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PRESS RELEASE

Visit of Indian Naval Ships to Thailand

In pursuance of India's 'Act East' policy, the Indian Navy's Eastern Fleet under the command of Rear Admiral Ajendra Bahadur Singh, VSM, Flag Officer Commanding Eastern Fleet, is on an operational deployment to South East Asia and Southern Indian Ocean. As part of this deployment, INS Satpura, an indigenously built guided missile stealth frigate commanded by Captain Hari Krishnan and INS Shakti, a sophisticated fleet tanker and support ship, commanded by Captain Vikram Menon, have arrived at Sattahip, Thailand on a four day visit. The visit is aimed at strengthening bilateral ties and fostering inter-operability between navies of the two friendly nations.

2. During the stay in harbour, various activities such as official calls, reception on board, ship open to visitors, guided tours for Indian naval personnel and professional interaction between personnel of both the navies, are planned. The ships along with two other i.e. INS Ranvir, a guided missile destroyer, and INS Kamorta, an indigenously built ASW Corvette, are on the return leg after a 45 day deployment. Other port calls undertaken during this deployment include Singapore, Jakarta (Indonesia), Freemantle (Australia) and Sihanoukville (Cambodia). During this deployment two warships also participated in the bilateral exercise SIMBEX-15 with the Royal Singapore Navy from 20-26 May 15.

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