

# Exercises and visits

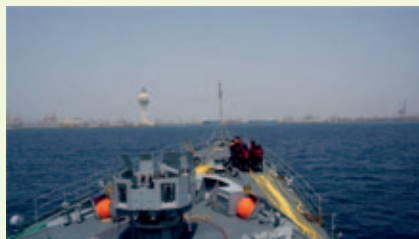
## Visit of INS Kolkata to Djibouti



INS Kolkata visited Djibouti from 4-7 May 22, as part of the anti-piracy patrol being undertaken by the Indian Navy to ensure safe transit of merchant vessels in the Gulf of Aden. Captain Prashant Handu, the Commanding Officer called on Colonel Ahmed Daher Djama, Commander of the National Navy of Djibouti and Colonel Wais Omar Bogoreh, Commander-in-Chief of Djibouti Coast Guard during the visit. Both dignitaries also visited INS Kolkata, along with personnel from the Djibouti Navy and Coast Guard. The courtesy and camaraderie exhibited by the Djibouti Coast Guard and Navy to INS Kolkata “reflects the strong friendship they share with the Indian Navy”.

## Visit of 1TS to Jeddah, Saudi Arabia

The ships of First Training Squadron visited to Jeddah, Saudi Arabia as part of their five nation Overseas Deployment. Captain Aftab Ahmed Khan, Senior Officer, First Training Squadron along with Commanding Officers of the 1TS ships called on Rear Admiral Yahya Bin Mohammed Al-Assiri, Western Fleet Commander of the Royal Saudi Naval Forces. Issues of bilateral naval cooperation and training initiatives between the two countries were discussed. During the visit,



the ships were involved in interaction with officials from Royal Navy of Saudi Arabia and various other dignitaries as well as training exchange.

## INS Gharial to Seychelles – Mission Sagar IX

As part of ongoing deployment of Indian Naval Ship Gharial in South West Indian Ocean, under Mission SAGAR IX, the Ship called at Port Victoria, Seychelles from 11 to 14 May 2022. Following up on the proposal received from the Govt of Seychelles earlier, three ceremonial Saluting Guns, with ammunition, were delivered by the ship to



the Seychelles Defence Forces (SDF). These were formally presented by Gen Dalbir Singh Suhag (Retd), High Commissioner of India to Seychelles to Brigadier Michael Rosette, the Chief of Defence (CDF), SDF in a solemn ceremony held onboard INS Gharial on 13 May 2022. INS Gharial also transshipped one 15 m Wave Rider Patrol Boat, sourced by Seychelles from Colombo and was handed over to Seychelles Defence Forces (SDF).

During the stay of the Ship at Seychelles, the Indian Navy facilitated training of SDF personnel in domain specific maritime disciplines. Coming close to the recent official visit of Admiral R Hari Kumar, Chief of the Naval Staff, Indian Navy to Seychelles from 21-23 Apr 2022, the activities undertaken during the port call of INS Gharial, amply “demonstrate the commitment of Indian Navy in making positive contribution to capacity building and capability enhancement efforts of the Seychelles Defence Forces”.

Before calling at Port Victoria, the ship had also visited Colombo, Sri Lanka and Male, Maldives to deliver essential medical supplies. Successive deployments of the Indian Navy under Mission SAGAR are aligned with the vision of ‘Security And Growth for All in the Region’ and strengthen the concept of ‘Collective Responsibility’ for maritime security in the Indian Ocean Region.

## Indian Army’s Integrated Battle Group exercise



Lt Gen Nav K Khanduri reviewed offensive manoeuvres of newly test bedded IBGs of the Rising Star Corps on 20 May 2022. The operational Synergy exhibited by integrated application of numerous force multipliers reflected enhanced combat potential of the IBGs.