

Indian Navy

EXERCISE WITH FOREIGN NAVIES

In keeping with the vision of building “Bridges of Friendship” and enhancing interoperability, ships of the Indian Navy regularly exercise with ships of friendly navies. The scope and content of these exercises is continually assessed to keep up with the demands of maritime security. In addition, Indian Naval ships visiting foreign countries during overseas deployments carry out Passage Exercises (PASSEX) with naval ships of the host countries. Cooperative mechanisms for the speedy, effective and humane application of maritime power for regional Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) operations form an important aspect of this ‘Constructive Engagement’. Additionally, Indian Navy engages countries of the Indian Ocean Region (IOR) to build capacity and augment capability through exercises, training, cross-exchanges, and discussions, so as to ensure an environment free of the ills that plague today’s maritime milieu – terrorism, gun-running, drug and human trafficking, and the like.



No nation has the wherewithal to tackle the entire gamut of problems that afflict the maritime domain. Thus, stability in the maritime domain can only be achieved through cooperative effort and the constructive engagement of as many maritime nations as possible. It is towards this end that the Indian Navy engages with the



navies and maritime security agencies of the Indian Ocean Region — within the maritime context, for the protection of not just the merchant shipping of India and her neighbours, but of the world at large.