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INS Viraat was an integral part of the Indian Navy

New Delhi, India, Feb 15, 2017 -- After a service life of 57 years, including over three decades for India, aircraft carrier INS Viraat will be given a ceremonial farewell on March 6. A befitting ceremony is planned for the occasion with "whose who" in the Navy and a large number of delegates from number of countries on the invitation list, sources in the Navy told UNI. "At the sunset, Navy's flag will be lowered and wrapped, bringing curtains down on the illustrious journey of the aircraft carrier," said the sources. The aircraft carrier remained in service for over five and half decades -- first as HMS Hermes in the Royal British Navy and in its present avatar with the Indian Navy since 1987. Viraat saw action in the Falklands War and remained for well over a decade the sole aircraft carrier in the Indian Ocean region following the decommissioning of the first Indian carrier INS Vikrant in 1997. The Carrier holds the Guinness Record for being the oldest serving warship. The Aircraft Carrier was towed back to Mumbai on completion of its last Essential Repairs and Dry Docking (ERDD) at the Cochin Shipyard. INS Viraat was commissioned into the Indian Navy on May 12 1987. The ship operated Sea Harrier (White Tigers - fighter aircrafts), Seaking 42B (Harpoons - Anti Submarine helicopters) and Seaking 42C (Commando Carrier helicopters) and Chetak (Angles - SAR helicopter)..

World's oldest serving aircraft carrier INS Viraat retires today



Mumbai, India, Mar 04, 2017 -- INS Viraat, the world's oldest aircraft carrier in active service will be decommissioned today with a ceremonial send-off in Mumbai. A glorious chapter in the Indian Navy's history will come to an end today when INS Viraat, the longest serving aircraft carrier will retire after serving the country for nearly three decades..

INS Viraat sets sail for final voyage



New Delhi, India, Feb 12, 2016 -- After guarding India's maritime borders for nearly 60 years, Indian Navy's aircraft carrier, INS Viraat, set sail on her final journey before its retirement later this year. The world's oldest operational aircraft carrier, which entered service on May 12, 1987, on Friday reached Paradip port, Odisha for the very first time.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Hotel, museum or just scrap: What will happen to INS Viraat?



Mumbai, India, Aug 01, 2016 -- A hotel, a museum or just scrap with the metal used in a motorbike? The fate of INS Viraat, India's only operational aircraft carrier that "retires" later this year, is uncertain. Navy chief Sunil Lanba on Monday talked about a proposal to convert India's oldest warhorse into an aircraft carrier museum. Docked at the Cochin Shipyard for decommissioning refit, India's oldest warhorse is steeped deep in history. Oldest aircraft carrier: The 57-year-old INS Viraat is the oldest in the world and has served two navies -- the British navy as HMS Hermes and the Indian Navy since February 1987.

INS Viraat retires: Here's all you need to know about 'Grand Old Lady'

New Delhi, India, Aug 02, 2017 -- A glorious chapter in the Indian Navy's history will come to an end later this year when the world's oldest operational aircraft carrier, INS Viraat, retires after serving the country for nearly three decades.

After a 56-year tenure, INS Viraat will no longer report for duty



Mumbai, India, Mar 07, 2017 -- Five minutes after the Indian Flag was lowered at the naval dockyard, the commissioning pendant of the longest serving aircraft carrier in the world was also lowered marking the end of a naval vessel's tenure that served for 56 years.

Know more about Indian Navy aircraft carrier INS Viraat



New Delhi, India, Nov 30, 2013 -- At present Indian Navy has an estimated strength of around 58,350 personnel, 15 Submarines, 138 Surface fleet and only 1 Aircraft Carrier-The INS Viraat though very soon another aircraft carrier INS Vikramaditya will be joining it.

NAVY SIBLINGS

End of an era: India bids farewell to Sea Harrier fighter planes



New Delhi, India, May 11, 2016 -- The Indian Navy will phase out its iconic Sea Harrier maritime fighter planes at a ceremony in Dabolim in Goa on Wednesday.

Floating ATM! Navy takes Digital India to High Sea



New Delhi, India, Jan 21, 2017 -- The Navy will go digital with the State Bank of India, the largest public sector bank, opening the first-ever "operative" ATM on the biggest ship, aircraft carrier INS Vikramaditya on Saturday.

PAST MISFORTUNES

▶ One sailor dead, three injured on INS Viraat

Goa, India, Mar 06, 2016 -- One sailor died and three other injured in an incident of steam leak and minor fire in one of the boiler rooms of INS Viraat.

▶ Passenger boat rams into INS Viraat

Kochi, India, Nov 19, 2017 -- A Kerala state-owned boat ferrying about 100 passengers rammed into aircraft carrier INS Viraat here, naval sources said today.

▶ INS Sindhurakshak CO likely to face court martial

New Delhi, India, Aug 04, 2014 -- The commanding officer of INS Sindhurakshak is likely to be tried by a court martial for alleged lapses that led to the sinking of the Russian-made Kilo-class submarine last year...

▶ Looking beyond the usual in naval affairs

New Delhi, India, Nov 18, 2013 -- As INS Vikramaditya sails to Indian waters, a 13-year-old saga has come to an end. The 44,500 tonne displacement Soviet era vintage aircraft carrier has finally been refitted and refurbished for service again.

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