

## **INS Ajay**

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Why is in news? INS Ajay was decommissioned on 19 Sep 22 after rendering 32 years of glorious service to the nation

- INS Ajay was commissioned **on 24 Jan 1990 at Poti, Georgia in the erstwhile USSR** and was part of the 23rd Patrol Vessel Squadron under the operational control of Flag Officer Commanding, Maharashtra Naval Area.
- The ship was in active naval service for more than 32 years, she participated in several naval operations including **Op Talwar during Kargil War and Op Parakram in 2001**.
- INS Ajay (P34) was an **Abhay-class corvette**, was in service with the Indian Navy.
- She was named for INS Ajay (1961), the first warship built in independent India.
- The range of this vessel is 2,400 mi (3,900 km) at 14 knots.
- Others: INS Ajay (1960), an **Ajay-class patrol vessel launched in 1960** and given to Bangladesh in 1974 where she served as **BNS Surma**