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FLYING WELCOME TO VIKRANT

All-Jet Fly-past By I.A.F.

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The Air Force will accord "flying welcome" to its sister Service, Indian Navy's first aircraft carrier, Vikrant, when it reaches India on November 3.

The Senior Air Staff Officer of the Operational Command, Air Commodore Y.V. Malse, was here until this morning to finalise details with the Flag Officer Commanding the Indian Fleet, Rear-Admiral B.S. Soman, and the Flag Officer Bombay, Rear-Admiral S.G. Karmarkar. Senior officers from the Poona Air Force Station, from where the IAF aircraft are to operate, including the Station Commander, Group Captain S.J. Dastur, and squadron commanders of the participating units, also attended the discussions.

Weather permitting, the Air Force plans to put up an all-jet fly-past by Canberras, Hunters and Vampires to welcome Vikrant when she will still be about 30 miles off the coast of Bombay.

The Air Force fly-past for Vikrant has been planned to take place soon after a flying demonstration by "Seahawks" of the No. 300 Squadron and before another flying demonstration by "Alizes" aircraft of the No. 310 Squadron--both of which are permanently based on Vikrant as the aircraft carrier's main fighting force, and will operate from its deck.

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