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Third Russian Frigate Delivered to India

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Russia has delivered the last in a series of three frigates built for the Indian Navy under a $1.6 billion 2006 contract, state-run arms exporter Rosoboronexport said.

The Trikand missile frigate was handed over to the Indian crew at the Yantar shipyard in the Baltic exclave of Kaliningrad on Monday.

"During the ceremony, the Russian and Indian officials signed an acceptance act, and an Indian navy flag was hoisted on the ship," Rosoboronexport said in a statement.

The frigates, the first two of which were delivered last year, are each armed with eight BrahMos supersonic cruise missiles, jointly developed by Russia and India.

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