

Coastal defence exercise Sea Vigil 21 concludes

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NEW DELHI, JAN 14, 2021: INDIA'S two-day coastal defence exercise, Sea Vigil 21, concluded on Wednesday, the Ministry of Defence said today. The conceptual and geographical expanse of the exercise, held on 12-13 January, included the entire coastline and exclusive economic zone (EEZ) of the country.

The exercise involved deployment of the entire coastal security apparatus and more than 110 surface assets of the Indian Navy and Coast Guard participated. In addition, a large number of Marine Police and Customs assets were also deployed.

The entire coastline was kept under surveillance by the Navy and Coast Guard aircrafts, and helicopters were also pressed into service to reinforce Special Operations personnel operating onboard offshore platforms.

"Contingencies from peace to war-time were exercised. In addition, mitigation measures, on shore, in case of any breach in coastal security were also validated," the Defence Ministry said.

The State Police teams, Indian Navy Marine Commandos and Commandos from National Security Guard were exercised to tackle acts of maritime terrorism.

Security mechanism of ports was also validated during the exercise and the crisis management plans of all ports were assessed for their effectiveness to tackle emergencies.

This exercise also validated the technical surveillance infrastructure called the National Command, Control, Communication and Intelligence (NC3I) Network. The Information Management and Analysis Centre (IMAC) at Gurugram and its various nodes across the Navy and Coast Guard stations were exercised for coordinating the surveillance and information dissemination mechanism.