



CHIEF OF THE NAVAL STAFF CONCLUDES OFFICIAL VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES

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Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi, Chief of the Naval Staff, concluded his official visit to the United States which was aimed at further strengthening the India-US maritime partnership and advancing shared strategic interests in the Indo-Pacific.

During the visit, the CNS held high-level engagements with senior US civilian and military leadership, including **Mr John C Phelan, Secretary of the Navy; Mr Elbridge Colby, Under Secretary of War for Policy; Adm Samuel J Paparo, Commander INDOPACOM; Adm Stephen P Koehler, Commander US Pacific Fleet; and Lt Gen James F Glynn, Commander US Marine Forces Pacific.** Interactions were also held with **VAdm Yvette DeVids, Mr Steve Parode, and RAdm Raymond P Owens.**

Discussions reviewed key pillars of India-US defence cooperation: **strengthening maritime security and maritime domain awareness, expanding operational interoperability, enhancing information sharing, safeguarding sea lines of communication and critical undersea infrastructure, and coordinated responses to HADR, SAR, counter-piracy, and other non-traditional security challenges.**

The two sides also deliberated on refining bilateral and multilateral exercises, including ***MALABAR, PASSEX, CMF, and MILAN***, and on collaboration in emerging domains such as **unmanned systems, ISR, cyber, and space-enabled maritime capabilities.**

The CNS visited the Centre for Excellence in Disaster Management & Humanitarian Assistance (CFE-DMHA), where discussions focused on enhancing cooperation and exchange of Best Practices in HADR, maritime humanitarian operations, and resilience-building across the Indo-Pacific.

At the National Defense University (NDU), the CNS interacted with its President, VAdm Peter A Garvin, and reviewed ongoing cooperation in professional military education, higher learning linkages, and training exchanges. **He also met Indian officers undergoing courses at the Eisenhower School, National War College, and the College of Information & Cyberspace.**

The visit reaffirmed the growing synergy between the Indian Navy and the US Navy and underscored the shared commitment to a secure, stable, and rules-based Indo-Pacific. It further strengthened the longstanding India-US Comprehensive Global Strategic Partnership.







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