# 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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