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Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL) delivered **INS Mangrol**, the third of eight indigenously designed **Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW-SWC)**, to the Indian Navy on **August 21, 2026**.

Capabilities

Mangrol is built with **over 80% indigenous content** and is designed for underwater surveillance, anti-submarine warfare in coastal and shallow waters, Low-Intensity Maritime Operations (LIMO), and a mine-warfare role. The vessel is propelled by waterjets and fitted with torpedoes, anti-submarine rockets, and modern sonars and radars.

Why This Matters

Shallow-water ASW capability addresses a critical coastal-security gap in India's maritime defence architecture, particularly relevant given persistent submarine and unmanned underwater vehicle threats in littoral waters near India's coastline. The project forms part of the **Aatmanirbhar Bharat** push in defence manufacturing, strengthening both **strategic autonomy** and the domestic defence-industrial base.

UPSC Relevance

This connects GS3 defence **indigenisation** and coastal security architecture with India's broader Aatmanirbhar Bharat defence manufacturing strategy. A useful Mains angle examines how indigenous shallow-water naval capability complements India's blue-water naval ambitions in securing the full spectrum of maritime threats.

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Third of 8 ASW Shallow Water Craft built by Cochin Shipyard Limited

Indigenous content: over 80%

Delivered to Indian Navy: August 21, 2026

Named after Mangrol, a fishing harbour town in Junagadh district, Gujarat

OTHER RELEVANT FACTS:

CSL is India's largest public-sector shipyard, headquartered in Kochi, Kerala

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