

LOKAYAN 2026 – INDIAN NAVAL SHIP SUDARSHINI CONCLUDES PORT CALL AT PONTA DELGADA

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Indian Navy's sail training ship, INS Sudarshini, concluded her port call at Ponta Delgada, Azores, on **16 Aug 2026**, as part of Lokayan 2026.

The port call witnessed professional and cultural engagements with the Portuguese Navy, strengthening maritime cooperation and camaraderie between the two navies. A formal deck reception was hosted onboard the Portuguese Navy's sail training vessel, NRP Sagres. This was followed by a reciprocal evening deck reception onboard INS Sudarshini for local military leadership, diplomats and members of the Indian diaspora.

The ship also celebrated India's 80th Independence Day at Ponta Delgada on 15 Aug 2026. The ship was dressed overall, and a Colours ceremony was held to mark the occasion with pride and patriotism.

INS Sudarshini has now set sail for Lisbon. On **21 Aug 2026**, INS Sudarshini and NRP Sagres are scheduled to undertake a **joint Passing Exercise (PASSEX)** at sea, featuring coordinated sail manoeuvres and communication drills, further strengthening interoperability and maritime cooperation between the two navies.







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