

FIRST TRAINING SQUADRON ARRIVES AT MAPUTO, MOZAMBIQUE

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The First Training Squadron (1TS) of the Indian Navy comprising **INS Tir, INS Shardul, INS Sujata, and ICGS Sarathi** entered Maputo, Mozambique on **16 Sep 2025**. The squadron led by Capt Tijo K Joseph was warmly received by the Mozambique Navy alongwith the Defence Advisor in Maputo. The visit of 1TS ships to Mozambique **marks a special occasion as the two nations celebrate 50 years of diplomatic relations (1975-2025)**.

During the four-day visit, the training squadron will undertake various joint training activities with Mozambique Navy which include joint VBSS training, cross training on navigation and communication procedures, diving operations, and training on firefighting and damage control aspects. The visit of 1TS trainees to various training units of Mozambique Defence Forces are also planned providing enhanced understanding and interoperability between the two navies. **The visit will culminate with a PASSEX and joint surveillance of Mozambique's EEZ.**

During the stay at Maputo, Senior Officer 1TS alongwith Commanding Officer of other ships are scheduled to pay courtesy calls to the Chief of Mozambique Navy, the Mayor of Maputo, and the Indian High Commissioner. In addition, various socio-cultural engagements such as yoga sessions, community outreach, medical camp, visit of school children and friendly sports fixtures are also planned.

1TS visit to Mozambique signifies growing maritime cooperation between the two Navies with an overarching aim of **MAHASAGAR**, strengthening *Bridges of Friendship* across the ocean.





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