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# INS Delhi

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**Why is in news?** INS Delhi departed Colombo, Sri Lanka, after a two-day visit to the port city

INS Delhi departed Colombo, Sri Lanka on 03 September 2023, after a two-day visit to the port city.

During the ship's stay in harbour, several interactions including cross training of personnel in various topics of mutual interest were held between the ship's crew and personnel from the Sri Lanka Navy (SLN).

A clean-up drive at **Crow Island beach** was jointly undertaken by the visiting ship's crew and personnel from SLN. The ship also conducted an familiarisation tour onboard for over 200 NCC cadets and 500 other local visitors.

As part of India's '**Aarogya Maitri**' initiative to provide **essential medical supplies to friendly countries**, the High Commissioner of India to Sri Lanka, presented state-of-the-art Arogya Maitri Cube to the Hon'ble Speaker of Sri Lanka Parliament during a reception hosted onboard INS Delhi.

These medical cubes have been **indigenously developed under the Project BHISHM** (Bharat Health Initiative for Sahyog Hita and Maitri).

The visit concluded with a Passage Exercise (PASSEX) at sea off Colombo between INS Delhi and SLN ship Vijayabahu.

## INS Delhi:

It is India's **first indigenously built guided missile Destroyer**.

It is the lead ship of her class of guided-missile destroyers of the Indian Navy.

It was built at the **Mazagon Dock Limited** in Mumbai and commissioned on 15 November 1997.

Maximum Speed: 28 knots (52 km/h)

Range: 5,000 mi (8,000 km)

Aircraft carried: 2 x Sea King helicopters

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