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# USS John P. Murtha & Indian Navy conduct maritime exercises



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BAY OF BENGAL (June 14, 2019) (NNS) -- The San Antonio-class amphibious transport dock ship **USS John P. Murtha (LPD 26)** with embarked elements from the 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU) participated in maneuvering and communication drills with Indian navy ship, Rajput-class destroyer INS Ranvijay (D 55) in the Bay of Bengal, June 14. The interaction between the U.S. and Indian navies this year prepares both maritime forces to conduct their first bi-lateral, tri-services amphibious exercise.



John P. Murtha recently finished a scheduled port visit in Visakhapatnam, India, where Sailors and Marines strengthened partnerships by holding professional exchanges with their Indian Navy counterparts, conducting community relationship-building projects, and hosting U.S. Consul General Hyderabad's English ACCESS Microscholarship program participants onboard for a ship tour.

John P. Murtha, currently on its maiden deployment and part of the Boxer Amphibious Ready Group (ARG) and the 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU) team, is deployed to the 7th Fleet area of operation to support regional stability, reassure partners and allies, and maintain a presence postured to respond to any crisis ranging from humanitarian assistance to contingency operations.

For more news from USS Boxer (LHD 4), visit [www.navy.mil/local/lhd4/](http://www.navy.mil/local/lhd4/).

**Webmaster's Note:** **USS *John P. Murtha* (LPD-26)** is the 10th *San Antonio*-class amphibious transport dock ship of the United States Navy and is named in honor of Congressman John Murtha (1932–2010) of Pennsylvania.

