



Southern Naval Command Ships In Colombo

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IN Ships Tir, Sujata, Sudarshini, Shardul and Coast Guard Ship Sarathi belonging to the First Training Squadron (1 TS) of the Indian Navy functioning under the Southern Naval Command (SNC), headquartered at Kochi are visiting Colombo, Sri Lanka from 02 to 06 Nov 17. The visit is aimed to expose the trainees to the conduct of *IN* warship in foreign waters, port familiarisation and foster 'bridges of friendship' between the two countries. 1TS comprises 6 ships including indigenously built ships (INS Tir, Sujata, Shardul), ICGS Sarathi and two Sail Training Ships, (INS Sudarshini and Tarangini). The Training Squadron is helmed by Captain DJ Revan, Senior Officer First Training Squadron, who is also Commanding Officer INS Tir. At the First Training Squadron, the *IN* also trains officers from friendly foreign countries.

On 02 Nov, the Senior Officer 1TS and other commanding officers of the visiting Indian naval ships called on the Commander of the Sri-Lanka Navy, Vice Admiral SS Ranasinghe. Later, Indian trainee officers led by the senior officer of 1 TS visited the IPKF memorial and laid wreaths while the ships were visited by Sri-Lanka NCC cadets.

The Indian Navy has imparted training to international trainees for more than four decades, and approximately 13,500 personnel from over 40 countries have been trained. Presently **136** officers and **122** sailors from Sri Lanka are undergoing various Ab-initio to advanced courses at SNC. SNC is the Training Command of the Indian Navy which is headed by Vice Admiral AR Karve, AVSM, Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief, (FOC-in-C)

SNC has gained the reputation of being the finest training destination by maintaining a focussed approach to provide high quality training and by constant adaptation to evolving tactics and technologies

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