Indian Navy to host 'Swavlamban 2026' (5th edition) seminar in New Delhi on 26–27 Oct

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News

'Swavlamban' (self-reliance), the Indian Navy's flagship innovation and indigenisation seminar, holds its 5th edition on 26–27 Oct 2026 at the Manekshaw Centre, New Delhi. Aim: turning indigenous innovations into operational naval capability. Focus areas: maritime surveillance, counter-UAS, AI, quantum technologies and NBCD. The 'Swavlamban 5.0' document, a Compendium on Technology Imperatives and the 'NAUSETU' interface standards will be released. The Vice Chief of the Naval Staff held the curtain-raiser press conference on 19 Oct.

Key facts

Edition / dates	5th; 26–27 Oct 2026
Venue	Manekshaw Centre, New Delhi
Organiser	Indian Navy – Naval Innovation and Indigenisation Organisation (NIIO)
Releases	Swavlamban 5.0 document; Compendium on Technology Imperatives; NAUSETU interface standards
iDEX (Navy)	4,000+ proposals; ~150 MSMEs/start-ups; ₹1,900 crore+ contracts
First edition	18–19 July 2022 – PM's address; 'SPRINT' challenges unveiled

Background

- NIIO – launched by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh in August 2020. Three tiers: Naval Technology Acceleration Council (N-TAC), a working group under it, and the Technology Development Acceleration Cell (TDAC).
- SPRINT (2022) – 'Supporting Pole-Vaulting in R&D through iDEX, NIIO and TDAC'; target of inducting at least 75 indigenous technologies into the Navy as part of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav.
- iDEX (Innovations for Defence Excellence) – launched by the PM in April 2018; funded and managed by the Defence Innovation Organisation (DIO), a not-for-profit Section 8 company (Companies Act 2013) founded by HAL and BEL.
- Aatmanirbhar Bharat – self-reliance in defence production. Two Defence Industrial Corridors: Uttar Pradesh and Tamil Nadu.

Tamil Nadu link: the Tamil Nadu Defence Industrial Corridor was inaugurated by then Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman at Tiruchirappalli on 20 Jan 2019. Its 5 nodes: Chennai, Hosur, Salem, Coimbatore, Tiruchirappalli. DefExpo 2018 was held at Thiruvidanthai, Kancheepuram district.

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