

INDIAN NAVY STRENGTHENS TIES WITH MOZAMBIQUE NAVY DURING PORT CALL OF FIRST TRAINING SQUADRON AT MAPUTO

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In a demonstration of enduring maritime friendship, the Indian Navy's First Training Squadron (1TS) comprising **INS Tir**, **INS Shardul**, **INS Sujata**, and **ICGS Sarathi** concluded its four-day port visit to Maputo, Mozambique from 16-19 Sep 2025.

During the deployment, 1TS engaged in a series of joint training to enhance operational interoperability with the Mozambique Navy. Activities included Joint Diving Operations, Firefighting, VBSS Ops and Bridge Machinery Control integration drills. Cross-training visit of Indian Navy trainees to Marine Commando School at Katembe, Sargent School at Boane, and the Army Practising School at Manhica fostered mutual understanding and cooperation. Sea riders of the Mozambique Navy embarked onboard 1TS ships for **joint EEZ surveillance**.

Capt Tijo K Joseph, Senior Officer of 1TS, along with Commanding Officers of visiting ships, paid courtesy calls to Rear Admiral Eugenio Dias Da Silva Muatuca, Chief of the Mozambique Navy; Maj Gen Ezequiel Muianga, Inspector of FADM; Col Candido Jose Tirano, Commandant of Maputo Air Force Base. These high-level interactions underscored the growing defence cooperation between the two nations.

Community outreach formed a vital component of the deployment. More than 1,000 school children toured the ships, gaining insights into operational capabilities of the Indian Navy. A medical camp was set up at Naval Headquarters Mozambique and local hospital at Maputo. More than 100 patients were provided medical care and an awareness campaign on prevention of critical disease, emergency response and first aid was conducted. Joint Yoga sessions and a friendly futsal match further strengthened camaraderie between the two Navies.

As 1TS sets sail for Mombasa, the visit leaves behind strengthened bilateral ties and a renewed commitment to peace, stability, and shared prosperity in the Indian Ocean Region. The port call reinforces India's maritime partnership with African nations based on the broader maritime vision of **MAHASAGAR**.



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