



Project Seabird

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- The largest naval infrastructure project for India, **Project Seabird involves the creation of a naval base at Karwar on the west coast of India.** INS Kadamba is an Indian Navy base located near Karwar in Karnataka.
- The first phase of construction of the base was completed in 2005. INS Kadamba is currently the third-largest Indian naval base and is **expected to become the largest naval base in the eastern hemisphere after the completion of expansion Phase.**
- During the Indo-Pakistan War of 1971, the Indian Navy faced security challenges for its Western Fleet in Mumbai Harbour due to congestion in the shipping lanes from commercial shipping traffic, fishing boats and tourists.
- Upon completion, it will provide the Indian Navy with its largest naval base on the west coast and also the largest naval base east of the Suez Canal. **The Navy's lone aircraft carrier INS Vikramaditya is based at Karwar.**

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