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PRESS RELEASE

Port Call by Indian Tri-Services All Women Circumnavigation Sailing Expedition Mission on Board Indian Army Sailing Vessel (IASV) 'TRIVENI'

The Indian Army Sailing Vessel (IASV) **Triveni** is arriving at Lyttelton, Christchurch for a port call on December 9, 2025 (tentative / depending on the sea weather). This marks the second port of call for the historic Tri-Services All Women Circumnavigation Sailing Expedition.

2. For the first time in the world, a Tri-Services Women's team will undertake a circumnavigation voyage, setting a global benchmark in maritime adventure. The team consists of 10 officers, who will sail on-board IASV **Triveni** on an easterly route, rounding Cape Leeuwin, Cape Horn, and the Cape of Good Hope. The expedition is expected to last eight to nine months, covering approximately 26,000 nautical miles with four international ports of call.

3. The Vessel is currently sailing through the challenging Southern Ocean, having on board Lt Col Anuja H Varudkar, Sqn Ldr Shraddha P Raju, Maj Karamjeet Kaur, Maj Dauli Butola, Lt Cdr Priyanka Gusain and Wg Cdr Vibha Singh.

4. The crew's dedication to the Mission has been an inspiration to many across the globe. This is not only a tribute to Nari Shakti (women empowerment) but also a celebration of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. It is designed to inspire the youth to pursue challenges, highlight the role of women in the Armed Forces, and demonstrate India's commitment to safeguarding marine diversity and addressing climate change.

5. The arrival of IASV **Triveni** at Lyttelton, Christchurch is a momentous occasion in this pioneering journey, and it is a proud moment for India to celebrate the achievements of these women sailors who are charting new territories in maritime history.

6. The port call by IASV **Triveni** reflects the strengthening ties between India and New Zealand. It also symbolizes the growing defence cooperation between the two countries and highlights the importance India places on New Zealand and its friendly people. This visit marks the fifth occasion in recent years that an Indian defence vessel has made a port call in New Zealand. The previous arrivals were INSV **Tarini** (2017), INS **Kolkata** (2023), INS **Shahyadri** (2023), and INSV **Tarini-II** (2024).

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