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FIRST BATCH OF NAVY WOMEN TO PASS OUT

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INS Mandovi in Goa, the premier training establishment of the Indian Navy, where the training for the first ever batch of women inducted into any service is nearing completion, is all set for the grand occasion tomorrow when the successful navy-women will pass out thus creating history.

22 girls of the first batch **exuberating with** confidence at having created fresh inroads into a so-far - a- man's world, would stand on parade tomorrow morning, to be reviewed by the Raksha Mantri, Shri Sharad Pawar, prior to resuming specialist training for the three branches that they have been selected for - Education, Logistics and Naval Law. The Chief of the Naval Staff, Admiral L Ramdas, would also be present on the occasion.

Inducted into the Navy for non-combatant roles, women officers will not be considered for appointment in sea-going operational billets. Notwithstanding, with the award of the Presidents' Commission, these girls would have crossed a unique milestone in the annals of India's defence forces.

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