



INDIAN NAVY TO HOST OPERATION SOUTHERN READINESS 26-2 AT SOUTHERN NAVAL COMMAND, KOCHI

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The Indian Navy will host Operation Southern Readiness 26-2 at the Southern Naval Command, Kochi, from **20 to 23 Jul 2026**. The four-day multinational training engagement will be conducted in partnership with the Combined Maritime Forces (CMF) **under the aegis of the Indian Navy-led Combined Task Force 154 (CTF 154), CMF's dedicated Training Task Force.**

The event will bring together personnel from CMF Partner Nations for professional maritime security training, practical experience, and exchange of *Best Practices*. Through its association with CMF, **a multinational maritime partnership comprising over 40 nations**, the Indian Navy continues to contribute to regional capacity building and collective maritime security.

The training programme will combine classroom instruction, simulator-based training, and practical exposure. Sessions will cover areas including Maritime Law, Maritime Domain Awareness and Information Sharing, Counter-Narcotics, Force Protection, Asymmetric Threats, and maritime Uncrewed Systems. Participants will also be trained in Damage Control and Firefighting, maritime communications, Survival at Sea, Boarding procedures, and hands on training onboard Indian Naval ship.

Operation Southern Readiness 26-2 will showcase the Indian Navy's modern training infrastructure, state-of-the-art simulators, advanced instructional methodologies, and professional expertise. The integration of theoretical instructions with practical application is aimed at enhancing interoperability, professional understanding, and cooperation among participating nations.

The conduct of the engagement at Southern Naval Command, Kochi, reinforces the Indian Navy's growing contribution to multinational maritime training. It also **highlights Southern Naval Command's role as a leading training hub** and strengthens the Indian Navy's standing as a preferred destination for professional sea training.



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