

ARNALA - SHIP'S CREST

The crest of Arnala features a stylised *Auger Shell* set against a blue backdrop, with the ship's name inscribed in Devanagari script at the base. The *Auger Shell*, known for its spiralled, reinforced structure and precision tip, symbolises resilience, vigilance, survival, and dominance in challenging environments, which mirrors the essence of the ship built to withstand the relentless forces of the ocean and undertake flawless anti-submarine operations with precise ordnance on target.

The name Arnala is derived from the historic Arnala Fort, situated approximately 13 km north of Vasai, Maharashtra. Constructed in 1737 by the Marathas under the leadership of Chimaji Appa, the fort was strategically positioned to oversee the Vaitarna River's mouth, serving as a sentinel over the northern Konkan coast. Much like the fort, which stood resilient against various invaders, the ship is designed to be a formidable presence at sea. Its robust construction and advanced capabilities ensure that it can withstand the challenges of the maritime domain, safeguarding India's waters from emerging threats. The ship's armoured hull mirrors the fort's enduring stone walls, while its state-of-the-art weaponry and sensors replace the cannons that once defended against invaders. *Arnala* embodies the strategic might and historical significance of its namesake, proving that while battlefields may change, the spirit of defence remains unwavering, whether on land or at sea.

Beneath the ship's crest, a ribbon gracefully unfurls, proudly displaying the ship's motto: “अण्वि शौर्यम्” (*Arnave Shauryam*), meaning “*Valour in the Ocean*”. This inscription embodies the ship's unwavering courage, formidable strength and dominance over the vast seas. It serves as a constant inspiration for the crew, urging them to remain steadfast and fearless in the face of any challenge at sea.