

Embassy of India
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Two Indian Naval Ships visit Busan, South Korea

Two Indian Navy Ships, indigenously built, INS Shivalik (F-47) and INS Kamorta (P-28) visited Busan Naval Base for a “Turn Around” from 21-23 November 2022.

2. The ships were accorded a warm welcome by senior officers of the ROK Navy. Indian Ambassador to the Republic of Korea Mr. Amit Kumar visited INS Shivalik. He had a warm interaction with Commanding Officers, Capt. Saurabh Thakur (INS Shivalik) and Cdr Modit Soni (INS Kamorta), as well as with the crew of the two ships.

3. Ambassador Kumar also met Vice Admiral Kang Dong-hun, ROK Navy Fleet Commander. They discussed ongoing defence cooperation and welcomed the enhanced engagement between the two navies. Vice Admiral Kang also joined the welcome reception hosted by Ambassador onboard INS Shivalik. Members of the diplomatic corps, RoK officials, Indian community & friends from Korea attended the event.

4. The three-day port call included professional engagements, cross ship visits, community outreach and social interaction. The two Indian Navy Ships with almost 500 sailors onboard held professional interaction with 4,900-ton ROK Landing Ship Nojeokbong and conducted combined exercises including field drills and communication drills.

5. INS Shivalik is the first of the Project 17 class of ships, built by Mazagaon Docks Limited. The ship is indigenously designed, equipped with state of the art

weapon-sensor suit, which permits her to engage multiple threats from multiple domains.

6. INS Kamorta is one among the 1st ships of Project 28 (P28) class Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) stealth corvette, designed by Indian Navy and manufactured by Indian Shipbuilder (GRSE). The Ship is a versatile platform capable of blue water operations and equipped with state of the art equipment

7. The ship visit happened at a time of special significance. On 20 November, 72 years ago in 1950, the Indian 60 Para Field Ambulance - the largest medical supporting contingent - landed at Busan. It conducted more than 2300 surgeries, and administered medical treatment to thousands of injured soldiers and civilians in South Korea from November 1950 to February 1954 during and after the Korean War.

8. ROK and India established diplomatic relations in 1973 and will mark the 50th anniversary of diplomatic relations in 2023. The two countries have a Special Strategic partnership, of which a wide-ranging defence cooperation is an important pillar. Service level interaction between the two countries has been expanding in recent years.

9. ROK Navy participated in Exercise MILAN, conducted by the Indian Navy in February and Indian Navy participated in the Submarine Rescue Exercise conducted by ROK Navy in June this year. ROK Cruise Training Group visited Chennai in September on a Goodwill visit. The two Navy Chiefs held interaction and exchanged notes on the sidelines of West Pacific Naval Symposium (WPNS) at Japan earlier in the month.

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(Photos enclosed)

















