

*One Two academy***UNIT 3****PARAGRAPH ANSWERS****PROSE – EMPOWERED WOMEN NAVIGATING THE WORLD****Prose : Empowered Women Navigating the World****Theme : The adventurous sailing of All - Women Indian navy crew****Introduction**

Women begin to occupy all the major positions in society. They prove that they are equal to men in all respects. One such achievement is the All – women Indian Navy crew who went round the world for 254 days all alone in a sailboat called INSV Tarini.

**INSV Tarini**

INSV stands for Indian Naval Ship Vessel. Tara – Tarini is the patron deity of sailors. The sailboat was named after the famous ‘Tara – Tarini’ temple in Ganjam district of Odisha. It is a 55 foot sailing boat built in India. It has advanced navigation system and an array of satellite communication system for perfect navigation anywhere in the world.

**Special features**

The indigenously built INSV Tarini has many special features. It encouraged the use of non-conventional renewable energy such as wind. It collected and updated meteorological ocean and wave data for accurate weather forecast. It also collected data for monitoring marine pollution.

**The All-Women Crew**

The crew consisted of six women. The crew was skippered by Lt. Commander Vartika Joshi. The voyage started from Goa on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2017. The crew covered the expedition in five legs with stop-over at four ports for replenishment of ration and repair. After 254 days they reached Goa port on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2018.

**Selection and training**

The training started with some theoretical courses on navigation, communication and weather prediction. They underwent their basic sail training courses in Mumbai at the Indian Naval Waterman Ship Training Centre and at various schools in the southern naval base in Kochi. They were trained for almost three years to prepare for the voyage. Out of thirty women who had applied only six were shortlisted based on the little survival skill they showcased. The crew was mentored by Command Dilip Donde.

### **Adventure and Hobbies**

When they were crossing the Tasman Sea, they witnessed the brilliant Southern Lights from the sea. The entire sky lit up in green light. they saw dolphins and a variety of sea creatures. They saw a dead sperm whale once. It was huge. The crew picked up some hobbies and kept posting pictures of delicacies like golgappas and cakes. They also read books and did some quilling and craft work. They also watched movies and listened to music.

### **Conclusion**

Being an All-India sailing team, it is a great boost to the women in India. The quality of honesty helped the skipper to bring out a successful expedition. The crew found out that the sea did not discriminate between genders.

**Moral – “ There is no limit to what a woman can accomplish ”**

### **POEM – I AM EVERY WOMAN**

<b>Poem</b>	<b>: I am Every Woman</b>
<b>Poet</b>	<b>: Rakhi Nariani Shirke</b>
<b>Theme</b>	<b>: The power and unshakable determination of women</b>

### **Introduction**

Today’s women are empowered. They are brave, strong and resolute. They are ready to take up new ventures. They are persistent and work tirelessly to prove what they are capable of. The poem ‘I am Every Woman’ written by Rakhi Nariani Shirke is a bold poetic expression of today’s women.

### **Beautiful innate**

Every woman is beautiful innate. She is the symbol of power and strength. She is prone to put her life at risk. Every woman is true in expressing her love and she is never fake. At times of difficulties in life, she believes that good times of life will come again. She is very optimistic in her approach. She finds a ray of hope and she continues to care for her near ones. She gives importance to her family. She has no fear.

### **She's a lioness**

She is strong in her faith and firm in her beliefs. She knows persistence is the key to everything. She is never a quitter. She is ferocious like a lioness. It's better for the prankster to stay away from her. Never should one bring disgrace to her pride and self-respect for she knows how to thaw and saw them. She doesn't spare the mischievous people who mess with her. She overcomes everything that is meant to destroy her.

### **Conclusion**

She is today's woman. It is healthier to love her, respect her and to keep her dignified. Women have to be treated respectfully for the growth of a nation.

**Moral – “ A woman believes in being strong even when things seem to go wrong ”**

## **SUPPLEMENTARY READER – THE STORY OF MULAN**

<b>Story</b>	<b>: The Story of Mulan</b>
<b>Theme</b>	<b>: Embrace your true identity</b>

### **Introduction**

This is the classic story of Mulan based on the legend of Hua Mulan. A legend is a story from long ago that is believed to be true, or mostly true. “The Story of Mulan” is a simple tale that reflects the significance of women's power and courage to save her family and country.

### **The Emperor's order**

China was in the middle of a great war. The Emperor ordered that one man from each family must join the army. Mulan's father heard it in town. He had to leave home and his children, to fight the war.

**A brave soldier**

Mulan was a teenage girl. Her father was old. Her brother was very young to fight for the country. The Emperor's order had to be obeyed. Since, she was trained in Kung fu, she decided to take her father's place. She risked her own life. She disguised her gender as a man and joined the army as women were not supposed to serve as soldiers back then. She proved to be a brave soldier. She was put in charge of many soldiers. She won many battles. Later she was made the General of the army.

**Real identity revealed**

One day she became sick. She was down with fever. A doctor who came to treat her, revealed her gender. The news spread like a wild fire. Many soldiers refused to work under a woman and wanted to punish her. At that time surprisingly the enemy attacked them. In spite of sickness, Mulan led the army from front. She defeated the enemy and saved China.

**The Hero's welcome**

The Emperor was happy that she won the war and forgave her. He offered to make her a royal advisor. But she refused the offer. She expressed that she wants to reunite with her family than to stay with the Emperor in the palace. So, the Emperor sent her home with six horses and six swords as reward. She went home with a hero's welcome.

**Conclusion**

Mulan teaches a whole generation of girls to keep dreaming and striving even when times are hard. She teaches us to conquer obstacles head on and achieve exactly what we want to even through trial and error and by learning from our mistakes.

**Moral – “Bravery is the quality of the soul and not of the body ”**