

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	
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 250th 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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