs of international navies.

Naval Group, a long term partner of India

Naval Group is present in India through its 100% subsidiary Naval Group India. Established in September 2008, Naval Group India's mission has been to support the indigenisation of equipment for Scorpene[®] submarine, to develop the Indian defence eco-system, as well as to develop design services in India with talented Indian engineers.

Naval Group India endeavours to be a visionary and to further its involvement in empowering more industries by creating a robust eco-system that can cater to the varied defence needs of the country.

About Naval Group

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