



Indian and Chinese Warships in Colombo Port

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Recently, India's guided-missile destroyer, [INS Mumbai](#) and three Chinese warships visited [Colombo port](#) in Sri Lanka on the same day.

- INS Mumbai is on its first [port of call](#) in Sri Lanka.
 - A port of call is an **intermediate stop** for a ship on its scheduled journey for cargo operation or transporting supplies or fuel.
- **Strategic Implications of Chinese warships for India:**
 - **Heightened Concerns:** The [Indian Navy](#) closely monitored the movement of the Chinese warships, **Hefei, Qilianshan, and Wuzhishan**, from their entry into the [Indian Ocean Region \(IOR\)](#) until their docking at **Colombo**.
 - **Extended Naval Presence in the IOR:** The Chinese Navy has intensified its presence in the IOR with warships **extending their stay** for a longer period.
 - **China's Naval Expansion:** The Chinese Navy with over **370 ships**, is now the **largest navy** in the world.
 - **Potential Overseas Military Bases:** The intelligence report indicates that China is exploring the establishment of **military facilities** in **Pakistan, Sri Lanka, and Myanmar**.
- Port of Colombo is located in southwestern Sri Lanka. It is also the country's **biggest shipping harbour**.

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