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INDIAN NAVY TO CONDUCT PASSING OUT PARADE OF LARGEST BATCH OF AGNIVEERS AT INS CHILKA



CHENNAI – 10 Nov, 2026 INS Chilka, the Indian Navy's premier ab-initio training establishment, will conduct the Passing Out Parade (POP) of the ninth batch of Agniveers of the Indian Navy and Naviks of the Indian Coast Guard on 13 Nov 2026. Adm Krishna Swaminathan, Chief of the Naval Staff, will be the Chief Guest and Reviewing Officer of the Parade.

The parade will mark the successful completion of 16 weeks of ab-initio training by over 3,300 trainees, making it the largest batch to pass out from INS Chilka. The parade will mark the culmination of an intensive training programme designed to transform young recruits into disciplined, physically agile, mentally resilient and professionally competent sea warriors.

The training curriculum integrates academics, physical conditioning, swimming, parade training, outdoor activities and camp, providing a holistic foundation for the trainees' professional journey. Equal emphasis is laid on character building, leadership, discipline, camaraderie and teamwork, while instilling the core naval values of Duty, Honour and Courage.

The Passing Out Parade will be a moment of pride and accomplishment for the trainees, as their families witness the culmination of training journey and beginning of a new career. Besides this, Naval veterans and distinguished guests will also be present for the occasion.

The Valedictory Function will be presided over by VAdm Sameer Saxena, Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Southern Naval Command. Awards will be presented to meritorious trainees, the champion division and best instructor in recognition of their exemplary performance and contribution to training. The event will also witness the unveiling of 'Ankur', the bilingual trainees' magazine.

The Passing Out Parade will be streamed live on the Indian Navy's official social media platforms, enabling citizens across the country to witness the occasion.