

Mission Sagar III

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In news

Indian navy sends flood support to Vietnam under Mission Sagar III

Key highlights

- India has sent 5 tons of flood support to Vietnam under its Mission Sagar III as Central Vietnam has been impacted by massive floods in which more than 100 people have died and 50 people are still missing.
- Indian Naval Ship Kiltan, carrying humanitarian assistance, arrived at Vietnam's Nha Rong Port in the Ho Chi Minh City to deliver 15 tonnes of relief material for flood-affected people.
- According to Indian Navy release this mission is part of India's Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) assistance to Friendly Foreign Countries during the ongoing pandemic

About Mission SAGAR

- Mission SAGAR is a major milestone in India's engagement with the countries in the Indian Ocean Region, in line with the Prime Minister's vision of 'SAGAR- Security and Growth for All in the Region'.
- SAGAR highlights the importance accorded by India to relations with her neighbouring countries and further strengthens the existing bond.
- The Mission also highlights the importance accorded to ASEAN countries and further strengthens the existing bonds.
- **Mission Sagar-I:** Indian Navy undertook this mission in May-June 2020, wherein India reached out to **Maldives, Mauritius, Seychelles, Madagascar and Comoros, and**

provided food aid and medicines.

- **Mission Sagar-II:** Under Mission Sagar-II Indian Navy had deployed INS Airavat to Port Sudan. In this regard, INS Airavat carried a consignment of 100 tonnes of food aid for the people of **Sudan, South Sudan, Djibouti and Eritrea.**

What is Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR)?

- HADR is intended to save lives, alleviate suffering and maintain human dignity during and after man-made crises and disasters caused by natural hazards, as well as to prevent and strengthen preparedness for when such situations occur.
- Indian defence forces, under the aegis of Headquarters Integrated Defence Staff (HQ IDS) have been carrying out HADR operations within the country as well as outside the country.
- The defence forces can deliver during various HADR contingencies due to its well ingrained expertise in reconnaissance, damage assessment, evacuation, setting up of relief infrastructure, restoring communication & providing medical facilities, distributing ration supplies, clothing etc
- Defence Forces, because of their unparalleled discipline, organisational cohesiveness, huge capacity in terms of logistics & operational capabilities in land, water & air are considered best suited for Humanitarian Assistance & Disaster Relief (HADR) operations