

Over 25 Nations to Join Indian Navy Maritime Exercise in Kochi

Indian Navy will host 'Operation Southern Readiness 26-2', a four-day multinational maritime security training engagement, at the Southern Naval Command in Kochi.

A multinational maritime exercise aimed at enhancing security training, practical exposure, and exchange of best practices among naval personnel.

KEY EXAM POINTS

- The **Indian Navy** will host '**Operation Southern Readiness 26-2**', a **four-day** multinational maritime security training engagement.
- The exercise will take place at the **Southern Naval Command** in **Kochi** from **July 20 to 23, 2026**.
- Personnel from **over 25 nations** are expected to join the maritime exercise.
- The program aims to provide professional **maritime security training** and facilitate the exchange of **best practices**.
- This engagement highlights the Navy's growing role in **regional capacity building** through its association with the **Combined Maritime Forces (CMF)**.
- The **CMF** is a **multinational maritime partnership** comprising over **40 nations**.

STATICS & SYLLABUS FOCUS

The **Indian Navy** is one of the three branches of the **Indian Armed Forces**, responsible for safeguarding India's **maritime interests**.

The **Southern Naval Command**, headquartered in **Kochi, Kerala**, is one of the **three operational commands** of the Indian Navy.

Major multinational exercises conducted by the **Indian Navy** include **MILAN** and **Malabar**.

Defence is a subject listed under the **Union List (Entry 2)** in the **Seventh Schedule** of the **Indian Constitution**.

The **Ministry of Defence (MoD)** is the government body responsible for coordinating and supervising all agencies and functions of the government relating directly to **national security** and the **Indian Armed Forces**.

The **Combined Maritime Forces (CMF)** is a **multi-national naval partnership**, established in **2002**, to promote security, stability and prosperity across approximately **3.2 million square miles** of international waters.

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