

INS Rajput

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In news- The **first destroyer of the Indian Navy**, INS Rajput was decommissioned on 21st May, 2021.

About INS Rajput-

- It was the lead ship of the **Kashin-class destroyers built by the erstwhile USSR**.
- It was constructed in the 61 Communards Shipyard in Nikolaev (present-day Ukraine) under her **original Russian name 'Nadezhny' meaning 'Hope'**.
- The ship was **commissioned as INS Rajput on 04 May 1980** at Poti, Georgia by **IK Gujral, the Ambassador of India to USSR with Capt Gulab Mohanlal Hiranandani, its first Commanding Officer**.
- The ship has the distinction of **serving in both Western and Eastern Fleets**.
- Its **motto** was *"Raj Karega Rajput"*.
- The ship has participated in several operations including **Operation Aman** off Sri Lanka to assist IPKF, **Operation Pawan** for patrolling duties off the coast of Sri Lanka, **Operation Cactus** to resolve hostage situation off the Maldives, and **Operation Crowsnest** off Lakshadweep.
- It also participated in numerous bilateral and multinational exercises.
- It was also the **first Indian Naval Ship to be affiliated with an Indian Army regiment** – the *Rajput Regiment*.
- It was **decommissioned at** a solemn ceremony at **Naval Dockyard, Visakhapatnam**.