Defence Shipbuilding
End-to-end Solutions
Larsen & Toubro is an Indian multinational engaged in technology, engineering, construction, manufacturing, shipbuilding and financial services. It operates in over 30 countries worldwide.

A strong, customer-focused approach and the constant quest for top-class quality have enabled L&T to attain and sustain leadership in its major lines of business for over seven decades.

L&T belongs to a niche aptly described as the 'National Sector'. The Company has a long history of association with major national missions – supporting India’s defence, aerospace and nuclear segments.

THE COMPANY

Over 90% of the country’s trade by volume and 77% by value is transported over the seas. Over 97% of our energy needs of oil are either imported or produced in offshore fields. India’s economic future, therefore, rests on the strength of the maritime security that the Indian Navy and Coast Guard provide. In the future, this could assume even greater significance.

The country’s predicted economic ascent will demand a symmetrical strengthening of defence capabilities. Shifting geopolitical equations and India’s own blue-water ambitions are certain to add new dimensions to the challenge.

The advantage of having a strong naval fleet need not be over emphasized. It is better to be able to handle ocean incursions before they touch the shoreline – and this is possible only with sustained naval power. Moreover, the importance of reliable civil partners for the maintenance of defence vessels is gaining attention.

Challenges of this magnitude need an approach that brings ‘all hands on deck’, empowered with private sector initiatives supplementing the efforts of public sector enterprises.

L&T owns two shipyards, strategically located on India’s east and west coasts. These state-of-the-art facilities give L&T the requisite capacity and capabilities to provide total integrated solutions – from design, construction and commissioning to maintenance, repair / refit, providing lifecycle maintenance and upgrades of naval vessels. Offering the Indian Navy and Coast Guard a single-point solution, L&T is, thus, geared to meet the growing challenges of securing India’s vast shoreline.
Self-reliance in defence is a strategic necessity. It enables a country to reduce its dependence on defence imports. Moreover, the IPR remains within the country, the effects of sanctions during war are neutralised and the defence ecosystem is strengthened. The confidentiality that must surround defence designs can be maintained only if the design source is indigenous.

The expansion of the fleets of the Indian Navy and Indian Coast Guard under the ‘Make in India’ initiative necessitates enhanced indigenous capabilities for design, construction, maintenance and repair of defence vessels.

To help India achieve this strategic objective, L&T has set up state-of-the-art Submarine and Warship Design Centres. The Warship Design Centre has developed concept designs for Corvettes, Offshore Patrol Vessels, Missile Vessels, Fast Patrol Vessels, Pollution Control Vessels, the Floating Dock, Intercinter Boats, Training Ships, etc. Detailed design and production drawings are generated in-house. L&T’s strengths in concept design enable the Company to provide customised solutions. The modular approach to design is inherently flexible and can be custom-engineered for role-changing capabilities.

Right from the design stage, the focus is on modular construction. L&T’s Kattupalli shipyard is designed to undertake modular construction.

L&T provides digital modelling, virtual reality and PLM capabilities for lifecycle management. Over 80% of pre-outfitting is carried out at the ‘block’ level to reduce cycle time and improve quality.

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L&T’s design and construction capabilities are aligned to India’s plans of inducting defence vessels and consolidation of security infrastructure as well as to the requirements of friendly nations.

INDIGENOUS DESIGN & ENGINEERING

NEW CONSTRUCTION

Aligned with Global Best Practices

- Application of shipbuilding 4.0 practices for real-time data capturing, analysis & decision making for effective project monitoring and control.
- Modular Construction with maximum outfitting at block stage.
- Weather independent construction of ships under covered workshops.
- Multi-skilled trained workforce to meet stringent warship standards.

