

**Press Release
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CSL CUTS STEEL FOR SHIP No. 20 FOR GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

The ceremonial event of cutting the first steel plate for Ship No.20, was held in Cochin Shipyard on 10 Aug 2016. The plate cutting ceremony is one of the initial milestones in the construction of a ship.

Shri Y Sreenivas Rao, Scientist –G and Project Director of Ship No.20 Project, DRDO, Hyderabad cut the first steel plate by switching on the Plate cutting machine, in a ceremony held in the Hull Shop of the yard, in the presence of Shri Madhu S Nair, C&MD, the Directors, officers, supervisors and workmen of CSL. The senior representatives from Indian Register of Shipping and DNV-GL, the classification societies for the vessel also attended.

The ship with a length of 118.4 meter, 20 meter width and 7.1 meter draft and having a steel weight of approximately 3900 Tonne was contracted in August 2015.

Further to construction of the Indigenous Aircraft Carrier for the Indian Navy, CSL is currently building a Barge for M/s National Petroleum Construction Company, Abu Dhabi. CSL has started design work of the contract for building of two No. “1200 passenger cum 1000 MT Cargo” and another two No. “500 passenger cum 150 MT Cargo” vessels for the Andaman & Nicobar Administration.

CSL has already delivered 18 of the 20 Fast Patrol Vessels built for the Coast Guard and the balance two vessels are getting ready for delivery. The Ro-Ro vessels for the Kochi Corporation are also scheduled to be delivered soon.

In ship repair, INS Viraat, the aircraft carrier of the Indian Navy has been docked in CSL for the final refit.

Expansion plans are on the anvil for CSL in the form of a New Dry Dock within CSL and an International Ship Repair Facility, in the land taken on lease from Cochin Port Trust, at an outlay of ₹ 2,769 Crores.

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