Indian Naval Ships Strengthen Maritime Partnerships

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Indian Naval Ships **Delhi, Shakti, and <u>Kiltan</u>** recently visited Singapore as part of the <u>Indian Navy's</u> **Eastern Fleet's Operational Deployment** to the <u>South China Sea.</u>

- The visit aimed at bilateral engagements and discussions on mutual interests and cooperation, emphasizing the commitment to enhancing maritime security and stability in the region.
- INS Delhi, built by Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders, is the Indian Navy's first indigenously designed and built guided missile destroyer.
 - Commissioned in 1997, it is capable of undertaking all facets of maritime operations on surface, air, and underwater domains.
- INS Shakti is the second and final ship of her class, along with her predecessor INS Deepak fleet tanker built by Fincantieri, an Italian shipbuilding company.
 - It is capable of replenishing other naval ships at sea with fuel, ammunition, and provisions.
- INS Kiltan is an indigenous anti-submarine warfare stealth corvette commissioned into the Indian Navy.
 - It is the third of the four Kamorta-class corvettes built under Project 28. Designed by the Indian Navy's Directorate of Naval Design and built by Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE) in Kolkata.
 - It is named after an **island in the Lakshadweep and Minicoy group.** Continues the legacy of the erstwhile **Petya Class ship of the same name 'Kiltan (P79)',** which played a significant role in <u>'Operation Trident'</u> during the <u>1971 Indo-Pak war.</u>

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