

INDIAN NAVAL LCUs 51, 54, AND 57 VISITS COLOMBO, SRI LANKA

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Three Indian Naval Ships - Landing Craft Utility (*LCU 51, LCU 54 and LCU 57*) visited Colombo, Sri Lanka, from **22 to 25 Nov 2025** as part of a port call. Upon arrival, the ships were accorded a ceremonial welcome by the Sri Lanka Navy (SLN).

During the *Operational Turnaround* (OTR), the Commanding Officers of the three LCUs called on the High Commissioner of India to Sri Lanka, and the Commander Western Naval Area (CWNA), Sri Lanka Navy. Discussions during the visit centred on operational interoperability, ongoing maritime initiatives, and avenues for future collaborative engagements between the two navies.

As part of the visit, a friendly volleyball match between personnel of the Indian Navy and the Sri Lanka Navy was conducted, promoting camaraderie, sportsmanship and mutual goodwill. A structured ship-visit programme was also organised for *SLN* officers and sailors, providing them an opportunity to interact with the crew and gain insights into the operational capabilities of the LCUs.

The port call by LCUs from the Andaman and Nicobar Command further strengthened bilateral naval engagement and reinforced the longstanding tradition of friendship, mutual respect and cooperation between the Indian Navy and the Sri Lanka Navy.





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