

# 'President's Colour' awarded to INS Valsura

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**In news**-The Hon'ble President of India presented the prestigious President's Colour to INS Valsura, the Navy's premier technological training establishment on 25th Mar 2022.

## About the President's Colour award-

- **It is the highest honor that can bestowed upon a military** unit in recognition of exceptional service rendered to the Nation, both in peace and in war.
- **It is also known as 'Nishaan'** which is an emblem that will be worn by all unit officers on the left-hand sleeve of their uniform.
- **The Indian Navy was the first Indian Armed Force** to be awarded the President Colour by Dr Rajendra Prasad **on 27 May 1951.**
- The presentation of the award or standards by the Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces of India (President of India) is an acknowledgement of the unit's meritorious service.

## About INS Valsura-

- **The legacy of INS Valsura dates back to 1942,** when the operational necessity mandated creation of an advanced Torpedo Training Facility to enhance the firepower of the Royal Indian Navy during World War-II.
- The establishment **was built on Rozi Island in Jamnagar,** donated by ruler of Nawanagar State Colonel Digvijay Singhji Jadeja Sahed Bahadur Jamsaheb for a token rent of ₹1 per annum.
- The establishment was commissioned on December 15, 1942 by Maharani Gulab Kunverba Sahiba of Nawanagar.
- Post India becoming a Republic, the unit was renamed as

INS Valsura on 01 Jul 1950.

- Thereon, INS Valsura has transformed itself into an epitome of professional technical training and has exponentially grown to keep pace with the Indian Navy's modernisation plans.
- The unit has always stayed ahead of the curve to equip the officers and sailors of the Indian Navy with requisite skill-sets to maintain and ensure combat worthiness of the increasingly complex weaponry and electronic systems besides keeping pace with the advancements in Information Technology.
- INS Valsura has also emerged as the preferred training destination for our Friendly Foreign Navies.