CCS clears 8 Next Generation Corvettes for the Indian Navy at over ₹40,000 crore

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News

The Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS), chaired by PM Narendra Modi, on 28 Oct 2026 approved the building of 8 Next Generation Corvettes (NGCs) for the Indian Navy at over ₹40,000 crore. Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE), Kolkata, will build 5 and Goa Shipyard Ltd (GSL) 3. The design is indigenous, made in-house by the Navy; speed about 30 knots. The first ship is expected by 2030; contracts are to be signed shortly.

Key facts

Approval	Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS), 28 Oct 2026
Value	Over ₹40,000 crore; 8 corvettes
Shipyards	GRSE, Kolkata – 5; GSL, Goa – 3
Roles	Surveillance, escort, deterrence, Surface Action Group, search-and-attack, coastal defence
Speed / design	About 30 knots; Navy's in-house design
Earlier stage	DAC AoN on 6 June 2022; GRSE emerged L1 bidder in May 2025

Delivery	First ship by 2030 (expected)

Background

- Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS): chaired by the PM; members – the Defence, Home, Finance and External Affairs Ministers. It gives final approval to big defence buys. Sequence: DAC Acceptance of Necessity (AoN) → bidding → price negotiation → CCS approval → contract.
- Warship types (in rising size): corvette → frigate → destroyer. A corvette is small and fast – suited to coastal defence and anti-submarine warfare. GRSE built the 'Kamorta' class (Project 28) – anti-submarine stealth corvettes; the lead ship INS Kamorta was commissioned in 2014.
- Shipyards: GRSE (Kolkata) – a Defence Ministry PSU; it built and exported the patrol vessel 'CGS Barracuda' to Mauritius. GSL is at Vasco da Gama, Goa. Science: 1 knot = 1 nautical mile per hour = 1.852 km per hour.

Tamil Nadu link: no Tamil Nadu shipyard is part of this order. INS Parundu, the naval air station at Uchipuli in Ramanathapuram district (commissioned under this name on 26 March 2009), watches over the Gulf of Mannar and Palk Strait; it is under the Eastern Naval Command.

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