

**Press Release**  
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**His Royal Highness, The Prince of Wales visits Cochin Shipyard**

The visit of His Royal Highness , The Prince of Wales, today to Cochin Shipyard, was a moment of pride for the company. The royal dignitaries were received by Cmde K Subramaniam, The Chairman and Managing Director, Cochin Shipyard and VAdm Satish Soni, FOC in C, Southern Naval Command.

2. His Royal Highness appreciated the efforts of shipyard in the construction of Indigenous Aircraft Carrier and looked at the contribution made by M/s Mactaggart Scott, UK for the deck edge lifts for the aircrafts. He was also briefed on the work done by shipyard on the existing Aircraft Carrier, INS Viraat.

3. During the visit his Royal Highness was fully briefed about the strong business and commercial ties between Cochin Shipyard and UK based firms. The long association of CSL with M/s Rolls Royce Marine in building Offshore Support Vessels was especially highlighted. The association of CSL with Rolls Royce Marine dates back to 2004 .CSL has been involved with Rolls Royce Marine AS, Norway part of the Rolls Royce Plc UK group in construction of high end offshore vessels The yard has constructed 22 vessels of different Rolls Royce Designs to clients based in Norway, Cyprus, USA, Germany, Netherlands and India. All these design are high technology vessel meeting the latest regulation on the environment and safety. On all these vessels the design and main machinery are provided by RRM companies as a package.

4. Presently the yard is involved with RRM in construction of a specialised Buoy tender vessel for the Directorate General of Light houses and Light ships India. The yard is also in advanced stages of negotiations with ONGC to conclude a most modern Seismic vessel with RRM design and main machinery.

5. His Royal Highness was very impressed by the involvement of the lady workers in hull shop of Cochin Shipyard. He interacted with lady welder fitters, Smt Shobhanakumari, Smt Vijayamma, Smt Jagadamma and Smt Rajalekshmi and also met the senior officials of the company.

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