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## **CHIEF OF THE NAVAL STAFF VISITS MYANMAR**



Admiral Nirmal Verma, CNS called-On HE U Thein Sein, President of Myanmar

Chief of the Naval Staff, Admiral Nirmal Verma visited Myanmar from 24 to 26 Aug 11. The visit was aimed at enhancing the existing Navy-to-Navy cooperation as also to impress upon top-level Myanmar government including defence authorities the need for closer interaction between the two navies to address common concerns by enhancing service-to-service relationship.

During the visit Admiral Nirmal Verma made a courtesy call on the President of Myanmar, HE U Thein Sein. In addition, the CNS had a series of meetings with the high ranking officers of the Myanmar Armed Forces including the Commander in Chief of Myanmar Defence Forces Gen Ming Aung Hlaing and Commander in Chief of Myanmar Navy Vice Adm Nyan Tun.

The discussions with the Myanmar senior leadership covered a range of issues that influence regional security, particularly in the maritime domain and mutually beneficial issues pertaining to defence cooperation. Ways and means to enhance naval cooperation in terms of training as also material assistance towards capability enhancement were discussed.