



# Maiden landing of LCA Navy and MiG-29K onboard INS Vikrant

**T**he successful landing and takeoff of the indigenous LCA Navy on India's first Indigenous Aircraft Carrier on 6 February 2023 is a momentous step forward towards the realisation of our collective vision of AatmaNirbhar Bharat. The maiden landing of the MiG-29K also heralds the integration of the fighter aircraft with INS Vikrant. Congratulations to all those who made it happen”, stated Admiral R Hari Kumar, Chief of the Naval Staff.

The Carrier has been undertaking extensive Air Operations with Rotary Wing and Fixed Wing aircraft since 13 December 2022 towards Air Certification and Flight Integration Trials for achieving the ultimate aim of being ‘Combat Ready’. As part of the aviation trials, landing of LCA (Navy) and MiG-29K onboard INS Vikrant was carried out on 6 February 2023 by Indian Naval Test Pilots.

“The landing of LCA (Navy) on deck has demonstrated India’s capability to design, develop, construct and operate indigenous Aircraft Carrier with indigenous fighter aircraft. It is indeed a landmark achievement being the first time that trials of a prototype aircraft - indigenously designed and produced by Aeronautical Development Agency (ADA) and Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL),

has been successfully undertaken on an indigenous Aircraft Carrier. Further, the landing of MiG-29K onboard INS Vikrant is also a significant achievement as it marks

the successful integration of the aircraft with the indigenous carrier as well as further enhances the Combat Readiness of the Navy”, stated officials. 🇮🇳

