

KEEL LAID FOR THE THIRD STEALTH FRIGATE OF PROJECT 17A ON
10 SEPTEMBER 2020

VAdm S R Sarma – COM & CWP&A of the Indian Navy and Shri V L Kantha Rao, IAS, Additional Secretary (Defence Production) laid the keel of the third ship (Yard- 12653) of the prestigious P17A class stealth frigates on 10 Sep 2020. The keel laying ceremony was conducted through an e- platform in the presence of VAdm R B Pandit, Chief Of Staff, HQWNC and VAdm Narayan Prasad (IN Retd.) – CMD MDL. The function was attended by RAdm G K Harish, DGND, Cmde T V Thomas (IN Retd.), Director (CP&P), MDL, RAdm A K Saxena (IN Retd.), Director (Shipbuilding), Cdr Jasbir Singh (IN Retd.), Director (S&HE), MDL, Shri Sanjeev Singhal, Director (Finance), MDL , Shri Mahesh Chandra, CVO, MDL alongwith senior executives from MDL & Navy through an e-ceremony including the Warship Overseeing Team.

Seven frigates under P17A series will be constructed of which four are being constructed in MDL and three in GRSE with MDL as the lead yard. The P17A class frigates are being built using indigenously developed steel and fitted with weapons and sensors along with Integrated Platform Management System. These ships are having stealth features.

Construction of P17A ships differ in the very concept of warship building by way of adoption of the modern technology ‘Integrated Construction (IC)’ where the blocks are pre-outfitted before joining to reduce the build period of warships. When commissioned the platforms will enhance the combat capability of the Indian Naval fleet.



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