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India Hosts IONS Maritime Exercise in Kochi

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The exercise, known as the IONS Maritime Exercise (IMEX) Table-Top Exercise (TTX) 2026, was conducted by the Indian Navy. It is a simulated multinational exercise aimed at discussing and addressing evolving maritime security challenges without actual deployment of forces.

It brought together delegates and naval representatives from multiple IONS member countries, enhancing coordination and cooperation among participating navies.

Objectives of the Exercise

The primary objective of the exercise was to address non-traditional maritime security threats in the Indian Ocean Region, such as:

Piracy

Maritime terrorism

Human trafficking

Illegal fishing

Disaster response and humanitarian assistance

The exercise also focused on improving information sharing, interoperability, and coordinated response mechanisms among navies.

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About Indian Ocean Naval Symposium (IONS)

Launched in 2008 by India

A voluntary initiative for maritime cooperation among Indian Ocean littoral states

Comprises 25 member nations grouped into sub-regions

Aims to enhance:

Maritime security cooperation

Mutual trust and understanding

Humanitarian assistance and disaster relief (HADR)

Additional Key Facts

India has assumed IONS Chairmanship for 2026–2028, after a gap of 16 years.

The exercise aligns with India's maritime vision of SAGAR (Security and Growth for All in the Region).

The Indian Ocean Region is strategically important as it carries:

A major share of global trade

Critical energy supply routes (Sea Lines of Communication – SLOCs)