



# FIRST TRAINING SQUADRON DEPARTS SEYCHELLES, REINFORCING MARITIME COOPERATION

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Ships of the Indian Navy's First Training Squadron (1TS) — INS Tir, INS Sujata, and Indian Coast Guard Ship Sarathi — departed Port Victoria, Seychelles, on **15 Oct 2026**, on completion of their port call, which commenced on 12 Oct 2026, during the ongoing **training deployment**. The engagement reinforced the longstanding India-Seychelles partnership through professional training, capacity building, and interactions with the country's leadership and maritime community.

During the port call, Senior Officer, First Training Squadron, along with the Commanding Officers of the visiting ships, called on Maj Gen Michael Rosette, Chief of Defence Forces, Seychelles Defence Force (SDF). Discussions focused on the enduring partnership and bilateral cooperation between the two forces.

The programme featured professional activities and cross-training visits, along with firefighting and small-arms training for SDF personnel. The First Training Squadron also conducted a Passage Exercise (PASSEX) with Seychelles Coast Guard Ship *Andromache*, featuring joint patrolling, communication drills, and coordinated manoeuvres. Outreach initiatives included a medical camp, distribution of essential supplies at the Point La Rue elderly home, a visit by schoolchildren, and a musical performance by the Indian Navy Band.

The deployment underscores the strong bonds of friendship between India and Seychelles and reflects the Indian Navy's commitment to capacity building and regional partnerships in line with the vision of **MAHASAGAR (Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions)**.





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