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1. Naval Aviation since its inception has developed into an extremely professional and competent arm which has contributed significantly to the Indian Navy's ability to conduct Blue Water Operation. In the Indian Navy, Naval Aviation encompasses all aspects of Maritime Surveillance, Patrol, Search & Rescue, Air Defence and interception in all weather day and night operations from afloat and ashore.
2. Towards achieving these extremely demanding and multifarious tasks basic flying training for pilots in the Indian Navy is conducted together with the Indian Air Force. Consequent to the award of 'Wings' at the Air Force Academy, the young pilot undergoes 'ab-initio' Helicopter, Maritime Reconnaissance and Fighter training at various Naval Air Stations. The premier Training Establishment for conduct of Aviation training including those of personnel belonging to various technical and non-technical cadres is INS Garuda at Kochi. The following Aviation Training Schools are located in this establishment:-
 - (a) School for Naval Aviation (SFNA)
 - (b) Naval Institute of Aeronautical Technology (NIAT)
 - (c) School for Naval Oceanography and Meteorology
 - (d) Observer School
3. Further details and availability of these courses can be confirmed after a specific request for the same is forwarded to NHQ/DNT, through proper diplomatic channels.



