



## Operation Samudra Setu-II

### Why in News

**Indian Navy** has launched **Operation Samudra Setu-II** for **shipment of Oxygen-filled containers to India**.

- **Operation Samudra Setu** was launched in **May 2020** as part of the national effort to **repatriate Indian citizens from overseas** during the [Covid-19](#) pandemic.

### Key Points

- **Operation Samudra Setu-II:**
  - Seven Indian Naval ships viz. **Kolkata, Kochi, Talwar, Tabar, Trikand, Jalashwa and Airavat** have been deployed for shipment of liquid medical **oxygen-filled cryogenic containers** and associated **medical equipment** from various countries.
  - Two ships, the **INS Kolkata and INS Talwar**, have entered the Port of **Manama, Bahrain**, to **carry back 40 tonnes of liquid oxygen to Mumbai**.
  - The **INS Jalashwa** is enroute to Bangkok while the **INS Airavat** is on its way to **Singapore on similar missions**
- **Operation Samudra Setu:**
  - It was **launched along with [Vande Bharat Mission \(VBM\)](#)**.
    - VBM is the **biggest civilian evacuation exercise** to bring back Indian citizens stranded abroad amidst the [coronavirus](#)-induced travel restrictions.
    - It has **surpassed the large-scale airlift of 1,77,000 people in 1990** at the onset of the Gulf War.
  - Indian Naval Ships **Jalashwa and Airavat, Shardul and Magar** participated in this operation.
  - **Around 4000 Indian citizens** stranded in neighbouring countries, amidst [Covid-19](#) outbreak, were successfully repatriated back to India.
  - **Indian Navy** has previously undertaken similar evacuation operations as part of **Operation Sukoon in 2006 (Beirut) and Operation Rahat in 2015 (Yemen)**.

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