

Indian Navy Accepts Delivery of 11th P-8I from Boeing



Boeing has delivered the 11th P-8I to India's navy, the company said Oct. 18. *BOEING*

NEW DELHI – Boeing is continuing to expand the Indian navy's long-range maritime reconnaissance anti-submarine warfare capabilities with the delivery of the country's 11th P-8I, the company said Oct. 18. The patrol aircraft is an integral part of the Indian navy's fleet and has surpassed 30,000 flight hours since it was inducted in 2013.

This is the third aircraft to be delivered under an option contract for four additional aircraft that the Indian Ministry of Defence awarded in 2016. The Indian navy was the first international customer for the P-8 and today operates the largest non-U.S. fleet. The P-8 is also operated by the U.S. Navy, the Royal Australian Air Force and the United Kingdom's Royal Air Force.

In addition to unmatched maritime reconnaissance and anti-submarine warfare capabilities, the P-8I has been deployed to assist during disaster relief and humanitarian missions.

Boeing supports India's growing P-8I fleet by providing training of Indian navy flight crews, spare parts, ground support equipment and field-service representative support. Boeing's integrated logistics support has enabled a high state of fleet readiness at the lowest possible cost.

Boeing is completing construction on the Training Support & Data Handling Centre at INS Rajali, Arakkonam, in Tamil Nadu, and a secondary center at the Naval Institute of Aeronautical Technology, Kochi, as part of a training-and-support package contract signed in 2019. The indigenous, ground-based training will allow the Indian navy crew to increase mission

proficiency in a shorter time, while reducing the on-aircraft training time resulting in increased aircraft availability for mission tasking.