

INDIAN NAVY TO WELCOME NAVIKA SAGAR PARIKRAMA II CREW AFTER HISTORIC CIRCUMNAVIGATION

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The Indian Navy is all set to welcome the triumphant crew of Navika Sagar Parikrama II on successful completion of circumnavigation of the Globe onboard Indian Naval Sailing Vessel Tarini. Accomplishing this rare feat in double-handed mode, Lt Cdr Roopa A and Lt Cdr Dilna K are set to touch the **shores of Goa on 29 May 2025**. This extraordinary sailing expedition was flagged off from Naval Ocean Sailing Node, Goa on 02 Oct 24 (<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2061255>).

The Flag-in ceremony of this landmark event will be presided over by the **Hon'ble Raksha Mantri, Shri Rajnath Singh at Mormugao Port, Goa**, formally marking the culmination of the circumnavigation. The expedition symbolises India's maritime endeavours, showcasing the nation's prominence in global maritime activities and Indian Navy's commitment to excellence and *Nari Shakti* signifying the motto "***Courageous Hearts Boundless Seas***".

Over a period of **eight months**, the Naval duo (famously called *#DilRoo*) covered a distance of **25,400 nm (approx 50,000km)** across **four continents, three oceans and three Great Capes**, braving **extreme weather conditions and challenging seas relying solely on sails and wind power** (<https://x.com/indiannavy/status/1905540042698952954>).

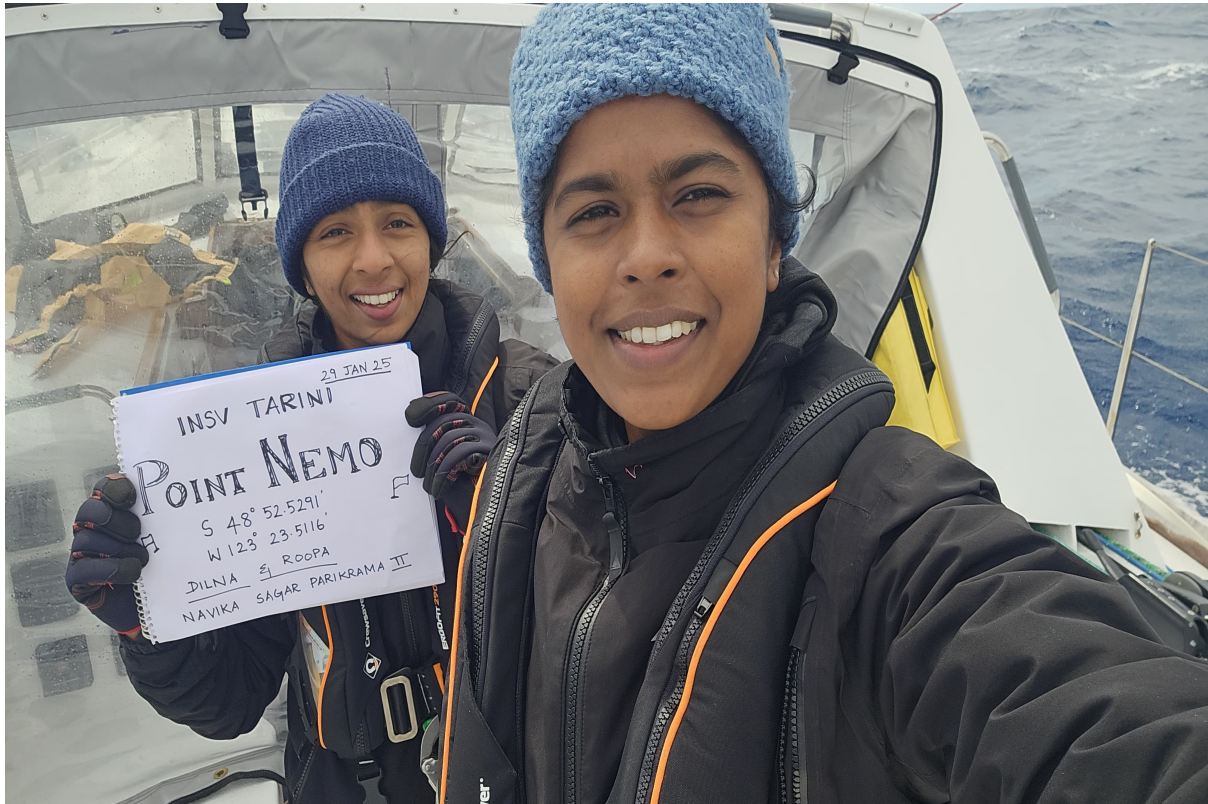
As the proud flag bearers of resurgent India, the duo commenced their circumnavigation with port calls at *Fremantle (Australia)*, *Lyttleton (New Zealand)*, *Port Stanley (Falkland Islands)* and *Cape Town (South Africa)*. The officers engaged in numerous diplomatic and outreach engagements, interacting with parliamentarians, Indian diaspora, school children, Naval cadets and university faculty across the globe. In a rare gesture, they were honoured as **special invitees at the Western Australian Parliament** (<https://x.com/HCICanberra/status/1857257399968743574>) in recognition of their achievements. Their accomplishments received accolades from local communities, international sailing bodies and foreign parliaments serving as a beacon of women empowerment, maritime excellence and national pride.

The crew encountered winds upto **50 knots (93 kmph)** coupled with stormy weather conditions and extremely cold temperatures during the journey, setting the ultimate test of human endurance, perseverance and sailing skills. Though each leg had its own challenges, the third leg of the journey from Lyttleton to Port Stanley was one of the most arduous (<https://x.com/indiannavy/status/1890656337962442836>). The crew encountered three cyclones, navigated through the treacherous Drake Passage and successfully rounded Cape Horn. The circumnavigation highlights the unwavering spirit, exceptional valour, courage and perseverance of the officers amidst challenging conditions of the sea and nature.

During the voyage, the crew had the opportunity to interact with the Hon'ble Raksha Mantri on the eve of International Women's Day. He congratulated the crew for their remarkable milestone and acknowledged the invaluable role of women in bolstering national security and reaffirmed India's commitment to expanding opportunities for women in the defence sector. (<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2109200>). Besides this, **Adm Dinesh K Tripathi, the Chief of the Naval Staff, also interacted with the crew on various occasions** and commended their exemplary skills, professionalism, camaraderie and teamwork.

As the nation eagerly awaits the arrival of the resilient crew of Navika Sagar Parikrama II, this expedition has

been a defining chapter in India's maritime history. The crew exemplified the spirit of exploration showcasing seafaring skills at a global stage. It has been a journey of empowerment, innovation and commitment to India's maritime heritage charting new paths for a brighter and empowered future. It reaffirms the Indian Navy's pledge to uphold the highest standards of professionalism and responsibility across the vast expanse of the world's oceans.





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