

## **Indian Navy Frigate Tushil: P1135.6 Class**

## Why in News

Recently, the **7<sup>th</sup> Indian Navy Frigate of P1135.6 class, named Tushil**, was launched at Yantar Shipyard, Kaliningrad, Russia.

■ The Indian and Russian governments had in October 2016 signed an agreement to construct four additional P1135.6 class ships -- two each in Russia and India.





## **Key Points**

- Designed and built by Russia for the <u>Indian Navy</u>, the ship is formally named as 'Tushil'.
  - Tushil is a Sanskrit word **meaning Protector Shield**.
- **Project 1135.6** is also **known as Talwar Class** a class of guided-missile frigates.
  - These are **modified** <u>Krivak</u> **III-class frigates** which are also the main basis of the Russian Admiral Grigorovich-class frigate.
  - India has **six Talwar class frigates** in service.
- This ship is a potent combination of state-of-art Indian and Russian Weapons and Sensors equipped to operate in Littoral and Blue waters, both as a single unit and as consort in a naval task force.
- They feature "**stealth technology"** in terms of low radar and underwater noise signatures.

- Stealth technology is a low observable technology that makes aircraft, fighter jets, ships, submarines, satellites, missiles etc less visible to radar, infrared, sonar and other detection technologies.
- It highlights the long standing tradition of Military Technical Cooperation between India and Russia.
- They will add more power to the Indian Navy operating in the Indian Ocean Region (IOR).

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