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India ships flotilla to bridge the Gulf Bid



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India is dispatching a flotilla of warships to the Persian Gulf to add military heft to its ongoing stepped-up diplomatic outreach to countries of the region, while striking a fine balance between Sunni-led Arab states like Saudi Arabia, UAE and Kuwait on the one hand and the Shia Iran on the other.

Defence Ministry sources on Saturday said guided-missile destroyer INS Delhi, stealth frigates INS Tarkash and INS Trikhand, missile frigate INS Ganga, and tanker INS Deepak of the western naval fleet will leave Mumbai for Dubai (UAE) on May 3.

This military diplomacy is in tune with the political one to bolster economic and security bonds with a region that has around eight million Indian expatriates, apart from being a big trading partner and major source of energy .