

PASSEX and EEZ surveillance in Mauritius

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The ships of the Indian Navy's First Training Squadron (1TS) (INS Tir, ICGS Sarathi, and INS Shardul) made port calls at La Réunion (France) and Port Louis (Mauritius) as part of their Long Range Training Deployment.

- France: At La Réunion, INS Tir and ICGS Sarathi held a <u>Passage Exercise (PASSEX)</u> with the French Navy and discussed regional security and strengthening the <u>India-France naval partnership.</u>
- **Mauritius:** At Port Louis, INS Shardul conducted joint <u>Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ)</u> patrols, training, and outreach with Mauritius, boosting <u>India-Mauritius ties.</u>
- Significance: The concurrent 1TS port calls at La Réunion and Mauritius highlight India's commitment to maritime cooperation, regional stability, and the <u>MAHASAGAR</u> vision in the <u>Indian Ocean Region</u>.

INS Tir	It is the first dedicated Indian Navy cadet training
	ship, d <mark>esigned by</mark> the Navy and built by Mazagon
	Dock Ltd ., Mumbai. It is based at Kochi and
	equipped with a Decca collision avoidance plot and
	a SATNAV (Satellite Navigation) system.
Indian Coast Guard ship Sarathi	It is the third indigenously built offshore patrol
	vessel (OPV) by Goa Shipyard Ltd., it enhances
	the Coast Guard's operational capability along
	India's western coastline and island territories.
INS Shardul	It is the lead ship of its amphibious warfare
	class, and is based at Kochi. It has conducted cadet
	training, Indian Ocean surveillance, and
	humanitarian missions, including relief to
	Madagascar in 2020, the largest relief load by an
	Indian warship.

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