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PRESS RELEASE

**NAVIKA SAGAR PARIKRAMA II : Circumnavigating the globe
onboard INSV Tarini,
Arriving Lyttelton, Christchurch for Port Call on December 14, 2024**

The **Indian Naval Sailing Vessel (INSV) Tarini** is going to make its scheduled Port Call as part of NAVIKA SAGAR PARIKRAMA II at Lyttelton, Christchurch, NZ on December 14, 2024 (tentative). This marks the second stay in the historic **Navika Sagar Parikrama II** expedition, a voyage to circumnavigate the globe by two extraordinary women sailors of the Indian Navy. The Voyage was flagged off by Chief of Naval Staff Admiral Dinesh K. Tripathi on Oct 2, 2024,

2. Indian Navy has made significant efforts to revitalize the sailing tradition, emphasizing its commitment to preserve maritime heritage and to promote seamanship skills. Through the pioneering efforts of Sail Training Ships INS_Tarangini & INS_Sudarshini and circumnavigation onboard INSVs_Mhadei and Tarini, the Indian Navy has taken a center stage in Ocean Sailing expeditions. Continuing with the celebration of maritime skill and adventure, two Indian Navy women officers **Lt Cdr Roopa A and Lt Cdr Dilna K** embarked on the extraordinary expedition of circumnavigating the globe - **Navika Sagar Parikrama II onboard INSV_Tarini**. The duo have been preparing themselves for this expedition for the last three years. The officers as part of the six member crew had participated in trans-oceanic expedition from Goa to Rio de Janeiro via Cape Town and back last year. Thereafter, the officers undertook a sailing expedition from Goa to Port Blair and back in double handed mode.

3. Sagar Parikrama is a grueling voyage requiring extreme skills, physical fitness and mental alertness. The officers have been under rigorous training and gained thousands of miles of experience under their belt. They are trained under the mentorship of ace circumnavigation, and Golden Globe Race hero, Cdr Abhilash Tomy (Retd.), KC, NM. The circumnavigation of **INSV Tarini** will be a significant step forward in India's ocean sailing enterprise and maritime endeavours, showcasing the nation's growing prominence in global maritime activities and gender equality on the high seas.

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