



## Mission Sagar-III

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### Why in News

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

### Key Points

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- 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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