

## Samudra Pradakshina

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Raksha Mantri flagged-in 'Samudra Pradakshina', the first ever Tri-service all-women circumnavigation sailing expedition through video conferencing recently.

### About Samudra Pradakshina

- It was the **first ever Tri-service all-women circumnavigation**.
- The expedition brought together officers from the **Army, Navy and Air Force** on a single mission.
- The expedition, under the **leadership of Lieutenant Colonel Anuja Varudkar**, with Squadron Leader Shraddha P. Raju as the Deputy Expedition Leader, was **flagged off** from Mumbai's historic Gateway of India on 11 September **2025**.
- Aboard the **Indian Army Sailing Vessel (IASV) Triveni**, **nine women officers** of the three Services **returned** to Mumbai on July 22, **2026** after successfully completing a **314-day voyage** covering nearly 25,500 nautical miles across four oceans.

- The expedition **successfully fulfilled all internationally recognised criteria for a circumnavigation** by
  - **crossing all meridians of longitude;**
  - **crossing the Equator twice;**
  - **crossing the International Date Line;** and
  - **rounding the Three Great Capes – Cape Leeuwin (Australia), Cape Horn (South America) and the Cape of Good Hope (Africa).**
- The **successful passage** through the **formidable Drake Passage and rounding of Cape Horn** earned the crew membership of the **prestigious fraternity of Cape Horners**, an honour reserved for sailors who conquer one of the world's most demanding maritime passages.
- The mission was made possible through meticulous planning, nearly two years of intensive training, and a dedicated **24X7 shore-based support network.**

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