

**COCHIN SHIPYARD LTD CONCURRENTLY LAUNCHES OF TWO (2) ANTI-SUBMARINE WARFARE SHALLOW WATER CRAFTS FOR INDIAN NAVY.**

Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL) had launched two (2) Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Crafts on 09 September 2024, which was under construction at the Kochi Yard facility. The fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) and fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) ships are in the series of eight Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Crafts under construction in Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL) for Indian Navy. After the ceremonial puja, the ships were launched by Smt. Vijaya Srinivas. The launching of the two (2) ships were carried out in the presence of Chief Guest from Indian Navy, Vice Admiral V Srinivas, AVSM, NM. The Chairman and Managing Director of CSL, Directors of CSL, Senior officials of Indian Navy and CSL, Classification Society representatives were present on the occasion.

Contract for building eight (8) ASW SWC ships was signed between Ministry of Defence (MoD) and Cochin Shipyard Ltd (CSL), on 30 April 2019. The Mahe Class of Ships will replace the in-service Abhay class ASW Corvettes of Indian Navy and are designed to undertake anti-submarine operations in coastal waters, Low Intensity Maritime Operations (LIMO) and Mine Laying Operations including subsurface surveillance. The fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) and fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) ships of the series with CSL Yard nos BY 526 and BY 527, shall bear the name 'INS MALPE and INS MULKI' upon commissioning into the Indian Navy.

The vessel are 78.0 m long, 11.36 m wide with a draught of about 2.7 m. The displacement is about 900 tons, with a maximum speed of 25 knots and endurance of 1800 nautical miles. The ships are designed to fit indigenously developed, state-of-the-art SONARS, for underwater

surveillance. Concurrent launching of the two (2) ships is yet another milestone achievement for Cochin Shipyard Ltd.

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