



## Navy Day

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### Why in News

The Indian Navy Day is celebrated on **December 4** every year to commemorate **Operation Trident**. The Navy also organises a **Beating Retreat ceremony at Gateway of India in Mumbai** on the eve of the Navy Day.

### Operation Trident

- It was a counter-attack by Indian Navy **on the Karachi harbour** during the **Indo-Pakistan war in 1971**.
- India used **anti-ship missiles** for the first time during this operation and destroyed the Pakistani destroyer ship **PNS Khaibar**.
- The Indian Navy's **three warships** - **INS Nipat, INS Nirghat and INS Veer** - played an important role in the attack.

Indian Navy



- It is **headed** by the **President of India** as its **Supreme Commander**.
- Indian Navy's **Motto** is - **Sam no Varunah** (शं नो वरुणः) that means that the God of water, Varuna, should be auspicious unto us.
- Some of the **earliest operations** of the Indian Navy include its contribution in **liberating Goa from Portugal in 1961**.

- The Navy has developed as an admirable force with the making of the **nuclear-powered ballistic missile submarine INS Arihant** and several other ships.
- Indian Navy currently has **one aircraft carrier, the INS Vikramaditya** which was a **former Russian ship** that was commissioned into service in 2013.
- It **operates three classes of submarines: Chakra** (it has the **nuclear-powered INS Chakra**), **Sindhughosh, and Shishumar.**
- **Marine Commandos or MARCOS** is the special force unit of the Indian Navy, trained to conduct amphibious warfare, counter-terrorism, special reconnaissance, hostage rescue and asymmetric warfare.

They were the first to respond to the **26/11 Mumbai** terror attacks.

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