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**Indian Naval Ship to visit the Port of Durban (South Africa)**

To commemorate thirty years of diplomatic partnership with South Africa Indian Naval Ship *Sunayna* will visit the Port of Durban. The visit seeks to highlight the significance accorded by India to strengthen the bond with South Africa.

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**President Murmu on the Launch of Warship**

After the launch of new warship 'INS Vindhyagiri' in West Bengal, the President said that the Indian Navy must remain proactive in tackling security threats. She also talked about the importance of the ocean for a country's well-being and growth.

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**India's Submarine INS VAGIR en route Australia**

The Indian Navy's *INS Vagir* marks a landmark milestone as it will reach Fremantle as part of the extended range deployment to Australia for the first time . This strategic deployment follows the deployment of IAF C-130 and Indian Navy Dornier maritime patrol aircraft to the Cocos Islands. These islands are positioned in proximity to Indonesia and in the Southern Indian Ocean, hence, are pivotal for maritime routes in the IOR. Therefore, this deployment marks a strategic leap for India's influence in the IOR and enhances India's commitment to secure international maritime cooperation and to secure vital sea routes.

[URL:https://www.ndtv.com/india-news/indias-submarine-ins-vagir-on-extended-range-deployment-to-australia-4312058](https://www.ndtv.com/india-news/indias-submarine-ins-vagir-on-extended-range-deployment-to-australia-4312058)