

INDIAN NAVAL SHIPS VISIT MANILA, PHILIPPINES, STRENGTHENING MARITIME COOPERATION IN SOUTH EAST ASIA

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As part of the Indian Navy's ongoing operational deployment to South East Asia, **Indian Naval Ships INS Delhi, Shakti, and Kiltan**, of the Eastern Fleet, commanded by **RAdm Susheel Menon, Flag Officer Commanding Eastern Fleet (FOCEF)**, arrived at Manila, Philippines.

The ships were accorded a warm welcome by personnel of the Philippine Navy, underscoring the strong and growing maritime ties between India and Philippines. The visit is a **testimony to Indian Navy's commitment to strengthening partnerships in the Indo-Pacific**.

On arrival, RAdm Susheel Menon interacted with local media representatives, highlighting the shared commitment of both nations towards maintaining stability, and maritime security. He emphasized the importance of such deployments in promoting understanding, trust, and cooperation among friendly maritime forces.

The visits reaffirms the strategic importance of the event and the high-level engagement with the Philippine Navy, representing India's maritime outreach in the region.

During the port call, several harbour interactions are scheduled between the Indian Navy and the Philippine Navy. These include operational planning discussions, **Subject Matter Expert Exchanges (SMEE)**, cross-deck visits and other professional and social engagements aimed at enhancing mutual learning and interoperability.

The visit will also feature a bilateral maritime exercise between the two navies, focusing on joint manoeuvres and communication protocols to improve preparedness, build mutual trust and strengthen operational synergy in the maritime domain.





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