

Submarine Khanderi begins sea trials

Slowly but steadily, the Scorpene submarine programme is making progress. While the first submarine awaits commissioning, the second one has just begun sea trials, and Mazagon Docks Ltd. (MDL) is gearing up to launch the third vessel.

“After the monsoon, the second Scorpene *Khanderi* began sea trials last week. As per schedule, it is expected to be commissioned within this year. The third submarine, *Karanj*, is on track to be launched by the year-end,” an official told *The Hindu*. *Khanderi*, named after an island fort of Maratha ruler Chhatrapati Shivaji, was launched in January and had undergone some testing. Trials were held up by the rough sea.

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