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Rajasthan Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (R4C)



Why in News?

- To tackle the rising cases of cyber fraud in Rajasthan, the Government of Rajasthan is establishing the R4C, modeled after the initiative by the Central Government.



Key Points:

- This project will entail an expenditure of ₹100 crore and will involve the deployment of 275 personnel (comprising police officers, technical experts, and bank nodal officers).
- **Course of Action:** Reporting of cyber fraud → To Trace and Block → Brief Note + FIR Registration.
- **I4C (Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre):** This is the Central Government's model for cyber crime control and coordination.

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Report of Cyber Fraud

R4C/I4C Center

Police

Technical Expert

Bank Nodal Officer

Tracking Down the Swindler

Tracing

Blocked Funds

Brief Note + FIR

Police Station / District Cyber Cell

Immediate Relief to the Victim

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Asia Cup Ranking Archery

Why in News?

- At the Asia Cup Ranking Archery tournament held in Bangkok, Rajasthan Police DSP Rajat Chauhan delivered a stellar performance, winning a total of three medals—including 1 Gold and 2 Bronze.



Key Points:

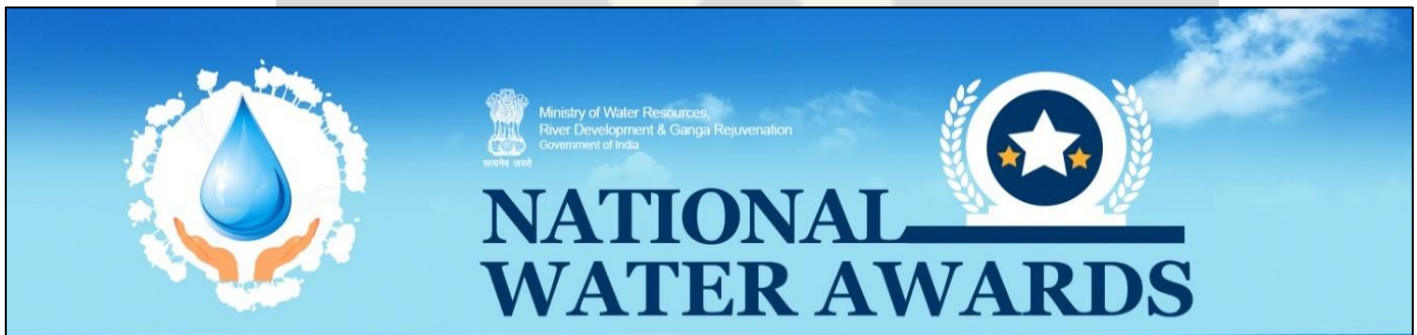
- Rajat secured the top rank in the ranking round by scoring 712 points.
- Compound Category** – The mixed team comprising Chikita and Rajat won the gold medal by defeating Malaysia (158–156) in the final.
- Individual Bronze** – He won the bronze medal by defeating Thailand's Rattanapongkit Pirawat with a score of 145–144.
- Other Points:** Rajat Chauhan and Swati Dudhwal are the first couple from Rajasthan to be selected for the Asia Cup Archery tournament.
- Team India's coach, Yogendra Singh, also hails from Rajasthan.

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Rajasthan Receives National Award for Water Resource Management

Why in News?

- The state was honored with a shield and a certificate of appreciation by the Ministry of Jal Shakti at the World Water Day Conclave, held at the Dr. Ambedkar International Centre, for the timely completion of the first census of major and medium irrigation projects.



Key Points:

- **For this census in Rajasthan:**
 - Nodal Department – Department of Water Resources
 - State Nodal Officer – Director (Canals), Jaipur
 - Nodal Department for other censuses – Department of Revenue
- Under the guidance of the Ministry of Jal Shakti, the work regarding the first census of major and medium irrigation projects, the seventh census of minor irrigation projects, the second census of water bodies, and the first census of springs is currently underway across the country.

Rajasthan: Candidates with More Than Two Children are now Eligible for Panchayat and Local Body Elections

Why in News?

- The Rajasthan government's decision in March 2026 to repeal the rule barring individuals with "more than two children" marks a landmark shift in the state's politics and governance system.



Key Points:

Historical Background (1994–2026)

- Rajasthan was the first state in the country to implement a "two-child norm" in local body elections as a measure for population control.
- **Inception:** This rule was introduced in 1994 during the tenure of the then-Bhairon Singh Shekhawat government.

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- To this end, amendments were made to the Rajasthan Panchayati Raj Act, 1994, and the Rajasthan Municipalities Act.
- **The Rule:** According to the regulation, any individual who had a third child after November 27, 1995, was declared ineligible to contest elections for Panchayat (Sarpanch, Panch) and local body (Councillor, Mayor) positions.
- **Objective:** At that time, Rajasthan's Total Fertility Rate (TFR) stood at approximately 3.6; the initiative aimed to reduce this figure by positioning politicians as role models.
- **Judicial Stance:** In the Javed vs. State of Haryana (2003) case, the Supreme Court upheld the constitutionality of such rules, ruling that they do not infringe upon fundamental rights.
- **The 2026 Legislation:** In March 2026, the Rajasthan Legislative Assembly passed the Rajasthan Panchayati Raj (Amendment) Bill, 2026, and the Rajasthan Municipalities (Amendment) Bill, 2026, thereby lifting this restriction.

