



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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