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## **Commissioning of INS Vagsheer, the sixth Kalvari-class submarine entirely made in India based on Scorpene® design**

On 15 January 2025, INS Vagsheer, the sixth P75 Kalvari-class submarines, was officially commissioned into the Indian Navy during a ceremony in presence of the Honourable Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi during a historic event that was also attended by Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh Indian Navy's Chief of Naval Staff, Admiral Dinesh Tripathi, PVSM, AVSM, NM and several other senior dignitaries. Naval Group's Chairman & CEO, Mr Pierre Éric Pommellet, was also present alongside Naval Group's team from France and India, to mark this significant milestone.

INS Vagsheer is built by the Indian shipyard Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL) based on the Naval Group's Scorpene® design.

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Launched on 20 April 2022, INS Vagsheer has completed successful sea trials and now joins its sister vessels INS Kalvari, INS Khanderi, INS Karanj, INS Vela and INS Vagir, which were commissioned respectively in December 2017, September 2019, March 2021, November 2021 and January 2023.

Pierre Éric Pommellet, Chairman & CEO said: "We are honoured to be part of the success of the P75 program, a cornerstone of the Indo-French strategic partnership and a key achievement in India's "Atmanirbhar Bharat" policy. Naval Group remains fully committed to supporting the Indian Navy through future projects alongside Indian industrial partners."

The commissioning of INS Vagsheer highlights the success of India's indigenous submarines construction programme. This submarine has been fully built by MDL, with technology transfer from Naval Group, in line with the Indian Government's "Make in India" policy. The series of six submarines of the P75 program is fitted with a number of equipment built locally by qualified and highly trained industrial including Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSMEs). MDL and Naval Group have developed a rich industrial ecosystem of more than 100 Indian companies, along with an Indian subsidiary employing more than hundreds of Indian engineers to support the Indian Navy. This strategic partnership contributes to industrial and technological sovereignty while opening new markets opportunities for local industries, showcasing their experience gained through the program.

## **The Scorpene®, a modern, high-performant, and stealthy submarine**

The Scorpene® is a 2000 tons conventional-propulsion submarine designed and developed by Naval Group for all types of mission, such as surface vessel warfare, anti-submarine warfare, long-range strikes, special operations or intelligence gathering. Extremely stealthy and fast, it has a level of operating automation that allows a limited number of crew, which reduces its operating costs significantly. Its combat edge is highlighted by the fact that it has 6 weapon launching tubes and 18 weapons (torpedoes, missiles).

With 14 submarines operating or under construction chosen around the world and more than 5 submarines which have been chosen and awaiting start of construction very soon, the Scorpene® is an essential reference of conventional attack submarines (SSK) for Navies across the globe. The product is easily adapted to specific requirements of any naval customers. The progressive improvement by Naval Group dedicated and experienced designers ensures the seamless integration of advances and modern technology.

## **Naval Group, a long-term partner of India**

Naval Group is present in India through its 100% subsidiary Naval Group India. Established in September 2008, Naval Group India's mission has been to support the indigenisation of equipment for Scorpene® submarine, to develop the Indian defence eco-system, as well as to develop design services in India with talented Indian engineers.

Naval Group India endeavours to implement the vision of Atmanirbhar Bharat and evolve as centre of excellence for support and maintenance of P75 submarines by further empowering Indian industries and creating a robust eco-system that can cater to the varied defence needs of the country.

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## About Naval Group in India

Naval Group India is a 100 % owned subsidiary of Naval Group, which is headquartered in Paris, France. Established in September 2008 as DCNS India, it has its presence felt in 2 major cities: Mumbai and New Delhi. The main purpose of Naval Group to be in India would be to support the Indigenisation through 'Make in India' activities for Scorpene® submarine equipment, to develop the Indian defence eco-system, as well as to develop design services in India with talented Indian engineers. The endeavour of Naval Group India is to be a visionary and to further its involvement in empowering more and more industries by creating a robust eco-system that can cater to the varied defence needs of the country.

## About Naval Group

As an international naval defence player, Naval Group is a partner for countries seeking to maintain control of their maritime sovereignty. Naval Group develops innovative solutions to meet its customers' requirements. Present throughout the entire life cycle of vessels, it designs, produces, integrates, supports and upgrades submarines and surface ships, as well as their systems and equipment, up to and including dismantling. It also provides shipyard and naval base services. As a high-tech company, it draws on its outstanding expertise, unique design and production resources and ability to establish strategic partnerships, in particular within the framework of transfers of technology. Ever mindful of the issues of corporate social responsibility (CSR), Naval Group is a signatory to the United Nations Global Compact. With bases on five continents, the group generates revenue of 4,257 billion euros and has 16 325 employees (average annual full-time equivalent workforce - data as of December 31, 2023).

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