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# L&T Launches Second Multi-Purpose Vessel for Indian Navy

**Mumbai, January 14, 2025:** Larsen & Toubro (L&T) on Monday launched the second Multi-Purpose Vessel (MPV) for the Indian Navy from its Kattupalli Shipyard near Chennai.

The vessel, christened *INS Utkarsh*, was launched by Dr Sushmita Misra Singh, the wife of Union Defence Secretary Mr Rajesh Kumar Singh. Mr Singh, Vice Admiral B Sivakumar (Controller of Warship Production & Acquisition), Rear Admiral Vishal Bishnoi (Assistant Controller of Warship Production & Acquisition) and senior leaders of L&T were present.

Following an accelerated production schedule, the launch of *INS Utkarsh* comes within three months of the launch of the first MPV *INS Samarthak*. The first vessel is now being readied for undergoing tests and trials prior to its delivery to the Indian Navy.

The MPVs are highly specialised, and play multiple roles, including serving as trial platforms, for the development of next generation weapons and sensors. They will perform maritime surveillance, humanitarian assistance, combat sea pollution, besides taking up launch and recovery of surface and aerial assets, etc.

The MPVs are 107m long, 18.6m wide with a displacement over 3,750 tonnes. In keeping with Government of India's *Aatmanirbhar Bharat* mission and *Make in India* initiative, the design engineering of the MPVs has been undertaken at L&T's in-house Warship Design Centre at Chennai and the construction is accomplished at L&T's Katupalli Shipyard.

Commenting on the occasion, **Mr A T Ramchandani, Senior Vice President & Head - L&T Precision Engineering & Systems**, said: "The successful launch of the second MPV ahead of schedule underscores L&T's unwavering commitment to bolster India's national security. With our unmatched in-house design expertise and execution prowess, we are committed to providing cutting-edge defence platforms to support Indian Navy's fleet expansion needs.

L&T's Kattupalli Shipyard is one of the most advanced shipbuilding and ship repair facilities in India and is equipped with ship-lift, dry and wet berths to concurrently undertake new ship building and repairs.

Besides the two MPVs, L&T is also constructing three Cadet Training Ships and six other defence vessels for the Indian Navy on public-private-partnership model. This apart, the repair of the Indian naval ship *INS Tir* is also currently underway at the Kattupalli Shipyard.

**Background:**

Larsen & Toubro is a USD 27 billion Indian multinational enterprise engaged in EPC Projects, Hi-Tech Manufacturing, and Services, operating across multiple geographies. A strong, customer-focused approach and the constant quest for top-class quality have enabled L&T to attain and sustain leadership in its major lines of business for eight decades.

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