



INS Nilgiri

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Recently, the Defence Minister has launched the first of the Navy's seven new stealth frigates named **INS Nilgiri**, in Mumbai.

He also commissioned the **largest dry dock** of Indian Navy- the '**Aircraft Carrier Dock**' at the Naval Dockyard in Mumbai, terming it as an '**edifice of modern India**'.

Dry Dock

- A dry dock is a narrow basin or vessel that can be flooded to allow a load to be floated in, then drained to allow that load to come to rest on a dry platform.
- They are used for the construction, maintenance, and repair of ships, boats, and other watercraft.
- INS Nilgiri is the first ship of the **Project-17A**.
- **Project 17A** frigates is a design derivative of the **Shivalik class stealth frigates** with much more advanced stealth features and **indigenous weapons and sensors**.
- The P17A frigates incorporate new design concepts for improved survivability, sea keeping, stealth and ship manoeuvrability.
- These frigates are being built using integrated construction methodology.

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