

INS SUDARSHINI ARRIVES AT ALEXANDRIA AFTER MILESTONE TRANSIT THROUGH SUEZ CANAL

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INS Sudarshini arrived at **the historic port city of Alexandria on 01 Mar 2026, marking a significant milestone in her ongoing transoceanic expedition, Lokayan-26.** The arrival follows the vessel's northbound transit through the Suez Canal after departing Safaga last week. **The three-masted barque's passage through the 193-kilometre canal - one of the world's historic maritime gateways linking East and West - served as a major training highlight for the trainees participating in this global voyage.**

The entry into Alexandria reinforces the **“Bridges of Friendship”** initiative, celebrating the enduring maritime partnership between India and Egypt. The two nations share a rich legacy of cultural connections and economic ties spanning several centuries. In recent years, bilateral relations have further strengthened across multiple sectors, including defence and maritime cooperation. The visit of Sudarshini reaffirms India's commitment to deepening bilateral ties and enhancing cooperation in the maritime domain.

Upon arrival, the ship was received by officials from the Egyptian Navy and the Indian Embassy. The Commanding Officer called on Rear Admiral Mahmoud Abdelsattar, Commander of Alexandria Naval Base. During the port call, the crew will participate in professional exchanges, community outreach, and cultural engagements aimed at fostering mutual goodwill, strengthening interoperability, and enhancing cooperation between the two navies.





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