MISSION SAGAR

As part of the Government of India outreach amidst the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, **Indian Naval Ship Kesari** has departed for **Maldives, Mauritius, Seychelles, Madagascar and Comoros**, to provide **Food Items, COVID related Medicines** including HCQ Tablets and Special Ayurvedic Medicines with Medical Assistance Teams embarked, on 10 May 20.

This deployment as ‘Mission Sagar’, is in line with India’s role as the first responder in the region and builds on the excellent relations existing between these countries to battle the COVID-19 pandemic and its resultant difficulties.

The deployment is in consonance with the Prime Ministers **vision of Security and Growth for All in the Region ‘SAGAR’** and highlights the importance accorded by India to relations with her neighbouring countries and further strengthens the existing bond.

As part of Mission Sagar, **Indian Naval Ship Kesari** would enter the **Port of Male** in Republic of Maldives, to provide **them 600 tons of food provisions**.

**India and Maldives** are close maritime neighbours with strong and extremely cordial defence and diplomatic relations.