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INS Khanjar

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Why is in news? INS Khanjar arrived at Trincomalee, Sri Lanka

Indian Naval Ship Khanjar, mission deployed in the Southern IOR, arrived at Trincomalee, Sri Lanka for an operational turnaround. The ship was accorded a customary welcome by the Sri Lanka Navy.

During the ship's visit, the two navies will engage in various activities including planning discussions, professional exchanges on the topics of mutual interest, sports fixtures and visits onboard Khanjar by trainees from the Naval and Maritime Academy, Sri Lanka.

The port call is aimed at further enhancing the close ties and interoperability between the Indian Navy and Sri Lanka Navy.

INS Khanjar is the **fourth ship of the indigenously designed** and built **Khukri class missile corvettes**.

Built by GRSE, Kolkata, the ship is armed with an array of modern weapons and sensors.

Khukri-class corvette:

The Khukri-class corvette is a class of corvettes intended to **replace the ageing Petya II-class corvettes** of the Indian Navy.

The first two were ordered in December 1983 and the remaining in 1985. Around 65% of the ship contains indigenous content. The diesel engines were assembled in India, under license by Kirloskar Group.

Four ships of the class were built. As of July 2023, two ships remain in service in the Indian Navy, and a **third one has been donated to the Vietnam People's Navy**.

4 ships includes **INS Khukri, INS Kuthar, INS Kirpan, INS Khanjar**

Khukri the lead ship of the class was decommissioned after 32 years of service on 23 December 2021. She has since been preserved as a museum ship in Diu, India.

During a meeting between the defence minister's of India and Vietnam, India decided to gift the Kirpan to the Vietnam People's Navy.

Kirpan was transferred to Vietnam People's Navy and was decommissioned from Indian Navy service on 22 July 2023.

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