



LOKAYAN 26 - INS SUDARSHINI CONCLUDES PORT CALL AT NEW YORK, USA

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Indian Naval Sail Training Ship (STS) INS Sudarshini concluded her port call at New York, USA, **on 08 Jul 2026**, marking another significant milestone in the **ongoing Lokayan 2026 transoceanic expedition**. The visit showcased India's rich maritime heritage while further strengthening the strategic and cultural partnership between India and the United States.

As part of the Indian Navy's 10-month transoceanic deployment, **the indigenously built three-masted barque represented India at the International Naval Review 250 and Sail4th 250 celebrations**, organised to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the independence of the United States. A major highlight of the visit was INS Sudarshini's participation in the spectacular **Parade of Sail, during which the ship sailed past the Statue of Liberty and along the Hudson River, proudly flying the Indian National Flag alongside an impressive fleet of international tall ships and naval vessels**.

During her stay at Brooklyn, INS Sudarshini served as a floating ambassador of India, welcoming over **1,000 visitors** on board, including members of the Indian diaspora, local residents, and maritime enthusiasts. Visitors were provided an insight into the Indian Navy's sail training traditions and India's rich maritime heritage.

The ship also hosted several distinguished visitors, including the Consul General of India in New York, Shri Binaya Srikanta Pradhan, and the Ambassador and Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations, Shri Parvathaneni Harish. They interacted with the crew and appreciated the ship's role in promoting India's maritime legacy and strengthening people-to-people and maritime ties between the two countries.

A State Dinner hosted on board brought together senior diplomats, military officials and distinguished guests, providing an opportunity to further reinforce the growing India-US Comprehensive Global Strategic Partnership.

Following the successful completion of all engagements, INS Sudarshini departed the Port of New York **for Boston, where she will participate in the forthcoming Sail Boston 2026 celebrations**. The ship continues to carry the Indian Navy's message of friendship, maritime cooperation and goodwill across the oceans as part of the Lokayan 2026 expedition.





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