



INDIAN OCEAN SHIP SAGAR DEPARTS PHUKET, THAILAND

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Indian Ocean Ship (IOS) SAGAR - INS Sunayna departed Phuket, Thailand on **17 Apr 2026** on completion of a **high-tempo three-day Operational Turnaround (OTR)**, marking the successful culmination of her second port call during the ongoing deployment.

During the visit to Phuket, IOS SAGAR **undertook a series of professional, strategic and cultural engagements with the Royal Thai Navy (RTN), significantly strengthening bilateral naval cooperation. Commander Siddharth Chaudhary, Commanding Officer, INS Sunayna called on Rear Admiral Sathaporn Wajarat, Chief of Staff of the Third Naval Area Command, RTN, reaffirming shared commitment towards maritime cooperation.**

Professional and interpersonal ties were enhanced through a friendly football match and a joint Yoga session, participated by crew from IOS Sagar and RTN. A formal deck reception hosted onboard was attended by senior naval dignitaries, facilitating a platform for sharing insights on the IOS Sagar mission and discussions on maritime cooperation and regional security. The ship was opened to visitors, promoting people-to-people connect.

During a Passage Exercise (PASSEX) with HTMS Klongyai, operational interoperability was demonstrated, which included communication drills and formation manoeuvres, highlighting seamless coordination and “plug-and-play” capability between the two navies. The visit underscores the strong and enduring maritime partnership between India and Thailand, aligned with the **MAHASAGAR** vision of **Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions.**

IOS SAGAR has now proceeded to Jakarta, Indonesia, for the next port of call, continuing her mission to strengthen maritime cooperation in the Southeast Indian Ocean Region.





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