

# INDIA, THAILAND, SINGAPORE NAVAL EXERCISE CONCLUDES

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Matching skills: Indian Navy ships participating in the India, Singapore and Thailand Trilateral Maritime Exercise, SITMEX-2020, in the Andaman Sea. ANIANI

The second edition of the India, Thailand and Singapore trilateral naval exercise, SITMEX-20, concluded in the Andaman Sea on Sunday. The 27th edition of India-Singapore bilateral maritime exercise, SIMBEX-20, is scheduled to be held in the same area from November 23 to 25.

“The exercise, being conducted as a ‘non-contact, at sea only’ exercise in view of COVID-19 pandemic, highlights growing synergy, coordination and cooperation in the maritime domain between the three friendly navies and maritime neighbours,” the Navy said in a statement.

The Indian Navy deployed indigenous Anti-Submarine Warfare corvette *INS Kamorta* and missile corvette *INS Karmuk* for the exercise held on November 21 and 22 and hosted by the Singapore Navy.

Singapore deployed a ‘Formidable’ Class frigate *Intrepid* and ‘Endurance’ Class Landing Ship Tank *Endeavour* and the Royal Thai Navy deployed a ‘Chao Phraya’ Class frigate *Kraburi* for the exercise.

The first edition of the exercise was hosted by the Indian Navy and was held off Port Blair in the month of September last year.

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