



Empowered Women Navigating the World

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Gone are the days, where women in India remained indoors unless permitted to go out with an escort. Conditions today have changed, thanks to all those women who have fought for their freedom and set a very good example for others. The real power of women though realised earlier, is currently being projected to the world by the advancement of technology and media.

Women occupy almost all the major positions in society. Currently, women's accomplishments are tremendous in many fields. One such achievement is the All-women Indian Navy crew who **circumnavigated** the world for 254 days all alone, in a sailboat called INSV Tarini.

What is INSV Tarini?

INSV stands for Indian Naval Ship Vessel. Tara-Tarini is the patron deity for sailors and is worshipped for safety and success at sea.

INSV Tarini is the second sailboat of the Indian Navy (The first being the INSV Mhadei). It is a 55 foot sailing vessel built **indigenously** in India by M/s Aquarius Shipyard Pvt. Ltd, located in Goa. After undergoing extensive sea trials, she was commissioned to the Indian Navy service on 18 February 2017. The boat was named after the famous 'Tara-Tarini' temple in Ganjam district of Odisha. The word 'Tarini' means 'boat' and in Sanskrit it means 'Saviour'.

INSV Tarini has an advanced Raymarine navigation suite and an array of satellite communication systems for perfect navigation anywhere in world.

- What does INSV stand for?
- When was INSV Tarini commissioned to Indian Navy service?
- Who is Tara-Tarini?

Navika Sagar Parikrama was a project undertaken in **consonance** with the National policy to empower women to attain their full potential. "The Project is considered essential towards promoting ocean sailing activities in the Navy while depicting Government of India's thrust for Nari Shakti (women power)," said Chief of the Naval Staff, Admiral Sunil Lanba in his welcome speech.

The voyage was aimed to showcase 'Make in India' initiative by sailing on-board indigenously built INSV Tarini. The special feature of this sailboat was that it encouraged the use of environment friendly non-conventional renewable energy resources such as the wind; collected and updated meteorological, ocean and wave data on regular basis for accurate weather forecast by India Meteorological Department (IMD) and also collected data for monitoring marine pollution on high seas.