

# Mission SAGAR

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**In news-** As part of Mission SAGAR, Indian Naval Ship *Kesari* entered the Port of Maputo, Mozambique recently.

## **About Mission SAGAR-**

- SAGAR refers to Security And Growth for All in the Region.
- It is **conducted in close coordination with the Ministry of External Affairs**, and other agencies of the Government of India.
- It highlights the **importance accorded by India to relations with her neighbouring countries**, ASEAN countries and further strengthens the existing bond.
- **Under 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.
- **Under Mission Sagar-II**, the 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.
- **Under Mission Sagar III**, the Indian Navy had sent flood support to Vietnam which was affected by floods.
- Since May 2020, the Indian Navy has deployed ships to 15 Friendly Foreign Countries under SAGAR missions.
- These deployments spanned over 215 days at sea and delivered a cumulative assistance of more than 3,000 MT of food aid, over 300 MT LMO, 900 Oxygen Concentrators and 20 ISO containers.
- INS Kesari, a Landing Ship Tank (Large) had undertaken a similar mission in May – June 2020 to provide humanitarian and medical assistance to Maldives, Mauritius, Seychelles, Madagascar and Comoros, including deployment of Medical Assistance Teams of the Indian

Navy in multiple locations.

### **About Republic of Mozambique-**

- It is a country **located in Southeastern Africa bordered by the Indian Ocean to the east**, Tanzania to the north, Malawi and Zambia to the northwest, Zimbabwe to the west, and Eswatini (Swaziland) and South Africa to the southwest.



- **The capital and largest city of Mozambique is Maputo and Portuguese is its official language.**
- **Common native languages** include Tsonga, Makhuwa, Sena, and Swahili.
- The country's population of around 29 million is composed of overwhelmingly **Bantu people**.
- The country is **separated from the Comoros, Mayotte and Madagascar by the Mozambique Channel to the east.**
- The country is **divided into two topographical regions by the Zambezi River.**
- **The country is drained by five principal rivers** and several smaller ones with the largest and most important the Zambezi.
- **Rugged highlands to the west include the Niassa highlands, Namuli or Shire highlands**, Angonia highlands, Tete highlands and the Makonde plateau, covered with **miombo woodlands.**
- **The country has four notable lakes:** Lake Niassa (or Malawi), Lake Chiuta, Lake Cahora Bassa and Lake Shirwa, all in the north.

- **Mozambique has a tropical climate with two seasons**, a wet season from October to March and a dry season from April to September.
- The voyage of Vasco da Gama in 1498 marked the arrival of the Portuguese, who began a gradual process of colonization and settlement in 1505.
- **It gained independence from Portugal in 1975**, and is still suffering from the effects of a 16-year civil war that ended in 1992.