



PRESS NOTE

VISIT OF INS TRIKAND TO VALENCIA, 28-31 August 2015

Madrid, August 31, 2015

In continuation of the Indian Navy's overseas deployment to West Asia, Africa and Europe, an Indian naval warship, INS Trikand, arrived at Valencia on 28 August, 2015 for a three day visit. The warship engaged extensively with the Spanish Navy during her stay in the country. Apart from professional interactions, sports and social engagements also took place, thus enhancing co-operation and understanding between these two important navies.

INS Trikand, commanded by Captain Vinay Kalia, is part of the Indian Navy's Western Fleet and operates under the Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Western Naval Command, headquartered at Mumbai. The frigate is a modern and contemporary warship, designed to be stable, stealthy, fast and formidable. With long reach and a state-of-the-art combat suite, the ship is designed to undertake a wide spectrum of naval operations. Among others, the present deployment contributes to the continuing effort to deal with the menace of piracy.

India and Spain have enjoyed warm relations in several spheres. A number of bilateral arrangements for co-operation and cultural exchange exist between the two nations. This visit sought to underscore India's willingness and ability to work closely with friendly countries on maritime issues of mutual concern and, in particular, to strengthen further the existing bonds between India and Spain.

After a fruitful visit to Valencia, INS Trikand departs today for its next port of call as part of its overseas deployment.



INS Trikand



Ambassador on board INS Trikand in Valencia, 28 August