

INS Sutlej – 18th Joint Hydrographic Survey (Mauritius)

Event

Ship: INS Sutlej – Hydrographic Survey Vessel, Indian Navy.

Location: Arrived at **Port Louis, Mauritius** – 29 Sept 2025.

Mission: 18th Joint Hydrographic Survey with Mauritius.

Details

Framework: Long-standing **MoU on Hydrography**, renewed at the 14th Joint Committee Meeting (2025).

Survey Area: ~35,000 sq. nautical miles.

Capacity Building: Mauritian officers from various ministries on board for training in: Hydrographic data collection, Processing & analysis.

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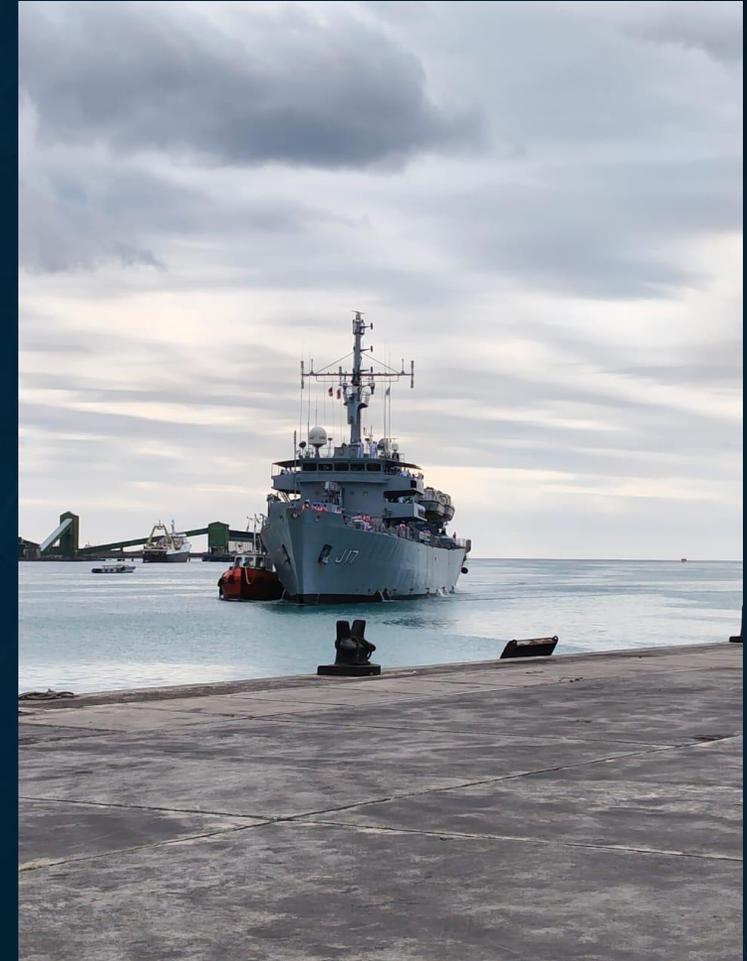
Significance

Strengthens India–Mauritius maritime cooperation.

Enhances navigational safety & sustainable ocean resource management.

Boosts regional collaboration in Indian Ocean Region (IOR).

Reflects India's role as a net security provider & partner in capacity-building.



Q1. INS Sutlej is a specialised vessel of which type?

- (a) Amphibious assault ship
- (b) Hydrographic survey vessel ✓
- (c) Missile corvette
- (d) Replenishment tanker

Q2. In September 2025, INS Sutlej arrived at which country for the 18th Joint Hydrographic Survey?

- (a) Seychelles
- (b) Sri Lanka
- (c) Mauritius ✓
- (d) Maldives

Q3. The current joint hydrographic survey with Mauritius will cover approximately how many sq. nautical miles?

- (a) 25,000
- (b) 30,000
- (c) 35,000 ✓
- (d) 40,000

Q4. The hydrography MoU between India and Mauritius was renewed during which committee meeting in 2025?

- (a) 12th
- (b) 13th
- (c) 14th ✓
- (d) 15th

Q5. The joint hydrographic survey mission reflects India and Mauritius's shared commitment towards:

- (a) Fighter aircraft co-production
- (b) Navigational safety & ocean resource management ✓
- (c) Land border defence
- (d) Space technology cooperation

⚓ **Kenya Navy Chief** Visit – Southern Naval Command (SNC), Kochi

📌 **Event**

Visitor: Major General Paul Owuor Otieno, Commander of the Kenya Navy.

Dates: 30 Sept – 2 Oct 2025.

Location: Southern Naval Command (SNC), Kochi.

Host: Vice Admiral V Srinivas, FOC-in-C, SNC.

🔑 **Key Highlights**

Discussions: Training engagement & maritime cooperation.

Appreciation: Indian Navy's Indian Ocean Ship – Sagar (IOS Sagar), crewed by 9 IOR nations (including Kenya).

Recent Cooperation: First Training Squadron's long-range deployment to Mombasa noted as milestone.

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👤✈️ **Activities During Visit**

Overview of Indian Navy's training frameworks.

