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PRIME MINISTER TO WITNESS NAVAL EXERCISES

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The Prime Minister, Mrs. Indira Gandhi, will have a brief stop-over at Cochin on her return from Ceylon to pay her first visit to the Indian Navy since assuming office. The main purpose of her visit will be to witness Indian Navy exercises in the Arabian Sea.

Arriving at the naval air station at Cochin on the evening of September 21, she will be flown by naval helicopter to the aircraft carrier, INS "Vikrant", flagship of the naval fleet which will be out at sea.

Early the next morning (September 22), the fleet will be put through its paces by Vice Admiral A.K. Chatterji, Chief of the Naval Staff, who is specially flying down from Delhi for the Prime Minister's visit.

Soon after noon on September 22, while the fleet is still out at sea, Mrs. Gandhi will fly back from "Vikrant" in a helicopter to the Cochin naval base from where she will take off for Goa.

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