

Visit of Indian Naval Sail Training Ship INS Sudarshini to Bandar Abbas

Indian Naval Sail Training Ship INS Sudarshini entered Bandar Abbas port on 22 December 2021, as part of Operational Turn-round (OTR) and goodwill visit to further maritime relations between the two countries and navies. INS Sudarshini is built by Goa Shipyard Limited in India and based at Kochi, Kerala as premier sail training unit under the Southern Naval Command of the Indian Navy. The ship has completed a decade of service with the Indian Navy and is presently commanded by Commander Srikant Venugopal. The ship is part of the 1st Training Squadron which provides ab-initio sea experience to sea trainees of the Indian Navy and Coast Guard.

2. INS Sudarshini along with her sister ship, INS Tarangini form the sail training element of the squadron and have been imparting training to Foreign Trainee Officers as part of foreign trainee exchange programmes. During her stay at Bandar Abbas, the ship will undertake various professional interactions with counterparts in the Iranian Navy, including sail training at harbour and sea. The maiden deployment of INS Sudarshini will add another chapter to the cordial relations and maritime cooperation between India and Iran.

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