

INS SUDARSHINI CONCLUDES FIRST PORT CALL OF LOKAYAN 26, STRENGTHENING INDIA-OMAN MARITIME TIES

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The Indian Navy's Sail Training Ship INS Sudarshini successfully concluded her first port call at **Salalah, Oman, on 05 Feb 2026**. The visit marked a key milestone in the ship's ambitious ten-month trans-oceanic voyage, Lokayan 26, aimed at showcasing India's rich maritime heritage and the ethos of *Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam* (The World is One Family) across the globe.

During the visit, the Commanding Officer of INS Sudarshini interacted with Captain Mohammad Al Ghailani, Southern Naval Area Commander of the Royal Navy of Oman (RNO), and Captain Mohammad Al Mahari, Commanding Officer of Royal Navy of Oman Vessel *Al Moazer*. The interactions highlighted historic seafaring links between India and Oman and reinforced *Bridges of Friendship* between the two navies. Continuing the professional engagement, the ship also hosted officers from the Royal Navy of Oman for a guided tour of the ship.

In a vibrant display of people-to-people connect, the sail training ship was open to visitors. **More than 600 visitors**, including schoolchildren, were provided a firsthand glimpse of the three-masted barque and were familiarised with the nuances of ocean sailing.

INS Sudarshini now proceeds on her next leg of Lokayan 26, carrying forward India's timeless seafaring legacy across the oceans. *With sails set and spirits high*, she continues to serve as a symbol of maritime excellence, friendship, and goodwill.







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