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Indian Navy Assumes Command of Multinational CTF-154 Task Force

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The Indian Navy has taken charge of **Combined Task Force 154 (CTF-154)**, a **multinational naval training group**.

This takeover took place on 11 February 2026 at the Combined Maritime Forces (CMF) headquarters in Manama, Bahrain.

Commodore Milind M. Mokashi, Shaurya Chakra, from the Indian Navy, became the new commander of CTF-154, replacing the outgoing commander from the Italian Navy.

About CTF-154

CTF-154 is part of the **Combined Maritime Forces (CMF)** — a large international naval partnership of around 47 nations working together to improve safety at sea.

It focuses on **training and building skills of member countries' naval personnel**. This includes areas like maritime awareness, maritime law, rescue operations, and leadership.

CTF-154 was created in May 2023 and hosts training events across the Middle East.

Why this matters

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This is the **first time** the Indian Navy has **ever led a CMF task force**, marking an **important step in India's role in global maritime security**.

It shows trust from other nations in India's naval skill and leadership.

What CTF-154 does

The task force helps navies from many countries train together so they can handle shared challenges at sea.

Training covers ship tracking, law enforcement at sea, maritime rescue, and leadership skills.

Bigger picture

CTF-154 is one of several CMF task forces. Others focus on maritime security, anti-piracy, and security in key sea regions.

Leading this force strengthens India's international cooperation and role in keeping major sea routes safe