



# Exercise Varuna 2021

The 19<sup>th</sup> edition of the Indian and French Navy bilateral exercise VARUNA-2021 was conducted in the Arabian Sea 25-27 April 2021.

From the Indian Navy's side, guided missile stealth destroyer INS Kolkata, guided missile frigates INS Tarkash and INS Talwar, Fleet Support Ship INS Deepak, with Seaking 42B and Chetak integral helicopters, a Kalvari class submarine and P8I Long Range Maritime Patrol Aircraft, participated. The French Navy was represented by the aircraft carrier Charles-de-Gaulle with Rafale-M fighters, E2C Hawkeye aircraft and helicopters Caïman M and Dauphin embarked, Horizon-class air defence destroyer Chevalier Paul, Aquitaine-class multi-missions frigate FNS Provence with a Caïman M helicopter embarked and Command and supply ship Var. The Indian side was led by Rear Admiral Ajay Kochhar, Nau Sena Medal, Flag Officer Commanding Western Fleet, while the French side was led by Rear Admiral Marc Aussedat, Commander Task Force 473.

