



INDIAN NAVAL SAIL TRAINING SHIP INS SUDARSHINI ARRIVES AT VALLETTA, MALTA, BOLSTERING MEDITERRANEAN MARITIME TIES

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The Indian Naval Sail Training Ship INS Sudarshini arrived at **the historic port of Valletta, Malta on 12 Mar 2026, marking a significant milestone in her landmark transoceanic expedition Lokayan-26.** The visit underscores the deep-rooted maritime ties between India and Malta and represents an important leg of the ship's ambitious **22,000-nautical-mile global voyage.** The arrival at Valletta follows a successful transit through the Suez Canal and a recent port call at Alexandria.

On arrival, the Commanding Officer called on Ms. Rachita Bhandari, High Commissioner of India to the Republic of Malta. The interaction highlighted the role played by Indian Navy in strengthening bilateral relationship between the two nations. The High Commissioner noted that the presence of INS Sudarshini in Malta serves as a powerful symbol of the vision of **MAHASAGAR, reinforcing maritime cooperation while fostering people-to-people connections.**

During the visit, the ship's crew will engage in professional interactions and courtesy calls with the Armed Forces of Malta, further promoting mutual trust and interoperability. The ship will also host community outreach activities, including a guided "Open Ship" for schoolchildren and members of the Indian diaspora in Malta.

INS Sudarshini is currently in the second month of her voyage, which commenced at Kochi on 20 Jan 2026. Following the visit to Malta, the ship will sail towards the French coast to participate in the **Escale à Sète maritime festival, where she will proudly represent India alongside some of the world's most celebrated tall ships.**





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