L&T has the capability to construct:
- Frontline Warships: Frigates, Destroyers, Corvettes…
- Submarines
- Special Platforms: Landing Platform Dock
- Diving, Survey and Research Vessels
- Auxiliary Vessels: Offshore Patrol Vessels, Floating Dock
- Interceptor Boats, Fast Speed Boats…

Key Naval and Coast Guard projects executed or under execution by L&T include:

- Construction of India’s first nuclear-powered submarine, INS Arihant
- Design and construction of 54 high-speed Interceptor Boats for Indian Coast Guard
- Design and construction of 7 Offshore Patrol Vessels for Indian Coast Guard
- Design and construction of a Floating Dock for Indian Navy
- Design and construction of High Speed Patrol Boats for Vietnam Border Guard
For over two decades, L&T has been a major supplier of marine equipment and systems for defence ships. Major frontline warships constructed in India are fitted with mission-critical equipment and systems made by L&T. The Company undertakes in-house design, development and manufacture of these systems, and integrates them on-board defence vessels.

In-house design and production of marine equipment and systems enable L&T to provide customised solutions to meet the requirements of individual warships. L&T thus has the capability to undertake concurrent engineering during vessel construction as well as provide post-delivery life-cycle support.

L&T’s Kattupalli shipyard has the capability and capacity to undertake refit, repair and mid-life upgrade of warships, submarines and auxiliary vessels. In-house design strengths, multiple dry berths and wet berths and dedicated workshops located near dry and wet berths help reduce cycle time and ensure independent management of repair and refit projects with total focus for timely completion.

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- Medium Refit of Indian Navy’s Fleet tanker, survey vessel, floating dock, etc…

REFITS, REPAIRS AND MID-LIFE UPGRADES

CRITICAL MARINE EQUIPMENT & SYSTEMS
L&T’s Hazira shipyard is located within the Company’s world-class manufacturing complex at Hazira, near Surat. This is on India’s west coast, around 285 km from its commercial capital, Mumbai.

The yard has the capability to build sophisticated mid-sized ships up to 20,000 T deadweight capacity and 160 m in length. The shipyard is complete with all necessary shipbuilding infrastructure and facilities.

**KATTUPALLI SHIPYARD**

L&T’s Kattupalli shipyard is located near Ennore Port, 40 km from Chennai, a major manufacturing and services hub in South India. The facility is designed for modular construction and repair of a wide range of defence ships and submarines.

- Total Area: 1225 acres
- Waterfront: 2.2 km
- Depth: Up to 16m

Simultaneous construction and repair of multiple platforms is facilitated by several large dry and wet berths.

**Ship-lift**

A unique feature of L&T’s Kattupalli shipyard is the ship-lift, designed and manufactured entirely by L&T. It enhances the capability of the shipyard, enabling multiple jobs – both new builds and retrofits – to be handled simultaneously.

- Length: 200 m (extendable to 260 m)
- Width: 46 m
- Lifting capacity: 21050 T (upgradable to 23,000 T)

**Workshops**

Large, well-ventilated and naturally-lit workshops cater to weather-independent construction and refit of vessels.

**Customer Facilities**

For the convenience of clients monitoring construction and crew awaiting ship refurbishment, L&T has constructed comfortable accommodation facilities, complete with all amenities and recreation facilities. This enables clients to save travel time to the site, and facilitates closer monitoring, resulting in enhanced customer satisfaction.

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Quality
L&T’s stringent quality policy ensures that its shipyard services equal or exceed the standards required by customers. Precision control of materials, machinery and workmanship, as well as continual improvements in these variables, build quality into L&T-constructed ships.

L&T’s shipyards comply with ISO 9001:2015 standards.

Health, Safety and Environment
L&T has also received the British 5 Star Ratings & Sword Of Honour. L&T is firmly committed to the continual improvement of all aspects of Health, Safety and the Environment. L&T shipyards comply with OHSAS 18001:2007 and ISO 14001:2015 standards, affirming its commitment to employee and workmen health and safety, and environmental conservation.

IT SECURITY: L&T is firmly committed to IT security. The shipyard complies with ISO 27001 standards.