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## **Indian and Singapore Navies Participate in Joint Anti-Submarine Warfare Exercise**

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The Indian Navy (IN) and the Republic of Singapore Navy (RSN) will conduct a ten-day anti-submarine warfare exercise off Cochin, India, from 22 Feb to 3 Mar 97. This is the fourth such exercise to be conducted between the two navies since the first in Feb 93.

The ships participating in this exercise are INS GODAVARI and INS SHANKUL from the IN, and two RSN Missile Corvettes, RSS VIGOUR and RSS VICTORY. The RSN Fleet Commander, Rear Admiral Larry Loon, will be in Cochin for the opening ceremony of the exercise on 22 Feb. When the ships are in harbour, men from the two navies will also participate in various sporting activities.

The exercise reflects the strengthening of ties between the RSN and the IN. The two navies benefit professionally from their interactions and look forward to closer cooperation in the future. Through such interactions, the men and officers from both navies also develop ties of friendship.

The two RSN ships earlier participated in MILAN 97, from 14 to 18 Feb. Hosted by the IN, this is a social and cultural event involving the gathering of regional navies at Port Blair.