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Daily PIB summary**INS Samarthak Indigenous Multi Purpose Vessel**

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WHY IN NEWS

- Larsen & Toubro delivered Samarthak, the Indian Navy's first indigenous Multi-Purpose Vessel (MPV), at Kattupalli.

WHAT IS THE VESSEL?

- Samarthak ('The Proponent') is the first in a new class of specialized Multi-Purpose Vessels designed for the Indian Navy.
- Achieves over 75% indigenous content, reflecting domestic shipbuilding capacity under defense indigenisation policies.

KEY CAPABILITIES AND ROLES

- Functions primarily as a trial and evaluation platform for weapons and sensors.
- Engineered to support secondary roles including maritime surveillance, reconnaissance, offshore patrolling, and Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) operations.

KEY TERMS

- **Multi-Purpose Vessel:** A naval platform designed with flexible modular architecture to execute diverse operational tasks rather than a single tactical mission.

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PRELIMS FACTS

- Samarthak is the first indigenous **Multi-Purpose Vessel** (MPV) delivered to the Indian Navy.

KEY DATA

- **Manufacturer:** Larsen & Toubro Ltd., Kattupalli - Highlight of private sector entry in naval warship construction.

- **Indigenisation Level:** Over 75% - Durable metric assessing self-reliance targets under Aatmanirbhar Bharat in defence.

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