



Indian Navy's Motor Car Rally

Why in News?

On 3rd March 2025, **Naval Officer-in-Charge (West Bengal)** flagged off the [Indian Navy's Motor Car Rally Expedition](#) on the East Coast from INS Netaji, Kolkata.

- The rally will cover the **route from Kolkata to Chennai, proceed to Kanyakumari, and return to Chennai on 21 March 2025.**



Key Points

- **Objectives of the Rally:**
 - Enhance **maritime awareness** among the public.
 - Engage with youth and civil society to **inspire participation in naval careers.**
 - Promote [the Agnipath Scheme](#) and other career opportunities in the Indian Navy.
 - Advocate for women's empowerment under [the Naari Shakti initiative.](#)
 - **Interact with Naval Veterans and Veer Naaris**, updating them on government and naval welfare policies.
- **Participation and Coverage:**
 - A total of **56 Indian Naval personnel, including Officers, Sailors, and their family members, are participating.**
 - The expedition will traverse approximately 3,800 km through West Bengal, Odisha, Andhra Pradesh, and Tamil Nadu, engaging with local communities.

- **Historical and Corporate Support:**

- The **event is supported by M/s Hyundai Ltd.**
- The rally will explore [India's rich maritime heritage](#), visiting historical naval sites and locations along ancient maritime trade routes.

Agnipath Scheme

- The term "**Agniveer**" translates to "Fire-Warriors" and is a **new military rank**.
- It is a scheme of **recruiting army personnel below officer ranks** such as **soldiers, airmen, and sailors** who are not commissioned officers to the **Indian Armed Forces**.
- They are recruited for a period of **4 years**, after which, **up to 25%** of these recruits (called Agniveers), can join the services on a **permanent commission** (another 15 years), subject to merit and organisational requirements.
- At present, **all sailors, airmen, and soldiers**, except the technical cadre of the medical branch, are recruited to the services under this scheme.

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