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## **NATIONAL**

### **National Intelligence Grid (NATGRID)**

- ❖ NATGRID has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB)
- ❖ It is to access the centralised online Crime and Criminal Tracking Network and Systems (CCTNS) database for getting details of First Information Reports (FIRs) and stolen vehicles.
- ❖ With the access to CCTNS database, NATGRID will act as a link between intelligence and investigation agencies.
- ❖ It will provide a link between the data of 14,000 police stations from across the country.
- ❖ But the State police will not be part of NATGRID.
- ❖ The initiative of NATGRID was proposed by after the 2008 Mumbai Attacks.

### **Vikrant**

- ❖ Indian Navy expects to have the first Indigenous Aircraft Carrier (IAC-I) Vikrant operational by 2022.
- ❖ It currently operates Russian-origin carrier INS Vikramaditya.

## **INTERNATIONAL**

### **UN's State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World 2020**

- ❖ Nearly 690 million people, or 8.9% of the world's population, went hungry in 2019.
- ❖ It is an increase of 10 million since 2018 and of nearly 60 million since 2014.
- ❖ It was in accordance with the United Nations' (UN) annual report "The state of food security and nutrition in the world - Transforming food systems for affordable healthy diets".
- ❖ The report has been prepared by the following 5 UN agencies
  - Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO),
  - In this report China ranked at 2nd place. Japan ranked at the 3rd place.
  - International Fund For Agricultural Development (IFAD),

- United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF),
- World Food Programme (WFP)
- World Health Organization (WHO).

### **World's longest subsea power cable**

- ❖ The Construction work has begun in Lincolnshire of Britain on the world's longest subsea power cable (767km).
- ❖ It will run between Britain and Denmark to share renewable energy between the two countries.



### **ECOSOC annual meet**

- ❖ Prime Minister Narendra Modi virtually gave a keynote address at the valedictory session High-level Segment of the United Nations' Economic and Social Council (UN ECOSOC).
- ❖ The session will be on the 75th anniversary of the United Nations.
- ❖ The theme for 2020 is "Multilateralism after COVID 19: What kind of UN do we need at the 75th anniversary".
- ❖ The first meeting of UN ECOSOC was held on 1946, in London.
- ❖ India was the first President of ECOSOC in 1946.

## **ECONOMY**

### **PM SVANidhi**

- ❖ Pradhan Mantri Street Vendors Atma Nirbhar Nidhi is PM SVANidhi
- ❖ Madhya Pradesh so far has topped in implementation of this scheme.

- ❖ It is a central sector scheme to help and formalize the street vendors involved in small businesses across the country.
- ❖ The scheme is funded by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs.

## PARIVESH

- ❖ The ministry of coal is planning to link the mining plan portal with PARIVESH website.
- ❖ It is a single-window hub for online submission, monitoring, and management of proposals submitted to the Environment Ministry.
- ❖ In June 2020, the government launched the auction process for 41 coal blocks for commercial mining.
- ❖ It was a big move that opens India's coal sector for private players.



## SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

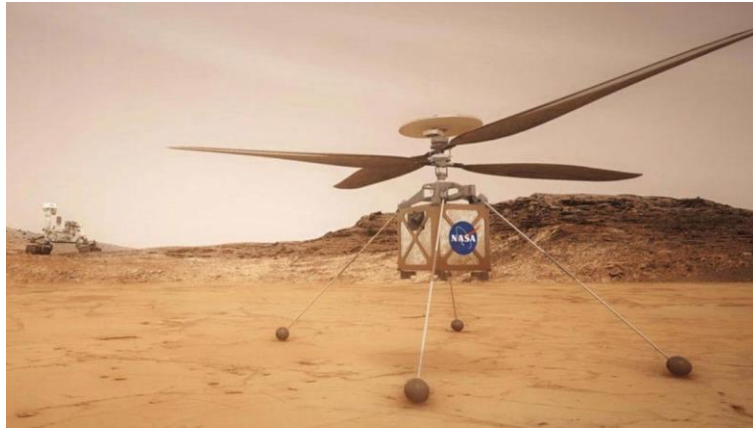
### Neowise Comet

- ❖ The comet will be closest to Earth on July 22 at a distance of about 103 million kilometres when it will be crossing the planet's orbit.
- ❖ It will be most clearly visible across the Northern Hemisphere including India
- ❖ It is a rare one as the NEOWISE Comet will be visible from the Earth next time in the year 8,786, almost 6000 years later.
- ❖ It was discovered by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).



## **Mars 2020 mission**

- ❖ Ingenuity is a robotic helicopter that is to be deployed in Mars 2020 mission of NASA
- ❖ It will check how the conditions on Mars affect aviation.
- ❖ It is the first aircraft to perform controlled flight on another planet.
- ❖ The Mars mission will seek signs of habitable conditions on Mars.
- ❖ The mission will also carry Perseverance Rover.



## **PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS**

### **Global Humanitarian Awards 2020**

- ❖ It is instituted as a part of the “Honouring the Honourable” initiative of the World Humanitarian Drive (WHD).
- ❖ Sachin Awasthi is the president of National Media Club and Founder of Shri Ram Seva Mission.
- ❖ He was honoured with the “Top Publicist” award.
- ❖ He inaugurated the Swachh Bharat – Sundar Bharat Mission in 2014 and released a first toll free number for cleanliness in India.

### **2020 Von Karman Award**

- ❖ The International Academy of Astronautics (IAA) has announced the ISRO chief K Sivan as the recipient of the 2020 Von Karman Award.
- ❖ The award will be presented to Dr.K.Sivan in March 2021 at Paris.



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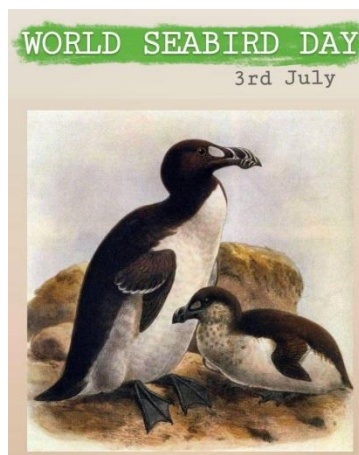
### 2020 Mohun Bagan Ratna

- ❖ The 2020 Mohun Bagan Ratna will be presented to Gurbux Singh former Indian Hockey player and Palash Nandi former West Bengal cricketer and coach.
- ❖ This is the first time that Mohun Bagan Ranta is not awarded to anyone from football discipline
- ❖ The Legendary Hockey Player Ashok Kumar was honoured with the Lifetime achievement award by the Kolkata city football club – Mohun Bagan Athletic Club.
- ❖ He was the key player of the 1975 World Cup winning Indian Hockey team.
- ❖ Ashok Kumar is the son of Hockey wizard Dhyan Chand.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

### World Seabird Day- July 3

- ❖ Seabirds are just like regular birds; except they are very much adapted to marine life.





- ❖ It was the last day the Great Auk was sighted before it went extinct.
- ❖ Guano, a fertilizer from excreta of seabird, cave bats and seals are highly rich in nitrogen, phosphate and potassium.
- ❖ It is mainly used by organic farmers.

