

## **INS Sujata**

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Why is in news? INS Sujata visited Port Maputo, Mozambique

INS Sujata, a ship based at Southern Naval Command, Kochi, visited **Port Maputo, Mozambique** as a part of Overseas Deployment from 19 to 21 Mar 23.

The visit by INS Sujata at Maputo, Mozambique further enhanced the mutual cooperation and bilateral ties between the two Navies.

INS Sujata (P56) is a **Sukanya class patrol vessel** of the Indian Navy.

The Sukanya-class patrol vessels are large, offshore patrol craft in active service with the Indian Navy.

The Sukanya class have large hulls, although they are lightly armed since they are **utilized primarily for offshore** patrol of India's exclusive economic zone.

However, they are capable of being heavily armed and upgraded to light frigates should the need arise.

Total 7 ships constructed in this class. One ship sold to Sri Lanka navy. 6 ships remain in active service.

The 7 ships include INS Sukanya,INS Subadra, INS Suvarna, INS Savitri, INS Sharada, INS Sujata, INS Sayura. INS Sayura was sold to Sri Lanka.