

Exercise Komodo 2025 in Indonesia

The Indian Navy is actively participating in the International Fleet Review (IFR) 2025 and the Multilateral Naval Exercise Komodo (MNEK) 2025 in Indonesia, demonstrating its commitment to maritime cooperation and regional security.

International Fleet Review (IFR) 2025

- The Indian Navy has deployed **INS Shardul** and a **Long-Range Maritime Surveillance P8I aircraft** to participate in the prestigious **International Fleet Review (IFR) 2025** in **Bali, Indonesia**.
- The event commenced on **February 15, 2025**, and will conclude on **February 22, 2025**.
- IFR 2025 celebrates the **80th anniversary of the Indonesian Navy's formation** and serves as a significant platform for showcasing maritime capabilities and fostering naval diplomacy.
- The fleet review will be conducted by the **President of Indonesia**, with participation from naval forces of **various nations**.
- Apart from the fleet review, the Indian Navy will engage in **high-level dialogues**, including the **International Maritime Security Symposium** and **tactical floor games**.

Multilateral Naval Exercise Komodo (MNEK) 2025

- Following the **International Fleet Review**, **INS Shardul** and the **P8I aircraft** will join **Exercise Komodo 2025**, a **multilateral naval exercise** hosted by Indonesia.
- Themed "**Maritime Partnership for Peace and Stability**", the exercise aims to enhance **maritime interoperability and regional security cooperation**.
- **39 countries**, including **Türkiye**, are participating in this **week-long exercise**, which features **34 foreign warships** and **18 Indonesian Navy vessels**.
- **Key components** of the exercise include:
 - **Maritime Search and Rescue (SAR) drills**
 - **Humanitarian assistance and disaster relief (HADR) training**

- **Officer exchange programs**
- **Bilateral meetings between naval forces**
- **An international maritime security symposium**
- **A defense exhibition and cultural parades**
- This is the **fifth edition** of **Exercise Komodo**, first launched in **2014** as a **non-combat** military exercise aimed at fostering maritime cooperation among friendly nations.
- In his opening remarks, **Adm. Muhammad Ali, Chief of Staff of the Indonesian Navy**, emphasized the need for **collaborative maritime security efforts** to address evolving challenges in the Indo-Pacific region.

India's Bilateral Exercises with Indonesia

Apart from multilateral engagements, India and Indonesia share a strong defense partnership, highlighted by **bilateral military exercises**, such as:

- **Garuda Shakti - Army exercise**
- **Samudra Shakti - Naval exercise**

Significance of India's Participation

- Strengthens maritime cooperation with **ASEAN nations and Indo-Pacific partners**.
- Reinforces India's commitment to **freedom of navigation, regional security, and humanitarian assistance**.
- Provides an opportunity for the Indian Navy to **enhance interoperability with other naval forces** and **showcase its advanced capabilities**.

By participating in IFR 2025 and Exercise Komodo, the **Indian Navy continues to play a crucial role in maintaining peace, stability, and cooperation in the Indo-Pacific region**.

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