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PM Modi wishes INSV Kaundinya crew as it sails to Oman; all you need to know about the engineless ship (Dec 30)

The Indian PM Modi congratulated the crew of Indian Navy's engineless vessel as it set sail from Porbandar in Gujarat to Oman. The vessel was flagged off by Vice-admiral Krishna Swaminathan he said, "This voyage reconnects the past with the present" and added, "We are not only retracting pathways of trade, navigation, and cultural exchange, but also reaffirming India's position as a natural maritime bridge across the Indian Ocean." In a post on X, the PM said, "Wonderful to see the vessel is embarking on her first journey" and extended wishes for a memorable voyage. The vessel is named after the legendary Indian mariner, its 20 m long hull is sewn with coconut coir rope rather than nailed.

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'A force for good': Quad ambassadors meet amid Chinese military drills; vow 'free and open' Indo-Pacific (Dec 30)

US ambassador to China David Perdue reaffirmed the Quad's commitment to a "free and open" Indo-Pacific after meeting ambassadors from Australia, India, and Japan in Beijing, as China continues to conduct large-scale military exercises around Taiwan. He said, "The Quad is a force for good working to maintain a free and open Indo-Pacific. It is always great to meet with the Quad Ambassadors here in Beijing. The US-Australia-India-Japan relationship continues to be strong".

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MH370 seabed hunt resumes in remote Indian Ocean with Ocean Infinity vessel (Dec 31)

After 12 years of disappearance, the search for Malaysian Airlines Flight 370 has resumed in the southern Indian Ocean. Ocean Infinity, a US and UK based robotics company, launched a search operation to locate the wreckage of MH370, that vanished with 239 people on board. According to reports, Ocean Infinity will survey 15,000 sq. km of the IO for 55 days to find the remains of the airline. If successful, ocean infinity will be awarded \$70 million by the Malaysian government.

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