# LOKAYAN 2026 – INS Sudarshini

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## Why in News?

*Recently, INS Sudarshini sailed into New York Port, to represent India at the United States International Naval Review 250 and Sail4th 250 celebrations.*

- **LOKAYAN 2026 –** It is the Indian Navy's landmark 10-month, ***transoceanic global expedition*** featuring the Sail Training Ship (STS) INS Sudarshini, spans 13 countries and 18 ports.
- **Aim –** Strengthen maritime cooperation, build international goodwill, and deepen engagement with partner navies.

| INS Sudarshini | |
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| **Type/Class** | Three-Masted Barque (sail training ship) |
| **Built By** | Goa Shipyard Limited |
| **Sister Ship** | INS Tarangini |
| **Commissioned** | 2012 |
| **Endurance** | Can remain at sea for 20 days |
| **Propulsion** | Diesel-powered engine + under sail operations |
| **Purpose** | Sail training, character building, naval diplomacy |

- **Sail 250 Maryland and Airshow Baltimore** – It is a massive, week-long maritime and aviation festival celebrating the 250$^{th}$ anniversary of the United States.
- **Participation –** INS Sudarshini joined the **Parade of Sail** along the ***Hudson River***, flying the Indian Tricolour past the Statue of Liberty.



***Barque*** *– A sailing vessel with atleast 3 masts.*

***Mast*** *– It is a tall vertical pole extending from the ship's keel or deck.*

**Reference**

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