

INDIAN NAVY'S EASTERN FLEET SHIPS UDAYGIRI AND KAVARATTI ARRIVE AT HO CHI MINH CITY, VIETNAM

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INS Udaygiri, a stealth frigate, and INS Kavaratti, an anti-submarine warfare corvette, both **indigenously** designed and constructed warships of the Indian Navy, arrived at Nha Rong Port, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, **on 22 Jun 2026 during their operational deployment to the South East Asia region.**

The ships, led by RAdm Alok Ananda, Flag Officer Commanding Eastern Fleet, were accorded a warm ceremonial welcome by personnel from the Vietnam People's Navy, representatives of the HCMC People's Committee, and port authorities. The reception reflected the close, longstanding ties between the two navies and the growing maritime partnership between India and Vietnam.

During the port call, the Indian Navy and the Vietnam People's Navy will undertake a series of professional interactions, cross-deck exchanges, sporting fixtures and community outreach activities. Senior leadership interactions are also scheduled, offering an opportunity to exchange perspectives and further strengthen bilateral naval cooperation.

This deployment marks the Indian Navy's first major presence in Vietnam since the bilateral relationship was elevated to an Enhanced Comprehensive Strategic Partnership in May 2026.







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