GOODWILL VISIT BY AN INDIAN NAVAL WARSHIP, INS TARKASH TO NIGERIA TO MARK INDIA-NIGERIA @ 60

INS Tarkash on her way to Lagos, Nigeria

1. Indian Naval Warship, INS Tarkash will be paying a goodwill visit to Lagos, Nigeria from 5 September 2019 to 8 September 2019. The visit of the Indian warship coincides with the celebrations to mark 60 years of establishment of bilateral relations between India and Nigeria (India-Nigeria @ 60).

2. INS Tarkash is a state-of-the-art frigate commissioned into the Indian Navy on 9 November 2012. The well-equipped ship is manned by a motivated crew and is one of the highly potent platforms of the Indian Navy’s Western Fleet.

3. The ship will engage extensively with the Nigerian Navy including professional interactions and joint exercises, sports events and social engagements, which would go a long way in enhancing cooperation and understanding between the two navies.

4. The visit of INS Tarkash reiterates the strong bond and growing bilateral defence cooperation between India and Nigeria. It also reflects the commitment of the Indian Navy to collaborate with the Nigerian Navy in the face of growing global maritime security challenges, especially in the Gulf of Guinea.