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Two ships of the Indian Navy will set sail from Bombay tomorrow (May 6) on a 4-week goodwill visit to Gulf Ports.

They are the 11,000-ton Cruiser MYSORE, flying the flag of Rear-Admiral E.C. Kuruvila, Flag Officer Commanding, Western Fleet, and the 2,500-ton anti-aircraft frigate BETWA.

The ships will jointly visit Muscat, Abu Dabhi, Bahrain and Kuwait. MYSORE, which is commanded by Captain N.P. Datta, will in addition call at Sharjah, the Iraqi port of Basrah and the Iranian port of Bandar Abbas, while BETWA which is commanded by Commander R.K. Chaudhuri, will visit Khorramshahr (Iran) and the ports of Dubai and Ras-al-Khaima.

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