

French carrier strike group in India



Deployed in the Indian Ocean as part of Mission CLEMENCEAU 25, the French carrier strike group (CSG), comprising the aircraft carrier FNS Charles De Gaulle, its embarked air fleet and its escort vessels (frigates and supply ships), made stopovers at Goa and Kochi from 4–6 January 2025.

The CSG is deployed in the Indian Ocean, where it conducted joint training sessions with its regional partners and allies, notably India, before it moved on to



the Indonesian zone for Exercise La Perouse, and then to the Pacific Ocean for Exercise Pacific Steller.

India has been France's foremost strategic partner since 1998, and the excellent Indo–French military cooperation is characterised by numerous bilateral exercises such as Shakti on land, Varuna at sea and Garuda in air. India also plays host for numerous operational stopovers made by French Navy vessels, accounting for 16 port calls since 2022.

