

## Navika Sagar Parikrama-II Expedition

**Prelims** - Current events of national and international importance.

### Why in news?

Recently, INSV Tarini entered Cape Town, South Africa, completing the 4<sup>th</sup> leg of the Navika Sagar Parikrama II (NSP) expedition.

- It is **global circumnavigation mission** of Indian Navy.
- **Flagged off in** - October 2024.
- **Undertaken by** - **2 women officers** of the Indian Navy.
- **Onboard vessel** - Indian Naval Sailing Vessel (**INSV Tarini**).
- **Objectives** - To cover more than 23,400 nautical miles in 8 months, with a scheduled return to Goa in May 2025.
- To further marine and scientific researches.
- To promote women empowerment in the Indian Armed Forces and is to motivate many young women to join the Services and Indian Navy in particular.
- **Coverage** - It will unfold in 5 legs with stop overs at 4 ports for replenishment and maintenance, as required.
- The broad contour of voyage will be as follows
  - Goa to Fremantle, Australia
  - Fremantle to Lyttleton, New Zealand
  - Lyttleton to Port Stanley, Falkland (UK)
  - Port Stanley to Cape Town, South Africa
  - Cape Town to Goa
- **4<sup>th</sup> stopover in South Africa** - It is at Royal Cape Yacht Club in for 2 weeks, for scheduled maintenance and repairs.
- It exhibits the growing relations between India and South Africa and how India stands committed to strengthen its maritime cooperation with the friendly countries in the Indian Ocean Region.

*In the recent past, Indian Naval Ship Talwar participated in the 8<sup>th</sup> edition of **Exercise IBSAMAR** in October 2024 in South Africa. In January 2025, the latest stealth frigate of Indian Navy INS Tushil made a port call at Durban and engaged with the South African Navy and the Indian community in Kwa-Zulu Natal.*

- **Significance** - It symbolises India's maritime endeavours, showcasing nation's prominence in global maritime activities and Indian Navy's commitment to excellence and women empowerment.
- It is a significant step in fostering maritime consciousness, embodying the *spirit of*

*Sashakt and Saksham India (Strong and Abled India).*

- It is 1<sup>st</sup> ever circumnavigation of the globe onboard a sailing vessel by Indian women in double handed mode.

*The indigenously built **INSV Tarini** is a 56-foot sailing vessel, which was inducted in the Indian Navy in 2018 and has participated in many such expeditions earlier. The vessel is a true testament of 'Make in India' and Aatmanirbhar Bharat initiative of the Government of India.*

## Reference

[PIB| INSV Tarini in South Africa as a part of NSP 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition](#)

