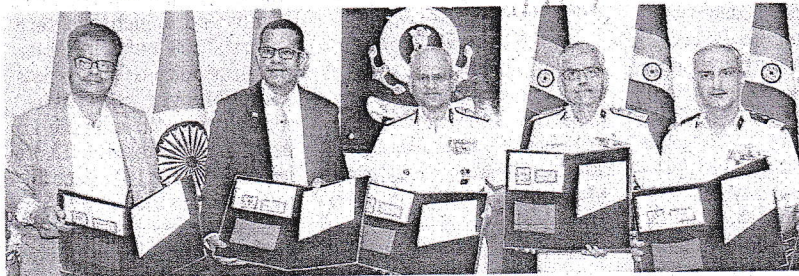


# Jindal eyes defence sector for specialised steel offering



**KEY PACT.** Jindal Steel and Power officials after signing a memorandum of understanding with the Indian Coast Guard

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The Jindal Group is exploring the defence material market with its offering of specialised steel for shipbuilding and missiles manufacturing.

Jindal Steel & Power (JSP) on Thursday inked an MoU with the Indian Coast Guard (ICG) for enhancing indigenous content in shipbuilding, including supply of indigenous marine-grade steel, which is vital for the nation's maritime security, the Ministry of Defence said.

The move is part of the ministry's initiative to reduce dependency on im-

ports in defence manufacturing.

Towards that end, the maharatna PSU Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) had supplied about 30,000 tonnes of 'DMR-grade' speciality steel for the development of the first indigenously built aircraft carrier, INS Vikrant, which was commissioned into the Indian Navy on September 2, 2022, at Kochi.

SAIL had developed the DMR-grade plates in collaboration with the Indian Navy.

To ensure timely delivery, Jindal has designated plants for manufacturing the product, with the ICG overseeing the quality, grades and dimension of the marine-grade steel.