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# INS Valsura

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INS Valsura is a "**stone frigate**" (shore establishment) of the Indian Navy in **Jamnagar, Gujarat**.

A **premier technological training institution**, it houses the Electrical school of the Indian Navy.

The name "**Valsura**" was derived from the combination of **two Tamil words**, '**Vaal**' (meaning sword) and '**Sorrah**' (shark). It was considered appropriate due to the variety of swordfish found off the coast of Saurashtra.

Swordfish was also the name of the **famous Second World War torpedo-carrying aircraft**.

The unit was commissioned as a torpedo training school during World War II to enhance the capability of the Indian Royal Navy.

In the aftermath of the **devastating earthquake in Gujarat**, Valsura performed a remarkable '**Outreach**' activity.

It played an important role in the restoration of the earthquake-ravaged Moda village and the construction of a new Navy Moda village in record time.

This achievement was recognised by the Navy when the Special Unit Citation was bestowed on the unit in December 2001, an honour normally reserved for operational units.

## **Current Status of INS Valsura:**

The **unit imparts quality training on contemporary and niche technologies** through progressive augmentation of training infrastructure.

The setting up of Artificial Intelligence, Big Data, and Medium Voltage labs in recent years exemplify its quest for technological excellence in contemporary technology and also in training officers and sailors.

INS Valsura has also emerged as the **preferred training destination** for Friendly Foreign Navies.

INS Valsura has also helped India **strengthen bilateral ties** with countries in the Indian Ocean region.

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