



PM will **unveil the new naval ensign** (flag) for the Indian Navy in Kochi on the sidelines of the commissioning of India's first indigenous aircraft carrier INS Vikrant at Cochin Shipyard Limited.

What is the Saint George's Cross?

The red cross on a white background is known as the Saint George's Cross and is named after a **Christian Warrior Saint** who is believed to have been a crusader during the third crusade. (This cross also serves as the flag of England)

Background: After Independence, on August 15, 1947, the Indian defence forces continued with the British colonial flags and badges and it was only on **Jan 26, 1950, that a changeover to Indianised pattern** was made, however, in the Navy's flag Union Jack was replaced with the Tricolour, and the **George's Cross was retained.**

- In 2014, the words '**Satyamev Jayate**' were included on the flag below the Ashoka emblem in the Devanagri script.