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## INS VENDURUTHY CELEBRATED 69<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY



**Mayor of Kochi, Shri Tony Chammany, lighting the traditional lamp to mark the beginning of celebrations. Commodore and Mrs Ajaykumar are also seen**

INS Venduruthy, popularly known as Naval Base among locals at the coastal city of Kochi celebrated the 69<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of its existence today. Mayor of Kochi, Shri Tony Chammany was the Chief Guest at the celebrations held at Naval Base.

Addressing the gathering on the occasion, the Mayor expressed his admiration for Indian Navy and said that the city of Kochi is proud of the Navy and its services to the nation. He also distributed the proficiency awards announced on the occasion of anniversary.

Earlier, an anniversary cake was cut jointly by Commodore MR Ajaykumar, Commanding Officer, Deepak Chahar, the youngest sailor and Sreedevi, the youngest civilian employee. This was followed by a variety entertainment programme put up by the employees and the traditional community feast "Bada-khana".

INS Venduruthy as the *Depot Ship* of Southern Naval Command flies the Flag of the Commander in Chief and was commissioned on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 1943 as 'Her Majesty Indian Ship (HMIS) Venduruthy'. The establishment which houses all the premier training schools of the Navy has a wide range of responsibilities ranging from security, to estate management of the 1000 acre Naval Base. Commanding Officer, INS Venduruthy as Naval Officer in Charge Kerala is also responsible for coastal security of the state of Kerala. The establishment has about 900 personnel borne with about 600 civilian employees



The Anniversary cake being cut by Commodore MR Ajaykumar, Deepak Chahar and Ms. Sreedevi