

Stealth guided missile destroyer INS Mormugao commissioned into Navy

Stealth guided missile destroyer Mormugao, the second of the four Visakhapatnam class destroyers, was commissioned into the Indian Navy on Sunday.

Speaking at the commissioning ceremony in Mumbai, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said INS Mormugao is evidence of India's excellence in warship design and development. The aim is to make India the indigenous ship building hub, the minister said.

Singh described INS Mormugao as one of the most powerful indigenously-built warships which will significantly enhance the country's maritime capabilities and secure national interests.

"INS Mormugao is one of the world's most technologically-

advanced missile carriers. With over 75 per cent indigenous content, it is a testimony to India's excellence in design and development of warships and a shining example of our growing indigenous defence production capabilities.

"The warship will meet the present and future needs of our country as well as of our friendly countries across the globe," he said.

Singh commended the Navy and MDL for the commissioning of INS Mormugao, describing it as the result of the hard work, dedication and aspirations of the engineers, technicians, designers and scientists. It is a matter of great pride for India, he added.

Safeguarding India's interests in the Indian Ocean Region is the Navy's prime responsibility, Singh said. PTI

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