

INS SATPURA ARRIVES IN SINGAPORE FOR SIMBEX-25

Strengthening India–Singapore Maritime Cooperation

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Indian Naval Ship Satpura has arrived at Singapore to participate in the **32nd edition of the Singapore-India Maritime Bilateral Exercise (SIMBEX-25)**, marking yet another chapter in the strong and enduring maritime partnership between the Indian Navy and the Republic of Singapore Navy (RSN).

The exercise, a hallmark of the deep-rooted naval cooperation between the two nations, commenced with the Harbour Phase, which includes **Subject Matter Expert Exchanges (SMEEs)**, professional interactions, and operational-level discussions. These engagements are designed to share best practices, align doctrines, and conduct deck familiarisation visits onboard participating ships — **RSN Vigilant** and **RSN Supreme**.

These activities reaffirm the growing professional synergy and strategic trust between the two navies, in line with India's vision of '**MAHASAGAR**' and the Act East Policy, which emphasises robust engagement with neighbour countries.

Day 2 of SIMBEX-25 features an official Opening Ceremony, followed by a pre-sail conference. During this conference, the participating naval contingents will hold discussions on the upcoming sea phase of the exercise.

The Sea Phase of **SIMBEX-25** — the cornerstone of the bilateral maritime engagement — will witness execution of a comprehensive array of advanced naval operations. These include Air defence exercises, Cross-deck helicopter operations, Precision targeting with surface and aerial platforms, Complex maneuvering drills Visit, Board, Search, and Seizure (VBSS) operations. These exercises aim to enhance interoperability and operational coordination, while reinforcing a shared commitment to maritime security and regional stability in the Indo-Pacific.

SIMBEX continues to be a testament to the strong naval ties between India and Singapore, showcasing mutual respect, professionalism and a common vision for a secure and rules-based maritime order.



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