



CONCLUSION OF INDIA-RUSSIA BILATERAL NAVAL EXERCISE (INDRA 2026)

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Indian Naval Ship Sahyadri departed Vladivostok, Russian Federation, on 20 Oct 2026, following the successful conclusion of the bilateral naval exercise INDRA 2026, conducted between the Indian Navy and the Russian Federation Navy (RuFN).

The exercise comprised two phases: Harbour and Sea. The Harbour Phase featured key leaders' interactions, cross-deck visits, Subject Matter Expert Exchanges, operational synchronisation activities, sports fixtures and cultural exchanges. These engagements facilitated professional interaction and the exchange of views and operational practices between personnel of the two navies.

The subsequent Sea Phase involved coordinated manoeuvring, integrated communications, helicopter operations and medical evacuation drills. These activities enabled participating units to practise coordinated procedures at sea, enhance communication and strengthen operational coordination and interoperability.

Sports and cultural interactions further fostered camaraderie and strengthened bonds between personnel of the Indian Navy and the RuFN, complementing the professional engagements and reinforcing longstanding naval ties between the two countries.

The successful conclusion of Exercise INDRA 2026 reaffirmed the enduring defence and maritime partnership between India and Russia. The exercise underscored the importance of sustained naval engagement, professional cooperation and interoperability in furthering mutual understanding and contributing to maritime security. It also reflected the shared commitment of the two navies to a secure, stable and peaceful maritime environment.





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