Key Changes and Features:

- Individuals with more than two children are now eligible to contest elections for the posts of Sarpanch, Ward Panch, Councillor, Chairperson, and Mayor.
- **Leprosy Provision:** The previous legislation prohibited individuals suffering from leprosy from contesting elections. The new amendment removes leprosy from the category of "incurable diseases," thereby eliminating this ground for disqualification.
- The government argued that the TFR (Total Fertility Rate), which stood at 3.6 in 1994, has now declined to 2.0 (according to NFHS data); therefore, this punitive rule is no longer necessary.

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- The objective of this change is to bring experienced local leaders back into the mainstream—individuals who, solely due to the number of children they have, had been unable to contest elections for the past 30 years.

Other Key Points

- **Status regarding Government Jobs:** This exemption has currently been granted solely for the purpose of contesting elections. The 'two-child' norm regarding entry into and promotion within government services remains in force in Rajasthan.
- These new laws also apply to: The Rajasthan University of Yoga, Ayurveda, and Naturopathy (Ajmer); The Maharana Pratap Sports University (Jaipur); The Rajasthan Jan Vishwas (Amendment of Provisions) Act; The Rajasthan Shops and Commercial Establishments (Amendment) Act; The Finance Bill 2026; and The Appropriation Bill 2026.

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National Para Fencing

Why in News?

- Recently, Rajasthan's Komal Gurjar has won two medals at the National Para Fencing Championship, held in the indoor hall located at the Sawai Mansingh Stadium in Jaipur.



Key Points:

- Event:** Held from March 25–27, 2026, organized by the Divyang Para Sports Association.
- Komal Gurjar won a bronze medal in the Women's Category 'A' Épée event.
- In the team event of the same discipline, Komal Gurjar (Rajasthan) and Rekha (Haryana) secured a bronze medal.

Other Significant Points:

- The Odisha teams emerged as champions in both the Men's and Women's categories.

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Operation Urja Suraksha

Why in News?

- The Indian Navy has launched 'Operation Urja Suraksha'.



Key Points:

- It has been initiated to provide security, guidance, and safe passage to energy shipments (such as LPG, crude oil, etc.) bound for India via the Strait of Hormuz.
- Iran has imposed restrictions on the movement of ships through the Strait of Hormuz, granting permission to vessels from only a few select countries.

Economic Developments

India as an Electro-Tech Manufacturing Hub

Why in News?

- According to the World Economic Forum, India is emerging as a global electro-tech manufacturing hub.



Key Points:

- India is driving its industrialization through "Electro-Tech" (electronics, solar energy, and advanced battery systems), thereby decoupling its economic growth from carbon emissions.
- This approach differs from the path taken by Western nations and China, where economic growth resulted in substantial carbon emissions.

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India's Key Achievements as an Electro-Tech Manufacturing Hub

- **Electronics Industry:** Its size has grown sixfold over the past decade, reaching \$130 billion in 2024–25. This has generated 2.5 million job opportunities. For instance, India has become the world's second-largest mobile phone manufacturer.
- **Growth in Solar Energy Capacity:** Solar module capacity has reached 120 GW, and in 2025, India generated 9% of its electricity from solar energy.
- **Leader in the Electric Vehicle Market:** Electric three-wheelers account for approximately 60% of total three-wheeler sales. In the passenger vehicle segment, electric vehicles hold a share of about 5%.

