

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 4th 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
- **4th 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 8th 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 1st 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 2nd Edition](#)

