

**High Commission of India
Nairobi**

Indian Naval Ship Talwar Visits Kenya



1. Indian Naval Ship - INS Talwar is scheduled to participate in the Exercise Cutlass Express which is being conducted at and off Mombasa from 26 July 2021 to 06 August 2021.
2. Cutlass Express is a U.S. Naval Forces Africa led, all-domain exercise in East African coastal regions and the West Indian Ocean. The exercise is designed to assess and improve combined maritime law enforcement capacity and promote national and regional security in East Africa and to increase interoperability.
3. As part of INS Talwar's visit to Mombasa, during this period, in addition to Cutlass Express – 21, various other professional interactions are also planned with the Kenya Navy. The Ship during its stay at Mombasa will also host a number of events to build stronger bridges of friendships with Kenya, Indian community and host of other partners in addition to the Cutlass Express participants.
4. India's commitment for the countries along East Coast of Africa, and the Western IOR is further going to be strengthened with the visit of INS Talwar and is in keeping with India's policy or doctrine of maritime cooperation in the Indian Ocean region called Security and Growth for All in the Region (SAGAR).
5. INS Talwar gets its name from the traditional sword, and is the first of the Talwar class stealth frigates commissioned into the Indian Navy in 2003. INS Talwar has a length of 125 meters and is capable of speeds upto 30 knots. She is equipped with an array of weapons and sensors which include surface to surface and surface to air missiles, medium and short-range guns, anti-submarine torpedoes, rockets and an advanced electronic warfare and communication suite. The ship is capable of operating the Kamov 31 Airborne Early Warning, Kamov 28 Anti-Submarine Warfare and Chetak Search and Rescue helicopters. This enables the ship to perform a wide variety of roles which includes coastal and offshore patrolling, monitoring of sea lines of communication, maritime diplomacy, counter terrorism and anti-piracy operations.

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