



IONS MARITIME EXERCISE (IMEX) TTX 2026 HELD AT SOUTHERN NAVAL COMMAND, KOCHI

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The Indian Navy hosted IONS Maritime Exercise (IMEX) TTX 2026 at the **Maritime Warfare Centre, Southern Naval Command, Kochi on 27 March 2026**. The high-level engagement brought together distinguished delegates from Indian Ocean Naval Symposium (IONS) member navies, international officers of IOS SAGAR, and officers from the Indian Navy to deliberate on evolving non-traditional maritime security challenges in the Indian Ocean Region (IOR).

The exercise witnessed participation from **Bangladesh, France, Indonesia, Kenya, Maldives, Mauritius, Myanmar, Seychelles, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Tanzania, and Timor-Leste**. This diverse multinational representation underscores a shared commitment to fostering mutual trust and enhancing collaborative maritime security across the region. **As India assumes the IONS Chairmanship for the 2026-2028 cycle after a gap of sixteen years, IMEX TTX 2026 marks a significant milestone in strengthening regional maritime leadership.**

Conducted in a sophisticated simulated environment, the exercise addressed complex maritime security challenges in the IOR, a region of critical importance to global trade, energy flows, and connectivity. The primary objectives included enhancing shared understanding among participating navies of operational approaches and constraints, examining coordination mechanisms such as information sharing and decision-making processes, and supporting the continued refinement of IONS frameworks, including validation of maritime security guidelines through practical application.

By simulating multi-scenario contingencies without the constraints of live deployments, the exercise enabled participants to explore new avenues for professional exchange and to deepen mutual trust. IMEX TTX 26 reaffirmed the role of IONS as a vital platform for cooperation through constructive dialogue, collective responsibility, and regionally driven solutions to maritime challenges.

The insights gained from the exercise are expected to further strengthen the IONS framework, ensuring a coherent, responsive, and stable maritime domain in the Indian Ocean Region.



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