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First Training Squadron Departs Seychelles, Reinforcing Maritime Cooperation

Chennai, 18 Oct 2026: Ships of the Indian Navy's First Training Squadron (1TS) — INS Tir, INS Sujata, and Indian Coast Guard Ship Sarathi — departed Port Victoria, Sey chelles, on 15 Oct 2026, on completion of their port call, which commenced on 12 Oct 2026, during the ongoing training deployment.

The engagement reinforced the long standing India-Seychelles partnership through professional training, capacity building, and inter actions with the country's leadership and maritime community.

During the port call, Senior Officer, First Training Squadron, along with the Commanding Officers of the visiting ships, called on Maj Gen Michael Rosette, Chief of Defence Forces, Seychelles Defence Force (SDF).

Discus sions focused on the endur ing partnership and bilateral cooperation between the two forces.

The programme featured professional activities and cross-training visits, along with firefighting and small-arms training for SDF personnel.

The First Training Squadron also conducted a Passage Exercise (PASSEX) with Seychelles Coast Guard Ship Andro mache, featuring joint patrolling, communi cation drills, and coordinated mano euvres. Outreach initiatives included a medical camp , distribution of essential supplies at the Point La Rue elderly home, a visit by schoolchildren, and a musical performance by the Indian Navy Band.

The deployment underscores the strong bonds of friendship between India and Seychelles and reflects the Indian Navy's com mit ment to capacity building and regional partnerships in line with the vision of MAHASAGAR (Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions).