



Indian Navy Day

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Every year, **Indian Navy Day** is celebrated on **4th December** to respect the Indian Navy's counter-attack in **Operation Trident** during the [Indo-Pakistan war in 1971](#).

Key Points

▪ About:

- The Indian Navy was established in 1612 by the [East India Company](#).
- This year, the Navy plans to celebrate the **theme Swarnim Vijay Varsh** to celebrate the **50th Anniversary of India's victory** in the [1971 war](#).

▪ Operation Trident:

- It was a **counter-attack by the 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** (सम नो वरुणाः) 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.
- The **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.
 - The **Indigenous Aircraft Carrier (IAC) 1** named [INS Vikrant](#) has recently (2021) started sea trials (one of the last phases of trials).
 - **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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