

**SUMMARY OF CITATION
SHAURYA CHAKRA
LIEUTENANT COMMANDER ROOPA A**

Date of Act: 02 Oct 24-29 May 25

Lieutenant Commander Roopa A was selected for Navika Sagar Parikrama II, a dual handed circumnavigation of the globe aboard INSV Tarini. Over 238 days from 02 October 2024 to 29 May 2025, she sailed over 25,600 nautical miles across four oceans-including Cape Horn and the treacherous Drake Passage, where violent storms and strong currents nearly capsized the vessel. During the Pacific leg, a complete power failure left the crew without navigation or circumnavigation, requiring manual operation and traditional seamanship in vast isolation. Her ability to stay composed lead decisively and restore critical systems showcased exceptional skill and resolve. She along with her crew also became one of the first Indians to reach Point Nemo by a sailboat. The mission demanded constant watch keeping, equipment repair, resourcefulness and calm leadership in life-threatening conditions repeatedly made the difference between mission success and disaster. Her steadfast courage, operational excellence and unyielding spirit in the face of grave adversity reflect the finest traditions of the Indian Navy. In recognition of her gallant action in trying circumstances in the face of life and death, she is strongly recommended for the award of Shaurya-Chakra.