



SAGAR MAITRI

- Oceanographic research vessel of [Defence Research and Development Organisation \(DRDO\)](#) , **INS Sagardhwani**, embarked on a two-month-long **SAGAR MAITRI Mission-2**.
- SAGAR MAITRI is a unique initiative of DRDO with the broad objective of “**Safety And Growth for All in the Region (SAGAR)**” to promote closer co-operation in socio-economic aspects as well as greater scientific interaction especially in ocean research among **Indian Ocean Rim (IOR)** countries.
- “**MAITRI (Marine & Allied Interdisciplinary Training and Research Initiative)**” is the specific scientific component of DRDO.

Objectives of SAGAR MAITRI

- The prime objectives of the SAGAR MAITRI Mission are data collection from the entire North Indian Ocean, focussing on the Andaman Sea and adjoining seas and establishing a long-term collaboration with eight IOR countries in the field of ocean research and development.
- The programme also aims at establishing long term scientific collaboration with these countries in the field of ‘Ocean Research & Development’ and data collection with a focus on the Andaman Sea.

The IOR countries, include Oman, Maldives, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia and Myanmar.