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COMMONWEALTH NAVAL EXERCISES  
SECOND PHASE IN BAY OF BENGAL

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Ships of the Indian Fleet sailed from Cochin on Sunday morning for phase II of the Commonwealth Joint Exercise and Training period (JET) 1960. They included INS MYSORE, flying the flag of Rear-Admiral A. Chakraverti, the Flag Officer Commanding the Indian Fleet, the Cruiser DELHI, the destroyers GODAVARI, GOMATI and GANGA, the frigates KIRPAN, KUTHAR, KHUKRI and CAUVERY.

The first phase of the exercises, just concluded, was held simultaneously off Singapore, Cochin and Karachi. The programme off Cochin was conducted under the tactical command of the Flag Officer Commanding the Indian Fleet, with logistic and shore facilities being provided by the Commodore-in-Charge, Cochin, Commodore S. G. Karmarkar.

The exercises off Cochin centered round the British Submarine TACTICIAN and they provided very good value to the participating ships, which in addition to those of the Indian Fleet, included H.M. Ships LOCH FYNE, the VIJAYA of the Royal Ceylon Navy, and the Royal Fleet Auxiliary GOLD RANGER. The Indian Naval Tanker SHAKTI and the Store Ship DHARINI were also in the force. The air component was provided by planes of the Indian Navy's Fleet Air Arm, the Indian Air Force and by a detachment of the Royal Ceylon Air Force.

The succeeding phases of the JET will take the ships off the Andaman Islands and to Trincomalee. They are expected to finally return to Cochin on March 3.

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