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Indian Navy Ships Conclude Visit to Thailand's Sattahip Port

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Indian Naval Ships **INS Udaygiri**, **INS Kavaratti**, and **INS Shakti** from the Eastern Fleet successfully concluded their visit to **Sattahip Port in Thailand**. This visit is a part of India's ongoing operational deployment in South-East Asia to strengthen maritime cooperation, interoperability, and strategic partnerships with regional allies.

PRELIMS FACTS

- **Sattahip Port** is the largest commercial port and a major naval base located in **Thailand**, playing a crucial role in the Gulf of Thailand.
- **INS Kavaratti** is an indigenously built anti-submarine warfare (ASW) corvette constructed under **Project 28** (Kamorta class).
- **INS Shakti** is a Deepak-class fleet tanker primarily used to refuel and resupply warships while they are deployed out at sea.
- The inaugural bilateral maritime exercise between the Indian Navy and Royal Thai Navy was recently named '**Ex Ayutthaya**', symbolizing the deep historic and cultural links between Ayodhya (India) and Ayutthaya (Thailand).