

Sri Lankan Survey Operation Completed



Indian Naval Ship '*Darshak*', which has been on a two-month deployment to Sri Lanka, has successfully completed surveys of Weligama Bay and the southern coast of Sri Lanka. The result of the survey was formally handed over by Captain Peush Pawsey, Commanding Officer of INS '*Darshak*', to Vice Admiral RC Wijegunaratne, WV, RWP & Bar, RSP, VSV, USP, ndc, psn, Commander of Sri Lanka Navy (SLN), at a ceremony held at Colombo on 12 May 2017.

The survey operations were undertaken in three phases and ship also visited Colombo and Galle harbours. The ship and her survey motor boats fitted with multibeam echosounders and a helicopter were extensively deployed and hydrographic survey data for over 7,000 nautical miles was collected. SLN personnel had embarked the ship during

conduct of joint survey operations and were imparted training on various aspects of hydrographic survey. The successful completion of the maiden joint hydrographic survey with SLN further strengthens maritime cooperation between the two navies.