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INAUGURAL INDIA–MYANMAR BILATERAL TRI-SERVICES HADR EXERCISE ‘RAHAT MITRA’ CONCLUDES AT CHENNAI



CHENNAI – 10 Nov, 2026 The inaugural bilateral Tri-Services Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) Exercise ‘RAHAT MITRA’, conducted between the Defence Forces of India and Myanmar on 05 and 06 Nov 2026, concluded at Chennai. The two-day exercise brought together personnel from the Indian Navy, Indian Army and Indian Air Force, along with a delegation from the Myanmar Defence Forces, to enhance operational interoperability, improve coordination and facilitate the exchange of Best Practices in disaster response operations.

The exercise commenced with a focus on joint planning and familiarisation with HADR capabilities. A Table-Top Exercise (TTX), based on a severe cyclone scenario, facilitated discussions on coordinated response mechanisms and joint disaster management protocols. The participating contingents also witnessed demonstrations of obstacle clearance and bridge-laying capabilities by the Indian Army and visited INS Sukanya to gain insights into the Indian Navy’s shipborne HADR capabilities. (https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2333709)