OPENING CEREMONY OF EXERCISE TIGER TRIUMPH 2026

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The Opening Ceremony of the **5th edition of the India–US Bilateral Tri-Service Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) Exercise,** Tiger Triumph 2026, was held at **Maritime Warfare Centre (MWC), Visakhapatnam on 02 Nov 2026.** The exercise, which is being conducted as a Tabletop Exercise (TTX) this year, aims to enhance coordination, joint planning and interoperability between the Armed Forces of both countries during large-scale HADR operations. **The Opening Ceremony was presided over by RAdm Vishal Bishnoi, Flag Officer Commanding Eastern Fleet, and RAdm Joaquin J Martinez de Pinillos, Vice Commander, US Pacific Fleet.**

The exercise reflects the deepening convergence of India–US strategic maritime interests and the growing defence partnership between the two nations. The present edition aims to further enhance interoperability and facilitate the conduct of Combined Joint All-Domain Operations, with a focus on planning and coordination for large-scale HADR operations.

Participating units from the Indian side include specialists from all domains of maritime operations from the Indian Navy, ground forces from the Indian Army and representatives from various units of the Indian Air Force, as well as Special Forces personnel from all three Services. A team from the NDRF will also participate for the first time in the 5th edition of Tiger Triumph 2026.

The US Joint Force comprises specialist representatives from various domains of the US Armed Forces, including the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps and Navy, as well as specialists in Space, Cyber, Medical and Explosive Ordnance Disposal.


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Tiger Triumph 2026
Opening Remarks
Rear Admiral Joaquin J. Martinez de Pinillos
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