



INDIAN NAVAL SHIPS SAHYADRI AND KULISH CONCLUDE PARTICIPATION IN ADMM-PLUS MARITIME SECURITY JOINT COOPERATION ACTIVITY

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Indian Navy's frontline stealth frigate, INS Sahyadri, and missile corvette, INS Kulish, concluded their participation in the **23rd** ADMM-Plus Experts' Working Group on Maritime Security Joint Cooperation Activity (EWG-MS JCA) at Subic Bay, Philippines, with the Closing Ceremony held on **25 Sep 2026**.

The activity commenced on **21 Sep 2026** with the Opening Ceremony at Naval Operating Base Subic, hosted by the Philippine Navy and co-chaired by Japan. The Harbour Phase featured Subject Matter Expert Exchanges on Peace and Security, ASEAN Navy Chiefs' Meeting and Guidelines for Maritime Interaction (ANCM-GMI), Senior Enlisted Leadership and Marine Environmental Protection, alongside sporting events and an International Day and Cultural Show.

On 22 Sep 2026, Indian Naval personnel participated in Operational Synchronisation and a Tabletop Exercise, followed by a Pre-Sail Conference to coordinate the Sea Phase. A community engagement programme was also conducted at the Shepherds of the Hill Center, Zambales.

The Sea Phase comprised coordinated serials including Search and Rescue, Hydrographic Survey, Casualty and Medical Evacuation, Deck Landing Qualification and assistance to vessels aground. These activities provided valuable opportunities to enhance operational coordination and interoperability at sea.

The successful conduct of the EWG-MS JCA highlighted the value of professional interaction and practical multilateral engagement in strengthening maritime cooperation. India's participation reaffirmed its commitment to regional partnerships in consonance with the **Act East Policy** and the vision of **MAHASAGAR (Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions)**.





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