



INS Sindhukesari in Indonesia

Why in News?

In line with the expanding **military cooperation with [Southeast Asian nations](#)**, an Indian Navy Kilo class conventional submarine, **INS Sindhukesari**, docked in **Jakarta, Indonesia**, for the first time from February 22 to 24, 2023.

- It travelled through the **Sunda Strait** and undertook the maiden docking in **Indonesia for [Operational Turnaround \(OTR\)](#)**.



What is INS Sindhukesari?

- **INS Sindhukesari** is part of the Russian-made **Sindhughosh-class submarines**.
 - The submarine was first commissioned to the **Indian Navy** in 1989 before being refitted in 2018.

- **Sindhughosh class submarines are the Kilo class diesel-electric submarines.** The submarines have a displacement of 3,000 tonnes.

What is the Current Conventional Submarine Strength of the Indian Navy?

- The **Indian Navy** has **16 conventional submarines in service, 7 Russian Kilo-class, 4 German-origin HDW submarines and 5 French Scorpene class submarines.**
- With the **Kilos and the HDWs ageing, a Medium Refit cum Life Certification (MRLC)** programme is underway to increase their life.
 - INS Sindhukesari, which was inducted in February 1989, underwent the MRLC at Severodvinsk, Russia in 2018.
- Of the **10 Kilo class submarines originally procured from Russia, Sindhurakshak** was lost in an accident, **Sindhuvir was transferred to Myanmar and Sindhudhvaj was decommissioned** in July 2020 after 35 years.
 - Meanwhile, another Kilo class submarine, **INS Sindhukirti**, reached Hindustan Shipyard Limited (HSL), Visakhapatnam.

Note

- The **Kilo class submarines** have a displacement of **2,300 tonnes**, a maximum diving depth of **300 metres**, top speed of 18 knots, and are able to operate solo for 45 days with a crew of 53.

UPSC Civil Services Examination Previous Year Question (PYQ)

Q. Which one of the following is the best description of 'INS Astradharini', that was in the news recently? (2016)

- (a) Amphibious warfare ship
- (b) Nuclear-powered submarine
- (c) Torpedo launch and recovery vessel
- (d) Nuclear-powered aircraft carrier

Ans: (c)

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