

EXERCISE KONKAN-26 CONCLUDES OFF PLYMOUTH, UK

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KONKAN-26, the India-UK bilateral maritime exercise, concluded off Plymouth, UK, on **15 Oct 2026**. Conducted from **08-15 Oct 2026**, the exercise enabled the Indian Navy and the Royal Navy to engage across a wide range of professional and operational domains.

The Indian Navy was represented by the **stealth frigate INS Trishul**, while the Royal Navy deployed *HMS Sutherland*, a Duke-class anti-submarine warfare frigate. The exercise was conducted by Fleet Operational Standards and Training (FOST), Royal Navy.

The intensive four-day Sea Phase, conducted from 12-15 Oct 2026, encompassed advanced seamanship manoeuvres, joint tactical exercises, communication procedures, anti-surface asymmetric warfare, anti-submarine warfare and weapon firings in a multi-threat maritime environment. These serials enhanced interoperability between the participating units.

Through the exchange of professional expertise and *Best Practices*, KONKAN-26 reinforced the ability of the Indian Navy and the Royal Navy to operate together across complex maritime scenarios, furthering the enduring maritime partnership between India and the UK.







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