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JAPANESE NAVY SHIPS STOPS AT KOCHI **BEFORE ANTI PIRACY PATROL**



**Captain Yamamoto of Japanese Navy presenting a Memento to
Rear Admiral Sudarshan Shrikhande, Chief of Staff, Southern Naval Command**

JDS Sazanami and JDS Inazuma of Japanese Maritime Self Defence Force (JMSDF), called at Kochi for a brief fuelling stopover on their way for anti piracy deployment in the Gulf of Eden. The Ships which are part of Escort Division Eight of JMSDF will be away from their base port of Kure in Hiroshima prefecture for about 5 months. Captain Yoshikiyo Yamamoto, Commander Escort Division Eight is embarked as the Senior Officer on board JDS Sazanami.

The visiting Japanese Navy delegation accompanied by Colonel Nobutaka Mikasa, the Japanese Defence Attaché to India, called on Rear Admiral SY Shrikhande, Chief of Staff of Southern Naval Command. Admiral Shrikhande conveyed deepest condolences on the loss of life in the recent tragedy in Japan to the visiting Japanese Officers and expressed solidarity with the people of Japan as they brave the aftermath of the disaster. Earlier, a group of Officers from Southern Naval Command visited the Japanese warships. There were also official briefings and professional exchanges on anti piracy operations between the two Navies. Later a lunch was hosted in honour of the visiting Japanese Warships in which Vice Admiral Anurag G Thapliyal, Commandant Indian Naval Academy also attended.

The ships are likely to depart Kochi on 01 Apr 11.