Visits to:

Training schools at SNC.

Headquarters Sea Training → focus on operational sea training.

INS Kabra (Fast Attack Craft).

INHS Sanjivani (Naval hospital – multi-speciality facilities).

Demonstrations on advanced simulators & training infrastructure.

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🌐 **Significance**

India–Kenya naval training cooperation since **1990**.

Visit underscores:

Regional maritime security.

Capability enhancement & interoperability.

Shared commitment in IOR.

Q1. Major General Paul Owuor Otieno is the Commander of which Navy?

- (a) Nigeria
- (b) Kenya ✓
- (c) Tanzania
- (d) Mozambique

Q2. The Commander of Kenya Navy visited which Indian Naval Command in Sept–Oct 2025?

- (a) Eastern Naval Command
- (b) Western Naval Command
- (c) Southern Naval Command ✓
- (d) Andaman & Nicobar Command



Q3. Who is the Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief of Southern Naval Command as of 2025?

- (a) Admiral A P Singh
- (b) Vice Admiral V Srinivas ✓
- (c) Vice Admiral Rajesh Pendharkar
- (d) Vice Admiral Sanjay Singh

Q4. The Kenya Navy Chief appreciated which Indian Navy initiative involving nine IOR nations?

- (a) SAGAR Mission
- (b) Indian Ocean Ship – Sagar ✓
- (c) Mission Kaushal
- (d) Milan Exercise

Q5. Which Indian Navy ship (Fast Attack Craft) was visited by the Kenyan delegation at SNC?

- (a) INS Trikand
- (b) INS Kabra ✓
- (c) INS Shardul
- (d) INS Sujata

Q6. Since which year has the Indian Navy been conducting training cooperation with the Kenya Navy?

- (a) 1980
- (b) 1985
- (c) 1990 ✓
- (d) 2000

⚓ **INS Trikand** – Port Call at Taranto, Italy (Sept 2025)

📌 **Event**

Ship: INS Trikand – stealth frigate of Indian Navy (Talwar-class, Project 11356).

Date/Place: 28 Sept 2025, Taranto, Italy.

Deployment: Ongoing Mediterranean operational deployment.

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🔑 **Highlights of Visit**

Professional exchanges & cross-deck visits with Italian Navy → interoperability, best practices.

Courtesy Call: Capt Sachin Kulkarni (CO, INS Trikand) met Rear Admiral **Andrea Petroni**, Commander, Italian Navy's **Second Naval Division**.

Visit reflects **India–Italy maritime cooperation & defence ties**.

🌐 **Strategic Significance**

Italy = important partner in **EU & Mediterranean security**.

India's naval outreach → **Mediterranean, Red Sea, Atlantic linkages**.

Strengthens **diplomatic & maritime ties** under SAGAR vision (*Security and Growth for All in the Region*).

Builds **interoperability with NATO navies** → enhances global maritime presence.

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📌 **Basic Facts: INS Trikand**

Class: Talwar-class frigate (Improved Krivak III, Russian origin).

Commissioned: 29 June 2013 at Kaliningrad, Russia.

Features:

Stealth technology for reduced radar signature.

Multi-role: air defence, anti-submarine warfare, anti-surface warfare.

Equipped with **BrahMos supersonic cruise missiles**, advanced sonar, surface-to-air missiles.

Displacement: ~4,000 tonnes.

Speed: 30 knots.

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📖 **Historical Background** – India–Italy Naval Cooperation

India & Italy share ties in trade, maritime security, & defence industry.

Indian Navy ships have regularly visited Italian ports (e.g., Naples, Taranto) during long-range deployments.

Italy has been a key partner in **submarine & naval design technologies**.

Indian Navy's Mediterranean deployments also strengthen **India–EU outreach & Indo-Pacific–Euro-Atlantic connectivity**.

Q1. INS Trikand belongs to which class of warships?

- (a) Shivalik-class
- (b) Talwar-class ✓
- (c) Delhi-class
- (d) Kolkata-class

Q2. When was INS Trikand commissioned into the Indian Navy?

- (a) 2010
- (b) 2011
- (c) 2013 ✓
- (d) 2015

Q3. In September 2025, INS Trikand visited which Italian port city?

- (a) Naples
- (b) Taranto ✓
- (c) Genoa
- (d) Venice

Q4. Who is the Commanding Officer of INS Trikand during its 2025 Mediterranean deployment?

- (a) Capt Arvind Sharma
- (b) Capt Sachin Kulkarni ✓
- (c) Capt Sanjay Mehta
- (d) Capt Rajeev Nair

Q5. Which supersonic cruise missile system is fitted on INS Trikand?

- (a) Nirbhay
- (b) BrahMos ✓
- (c) Tomahawk
- (d) Astra

Q6. Rear Admiral Andrea Petroni commands which division of the Italian Navy?

- (a) First Naval Division
- (b) Second Naval Division ✓
- (c) Western Fleet
- (d) Adriatic Fleet

Q7. INS Trikand's visit to Taranto signifies strengthening defence ties between India and:

- (a) France
- (b) Spain
- (c) Italy ✓
- (d) Greece