

PRESIDENT OF INDIA WITNESSES INTERNATIONAL FLEET REVIEW AT VISA KHAPATNAM

**INDIA BELIEVES THAT A SOUND MARITIME ORDER IS
BASED ON COLLECTIVE RESPONSIBILITY AND
COOPERATIVE ACTION AMONG LIKE-MINDED PARTNERS:
PRESIDENT DROUPADI MURMU**

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The President of India Smt Droupadi Murmu witnessed the International Fleet Review at Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh, today (February 18, 2026). Navies of more than 70 countries are participating in the International Fleet Review, 2026.



Speaking on the occasion, the President said that the International Fleet Review reflects unity, trust and respect among nations for maritime traditions. Ships with different flags and sailors from different countries exhibit the spirit of togetherness. She highlighted that this spirit of togetherness is well captured in the theme of this review: United Through Oceans. It is a positive message to the global community that commitment and resolve of this collective naval strength can overcome all challenges.

The President said that India's approach to international relations including the maritime domain is guided by our ethos of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' or 'the world is one family'. This approach reflects the wisdom that global security and growth, sustainability and stability are built through partnerships. This spirit of partnership is the bedrock of an enduring global order. Therefore, India believes that a sound maritime order is based on collective responsibility and cooperative action among like-minded partners. She stated that this Fleet Review also takes forward India's vision of MAHASAGAR which stands for Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions.



The President said that the Indian Navy is vigilant in safeguarding India's maritime interests and contributing to stability across the wider maritime commons. Units of the Indian Navy deployed in the region serve as credible instruments of deterrence and defence against threats and challenges arising in the seas. The Indian Navy is often the First Responder in times of humanitarian crises and natural disasters, extending quick assistance with compassion and competence. The Indian Navy also plays a vital role in promoting goodwill and building bridges of trust, confidence, and friendship with navies around the globe.



The President appreciated the officers and sailors from friendly foreign navies. She said that they represent the best traditions of their Services and their Nations. Their discipline, dedication and competence are the foundations upon which collective maritime security is built. She underlined that their presence in the Fleet Review has further strengthened our bonds of trust and reaffirmed our shared commitment to peace, stability, and cooperation at sea. She expressed confidence that all the navies represented in this Fleet Review will collectively help the oceans thrive as gateways for growth, prosperity and overall well-being of the global community.

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