

# Bay of Bengal Offshore Sailing Expedition (BBSE)

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Indian **Naval Sailing Vessels Mhadei and Tarini** set sail for the Bay of Bengal Offshore Sailing Expedition on 22 February 2020 from the Indian Naval Ocean Sailing Node at Goa.

## About the expedition

- This would be the **maiden major mixed crew sailing expedition of the Indian Navy** with crew composition of five naval officers including two women officers in each boat.
- It will cover a total distance of 6,100 Nautical miles each and will be at sea for 55 days.
- The prolonged voyage of nearly three months during this expedition would showcase the harnessing of renewable energy namely wind energy to propel the boats.
- The expedition is also in **pursuance of the GOI mission of 'Nari Shakti'** providing opportunity to women officers at par with men.
- The expedition also aims to enhance the level of cooperation and camaraderie between the littoral nations in the Bay of Bengal whilst exhibiting the *IN* expertise in the domain of ocean sailing.

## Significance

The Bay of Bengal Offshore Sailing Expedition will generate goodwill amongst the visiting nations and inspire participation in the forthcoming BIMSTEC Sailing Expedition being planned with a mixed crew of member nations onboard Indian Naval Sailing Vessels.

### **A brief note on Vessels Mhadei and Tarini**

- **Mhadei and Tarini inducted into the Indian Navy on 08 February 2009 and 18 February 2017 respectively** have been the vessels of choice for the naval expeditioners in various sailing expeditions, including three circumnavigations and thus have thousands of miles tucked under their belt.
- **Mhadei has successfully completed two circumnavigations**, three Cape to Rio trans-Atlantic races and several other expeditions around various continents. The vessel has covered in excess of 1,36,000 nautical miles.
- **Tarini created history in 2017-18 when six Indian Naval women officers sailed the vessel on maiden circumnavigation voyage titled Navika Sagar Parikrama.** She thereafter also participated in mixed crew Kochi to Seychelles sail training expedition during the 10th-anniversary celebration of the IONS.