



Mission Sagar-III

Why in News

Recently, the **Indian Naval Ship (INS) [Kiltan](#)** has arrived at **Sihanoukville Port, Cambodia** as part of ongoing **Mission Sagar-III**.

Key Points

- The ship will deliver 15 tons of **Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR)** stores for the flood-affected people of Cambodia, which will be handed over to Cambodia's **National Disaster Management Committee (NDMC)**.
 - Earlier, the ship delivered 15 Tons of HADR Stores for the flood-affected people of Central **Vietnam**.
- Mission Sagar-III is part of **India's HADR assistance to friendly foreign countries** during the ongoing **[Covid-19 pandemic](#)**.
 - In **November 2020**, as part of **[Mission Sagar-II](#)**, **INS Airavat** delivered food aid to Sudan, South Sudan, Djibouti and Eritrea.
 - Launched in May 2020, '**[Mission Sagar](#)**' was India's initiative to deliver Covid-19 related assistance to the countries in the Indian Ocean Littoral states. The countries included were Maldives, Mauritius, Madagascar, Comoros and Seychelles.
- This Mission is being undertaken in accordance with the **[Security And Growth for All in the Region](#)** (SAGAR) vision and reiterates India's position as a dependable partner, and the **Indian Navy as the Preferred Security Partner and First Responder**.
- The Mission also highlights the **importance accorded to the [Association of Southeast Asian Nations](#)** (ASEAN) countries and further **strengthens the existing bonds**.
 - **Cambodia and Vietnam** are **member nations of the ASEAN**.

INS Kiltan

- It is a **Kamorta-class anti-submarine warfare corvette**.
- It is part of the **Indian Navy's Eastern Naval Command**, based at **Visakhapatnam**.
- INS Kiltan, along with the **INS Sahyadri**, is the latest, **indigenously designed and built multi-role ships** of the Indian Navy.
 - The two ships are equipped with a versatile array of weapons and sensors and can carry multi-role helicopters representing the 'coming of age' of India's warship building capabilities.

Security and Growth for All in the Region

- Launched in **2015**, it is India's strategic vision for the **Indian Ocean Region (IOR)**.
- Through SAGAR, India seeks to **deepen economic and security cooperation** with its maritime neighbours and assist in building its maritime security capabilities.
- Further, India seeks to safeguard its national interests and ensure the IOR to become inclusive,

collaborative and respect international law.

- The key relevance of SAGAR emerges when seen in conjunction with India's other policies impacting the maritime domain like [Act East Policy](#), [Project Sagarmala](#), [Project Mausam](#), focus on [Blue Economy](#) etc.

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