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Which one of the following is the best description of 'INS Astradharini', that was in the news recently? (a) Amphibious warfare ship (b) Nuclear-powered submarine (c) Torpedo launch and recovery vessel (d) Nuclear-powered aircraft carrier Official key: C.

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Explanation**(a)**

Amphibious warfare ship. That class is LST/LPD such as INS Jalashwa, not Astradharini. This letter is not the key.

(b)

Nuclear-powered submarine. India's SSBN/SSN story is Arihant and later boats, not this name. This letter is not the key.

(c) Official key

Torpedo launch and recovery vessel. INS Astradharini, **commissioned** in 2015 for NSTL/Visakhapatnam, is an indigenously built ship to launch and recover torpedoes during trials. That stored letter is the official key.

(d)

Nuclear-powered aircraft carrier. India has no nuclear carrier; Vikramaditya/Vikrant are conventionally powered. This letter is not the key.

Summary

Official key is (c) torpedo launch and recovery vessel. INS Astradharini is a specialised trials ship, not an amphibious platform, nuclear submarine or nuclear carrier. Honour the stored letter (c).

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Commissioned

2015, Visakhapatnam

User

Naval Science and Technological Laboratory (DRDO) trials

INS Astravahini

Older torpedo recovery vessel that Astradharini succeeded

Catamaran hull

Design feature reported for Astradharini

Make in India naval trials

Indigenous weapons-testing support ship

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