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## **NAVY SAILING VESSEL MHADEI STOP OVER AT KOCHI AFTER LONG VOYAGE OF 5000 NAUTICAL MILES**



**Lieutenant Commander Abhilash Tomy and the crew of Mhadei**

Indian Navy Sailing Vessel Mhadei sailed into Kochi Port today after completing a grueling 5000 nautical mile odyssey to South East Asia. The vessel skippered by Lieutenant Commander Abhilash Tomy, a Navy Pilot by profession, was on a voyage to provide off shore sailing experience to Navy personnel. Two Officers and four Sailors benefitted from the voyage.

Earlier, Mhadei started from Goa its base port on 17<sup>th</sup> March. Enroute it had touched Ezhimala, Kochi, Port Blair, Langkawi and Phuket. Lieutenant Commander Tomy said that the sailing was a good experience though they had to face the gathering monsoon winds on their return leg. The vessel will cast off from Kochi on 29<sup>th</sup> May to return to Goa. Mhadei had created history when Commander Dilip Donde of Indian Navy became the first Indian to circumnavigate the globe solo in May 2010.



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