INS Mangrol, third Mahe-class anti-submarine warfare craft, commissioned in Mumbai

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INS Mangrol, the third Mahe-class 'Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft' (ASW-SWC) built by Cochin Shipyard (CSL), was commissioned on 12 Oct 2026 at the Naval Dockyard, Mumbai, in the presence of Vice Admiral Sanjay Vatsayan, Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Western Naval Command. It has over 80% indigenous content and is named after Mangrol port in Gujarat.

Key facts

Ship	INS Mangrol – Mahe-class ASW-SWC (third from CSL)
Builder	Cochin Shipyard Ltd, Kochi
Specs	About 78 m long; 25 knots; DRDO 'Abhay' sonar
Name	Mangrol port, Junagadh district, Gujarat; revives the old minesweeper INS Mangrol (served till 2004)
Programme	16 ASW-SWCs – 8 by GRSE (Arnala class) + 8 by CSL (Mahe class)

Background

- Role: hunting submarines in shallow coastal waters, laying mines, search and rescue; they replace the old 'Abhay'-class corvettes.

- Earlier ships of the type: Arnala (June 2025, the first ASW-SWC), Androth, Mahe, Anjadip (Feb 2026, Chennai) and Malvan (July 2026, Kochi).
- Naval Commands: Western – Mumbai; Eastern – Visakhapatnam; Southern – Kochi (training). Cochin Shipyard built INS Vikrant, India's first indigenous aircraft carrier (commissioned 2 Sept 2022).
- Geography: Mangrol is on Gujarat's Saurashtra coast (Arabian Sea), in Junagadh district.

Tamil Nadu link: INS Anjadip, a ship of the same type, was commissioned at Chennai Port on 27 Feb 2026. INS Rajali at Arakkonam is one of Asia's largest naval air stations.

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