Next Generation Offshore Patrol Vessel 'Srishti' (Yard 1283) launched at Goa Shipyard Ltd on 27 Oct

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The Indian Navy's Next Generation Offshore Patrol Vessel (NGOPV) 'Srishti' (Yard 1283) was launched on 27 October 2026 at Goa Shipyard Limited's (GSL) Vaddem facility. Smt Sandeepa Sahay launched the ship in the presence of Secretary (Defence Finance) Vishvajit Sahay. 'Srishti' is Sanskrit for 'creation'. These indigenously designed and built ships are meant for maritime surveillance, search and rescue, protection of offshore assets, humanitarian assistance and disaster relief (HADR) and anti-piracy tasks. Outfitting and trials will follow before commissioning.

Key facts

Ship	Srishti (Yard 1283) – NGOPV; launched 27 Oct 2026
Builder	Goa Shipyard Ltd (GSL), Vaddem, Goa; keel laid 9 June 2025
Programme	11 NGOPVs – GSL 7, GRSE (Kolkata) 4; contract 30 March 2023, ₹9,781 crore
Category	Buy (Indian-IDDM) – Indigenously Designed, Developed and Manufactured
Sister ships	Shachi (GSL, 31 Mar 2026); Sanghmitra, Shruti, Shreyas (GRSE)
Crest	Ursa Major (Saptarishi) + red-and-white lighthouse

Background

- 'Launch' means the built hull enters the water for the first time; outfitting, sea trials and delivery follow; 'commissioning' is the formal induction into the Navy with the 'INS' prefix.
- Defence procurement: DAP 2020 gives top priority to 'Buy (Indian-IDDM)'. Aligned with Aatmanirbhar Bharat and Make in India. GSL is a public sector undertaking under the Ministry of Defence.
- Naval history: Navy Day – 4 Dec, marking 'Operation Trident', the 1971 attack on Karachi harbour. Naval Commands – Western (Mumbai), Eastern (Visakhapatnam), Southern (Kochi).
- Astronomy: Saptarishi (Ursa Major / Great Bear / Big Dipper) – seven bright stars; its two 'pointer' stars point to the Pole Star (Polaris), which made it useful for navigation at sea.

Tamil Nadu link: the naval air station INS Parundu is at Uchipuli, Ramanathapuram district; patrol ships and aircraft like these keep watch over the Palk Strait and the Gulf of Mannar. The Tamil Nadu & Puducherry Naval Area HQ is in Chennai (INS Adyar).

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