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#### **Social Issues**

#### Vigilance Awareness Week 2025

- **Annually observed** During the week in which the birthday of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel (31<sup>st</sup> October) falls.
- **Observed from -** 27<sup>th</sup> October to 2<sup>nd</sup> November.
- Theme 2025 "Vigilance Our Shared Responsibility".
- **Objectives** To promote integrity, transparency, and accountability in public life, in accordance with the directives of the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC).
- To create greater sensitivity about the need for ethics and transparency in governance and public administration.

#### **International Relations and Issues**

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Berlin Global Dialogue (BGD)

Union Minister of Commerce & Industry, participated as a speaker at the 3rd Berlin Global Dialogue (BGD).

- It is an *annual summit* that brings together leaders from business, government, and academia to deliberate on issues shaping the global economy.
- Session titled "Leaders' Dialogue: Growing Together Trade and Alliances in a Changing World."
- **Aim** To identify practical pathways to enhance market access and build a new trading ecosystem that drives sustainable global growth.
- **Significance** This visit reflects the deepening alignment of strategic priorities between India and its European partners.
- It marks <u>the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the India-Germany Strategic Partnership</u>, highlighting the depth, resilience, and long-standing strength of bilateral ties.

#### **Economy**

#### **Deployment of Network Survey Vehicles**

- Deployed by National Highway Authority of India.
- **Coverage -** 23 states covering 20,933 km.
- **Aim** To collect necessary data related to road inventory and pavement condition including all relevant road defects like surface cracking, potholes and patches etc.
- **NSV survey will be uploaded on -** NHAI's 'AI' based portal Data Lake, analysed by a dedicated team of experts at NHAI to transform data into knowledge and subsequent actionable insights.

#### **Network Survey Vehicle (NSV) System**

- **NSV System** It is a specialized infrastructure management tool comprising vehicles equipped with advanced sensors and data acquisition systems.
- These vehicles systematically collect data on road inventory and condition of National Highways.
- **Significance** The collected data is useful to take decisions for pavement maintenance, asset management, and infrastructure planning.
- It contributes to the enhancing safety and efficiency of the National Highway Network across the country.

#### **Environment**

#### Global Forest Resources Assessment (GFRA) 2025

- Released by Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) in Bali.
- India's position -
- India is moving up to the  $9^{th}$  position in terms of total forest area globally (previously in  $10^{th}$  position).
  - It also maintained its 3rd position worldwide in terms of annual forest area gain.
- Significance -
  - India has achieved a significant milestone in global environmental conservation.
- India reaffirms its commitment to sustainable forest management and ecological balance.

# 16<sup>th</sup> Session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)

- Held in Geneva.
- Established in 1964.
- **Aim** To promote the integration of developing countries into the global economy through trade, investment, and sustainable development policies.
- Theme of 16<sup>th</sup> session "Shaping the Future: Driving Economic Transformation for Equitable, Inclusive, and Sustainable Development."
- **Significance** It reaffirms India's commitment as a trusted partner in global trade and development, aligning with its theme.
- It underscores India's vision of a rules-based multilateral system that fosters mutual prosperity, resilience and inclusive growth for all nations.

### Security

#### **JAIMEX - 2025**

Indian Naval Ship (INS) Sahyadri, participated in JAIMEX-25.

- Maritime exercise between India and Japan.
- 2 phases -
- **Sea phase -** It includes advanced <u>Anti-Submarine Warfare and missile defence drills</u>, enhancing interoperability by undertaking flying operations and underway replenishment.
- **Harbour phase** It includes cross-deck visits, collaborative operational planning, sharing of best practices, and a combined Yoga session to foster camaraderie and unity.
- **Significance** It underscores the strong and burgeoning Navy-to-Navy interactions that <u>underpin 'Special Strategic & Global Partnership'</u> established between India & Japan in 2014.
- It is a crucial pillar for ensuring peace and stability in the Indo-Pacific maritime domain.
- It serves as a key engagement during <u>the ship's ongoing Long-Range Deployment to the Indo-Pacific region.</u>

#### **INS Sahyadri**

- It is an indigenously built Shivalik-class Guided Missile Stealth Frigate.
- Commissioned in 2012.
- **Significance** It is a testament to India's growing pursuit of indigenous defence technology and the nation's vision of 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat' (Self-Reliant India).
- It is a multi-role stealth frigate has participated in various operational deployments, bilateral and multilateral exercises.

#### **Places in News**

#### Taal Volcano

Recently, Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (PHIVOLCS) reportedly raised the alert level for Taal Volcano to Level 1 due to its repeated eruption.

- It is one of the most active volcanoes, which had its last major eruption in January 2020.
- Located in Batangas province about 70 kilometres <u>south of Manila, Philippines</u>.
- Classified as A "complex" volcano by the PHIVOLCS.
- The eruptions reportedly sent ash columns rising between 1,200 and 2,100 meters above the crater.

## Miscellaneous

#### Lt Col (Hony) Neeraj Chopra

Defence minister formally confers insignia of Honorary rank of Lieutenant Colonel in Territorial Army upon Neeraj Chopra.

- He is a star *javelin thrower*.
- Born in 1997 in Khandra village, Haryana.
- Enrolled in Indian Army in 2016, served with the Rajputana Rifles of the Indian Army.
- Achievements -
- <u>1<sup>st</sup> Indian athlete</u> to win an <u>Olympic Gold Medal</u> in track and field at the Tokyo Olympics in 2020.
  - Silver Medal at the Paris Olympics in 2024.
  - Gold Medal at the World Athletics Championships in 2023.
- Multiple Gold Medals at the Asian Games, Commonwealth Games, and Diamond League events.
- His personal *best throw of 90.23 metres (2025)* stands as a milestone in Indian sporting history.
- Awards Padma Shri, Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award, Arjuna Award, Param Vishisht Seva Medal and Vishisht Seva Medal.

