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Press Release

Ships of the Indian Navy's First Training Squadron Make Port Call at Mombasa

As part of its Long Range Training Deployment (LRTD), ships of the Indian Navy's First Training Squadron (INS Tir, INS Sujata, INS Shardul) and Indian Coast Guard Ship Sarathi will visit Mombasa, Kenya from 25–28 September 2025. The visit underscores India's commitment to its maritime partners under the vision of MAHASAGAR (Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions), promoting deeper cooperation across the Indian Ocean Region.

2. The First Training Squadron provides practical sea training to officer cadets of the Indian Navy, Indian Coast Guard and Friendly Foreign Countries. These deployments cover seamanship, navigation, ship handling and operational drills, while also giving trainees exposure to international maritime cooperation through overseas visits.

3. The port call reflects the close ties between India and Kenya. During the visit, personnel from both navies will take part in professional exchanges, ship visits, a Maritime Partnership Exercise (MPX), joint yoga sessions, and cultural interactions including a joint performance by the Indian and Kenya Navy Bands. Community outreach activities such as a visit to a local orphanage are also planned.

4. A deck reception was hosted onboard INS Shardul on 25 September 2025 for dignitaries from the Government of Kenya, Kenya Defence Forces and members of the Indian diaspora. The reception was graced by the presence of H.E. Abdullswamad Shariff Nassir, Governor of Mombasa County, H.E. Dr. Andrew Mwadime, Governor of Taita-Taveta County, and Major General Paul Owuor Otieno, Commander Kenya Navy. On 26 September, the ships will be open for visits by local officials, students and the public.

5. The Squadron will depart Mombasa on 28 September 2025 for Kochi, India, participating in a Passage Exercise (PASSEX) with the Kenya Navy on departure to further strengthen interoperability and maritime cooperation.

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