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FAREWELL AT SEA FOR VICE ADMIRAL KN SUSHIL, FLAG OFFICER COMMANDING IN CHIEF, SOUTHERN NAVAL COMMAND



OFF KOCHI: Indian Navy Ships bidding Farewell to VAdm KN Sushil Flag Officer Commanding in Chief, SNC

In a farewell ceremony conducted at sea on 17 May 12, off the coast of Kochi, Vice Admiral KN Sushil, Flag Officer Commanding in Chief reviewed the preparedness of the operational units of Southern Naval Command. This was the last time the Admiral spent time with sea going units since he is slated to retire from Naval Service on on 31st May 12, after nearly 40 years. The Admiral who is a doyen among submarine branch was one of the pioneers who inducted the modern Shishumar Class submarines in the Navy. The Admiral as the first Inspector General Nuclear Safety of Indian Navy, had laid the ground work for induction of advanced nuclear submarines like INS Chakra.

Eight ships from Southern Naval Command participated in the manouvres held off Kochi coast during which the ships displayed their operational prowess. INS Tir, the senior ship of the 1st Training Squadron based at Kochi was designated as the Flag Ship of the Commander-in-Chief. Naval aircrafts from INS Garuda which participated in the event were Dorniers, Seakings, Chetaks and Dhruvs (ALH).

Vice Admiral Sushil addressed the men onboard the ships and exhorted them to always keep the Naval Ensign flying high and remain sharp and ready to defend the interests of the nation.



OFF KOCHI: VAdm KN Sushil Flag Officer Commanding in Chief, SNC receiving salute from INS Sudarshini on his farewell ceremony at sea