

Indian Navy



OVERSEAS DEPLOYMENT OF INDIAN NAVAL SHIPS

The Indian Naval Ships Ranjit, Rana, Jyoti and Kulish undertook an Overseas Deployment (OSD) to South China Sea and Australia from 17 May to 26 Jun 10, with an aim of extending Indian Navy's goodwill and friendship across the seas. The ships entered the ports of Indonesia, Australia, Singapore, Thailand, Brunei, Vietnam, Philippines and Malaysia. During the deployment, the Flag Officer Commanding Eastern Fleet accompanied by the Commanding Officers called on the local military and civil dignitaries during the ships' stay in foreign ports. This visit went a long way in reinforcing existing ties between the Indian Navy and host navies and provided a fillip to the bilateral engagement process. The convergence of interests and the common challenges that confront countries in the maritime domain provided the underpinnings for strong cooperation between the navies. The ships also undertook varied Community Welfare Services in foreign ports which was appreciated by the local populace and media.

During the OSD, the ships undertook Presence-cum-Surveillance Mission (PSM) in the Malacca Strait, South China Sea, Lombok and Sunda Strait, Indian Ocean and Philippines Sea. The ships also carried out Passage Exercises (PASSEX) with Australian, Indonesia, Thai, Philippines and the Malaysian Navies. INS Jyoti also participated in Queen's Baton Relay held in Muara, Brunei, for the Commonwealth Games 2010.