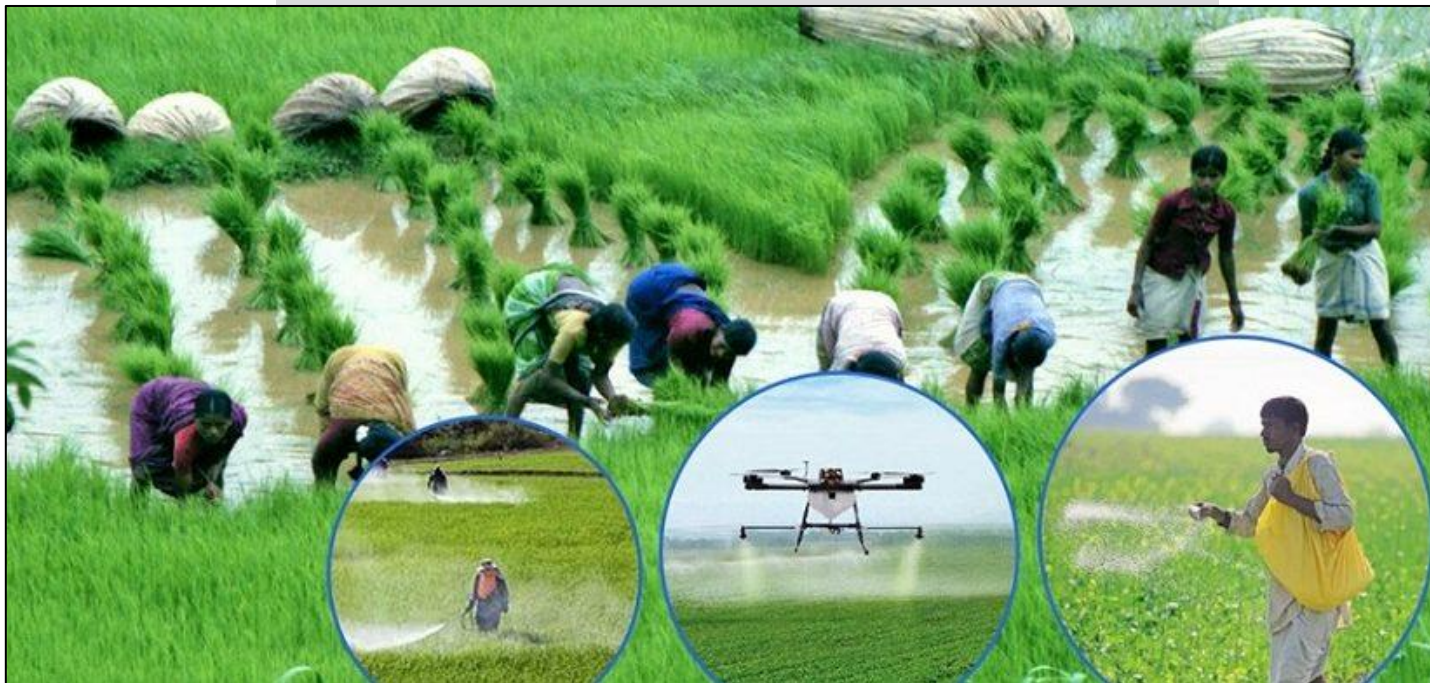
Initiatives Launched by India

- **Production-Linked Incentive (PLI) Schemes:** Launched for sectors such as Advanced Chemistry Cell (ACC) manufacturing, automobiles, and auto components.
- **For Example:** The electronics industry has attracted over \$4 billion in Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) since the financial year 2020.
- **Electronics Components Manufacturing Scheme (ECMS):** Aims to establish a robust electronics manufacturing ecosystem within India.
- **FAME India Scheme and PM e-Drive Scheme:** These schemes were launched to promote electric two-wheelers, three-wheelers, four-wheelers, e-trucks, e-buses, and e-ambulances.

Performance of the Indian Agricultural Sector (2024-25)

Why in News?

- Demonstrating its resilience, the Indian agricultural sector recorded its highest-ever production in the year 2024-25.



Key Points:

- Agriculture contributes approximately one-fifth to India's Gross Value Added (GVA) and provides employment to nearly 46% of the country's workforce.

Performance of the Indian Agricultural Sector (in 2024-25)

- **Record Production:** Food grain production reached 357.73 million tonnes (MT). Horticultural production stood at 362.08 million tonnes, signaling a growing trend towards the cultivation of high-value crops.

India's Global Standing:

- **Ranked First Globally:** In terms of the production of pulses, millets, dry onions (accounting for approximately 25% of global production), coconuts, and spices.

- **Ranked Second Globally:** In terms of cereals (rice and wheat), fruits and vegetables, and cash crops (sugarcane, cotton, and tea).
- **Agricultural Exports:** Increased from US\$ 34.5 billion in FY 2020 to US\$ 51.1 billion in FY 2025.
- The share of processed food exports rose from approximately 15% in FY 2018 to 20.4% in FY 2025.

Initiatives Launched to Boost the Agricultural Sector in India:

Financial Initiatives:

- **Income Support:** Under the PM-KISAN scheme, an amount exceeding ₹4.27 lakh crore was disbursed up to March 2026.
- **Risk Management:** Under the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana, crop insurance coverage was provided to 4.19 crore farmers in 2024-25.
- **Institutional Credit:** Currently, there are 7.72 crore active Kisan Credit Card (KCC) accounts.

Targeted Missions:

- **National Food Security and Nutrition Mission:** For rice, wheat, pulses, and nutri-cereals.
- **Pulses Self-Sufficiency Mission (2025–31)**
- **National Mission on Edible Oils**

Other Initiatives:

- Issuance of 250 million Soil Health Cards by 2025, and the establishment of 685,000 'Seed Villages' to ensure quality seed production.
- **Digital Integration:** 18 million farmers have been connected to the National Agriculture Market (e-NAM).
- Establishment of 10,000 Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) by February 2026, thereby boosting the collective bargaining power of these farmers.

QS World University Rankings

Why in News?

- The 16th annual subject-based edition of the QS World University Rankings has been released recently.



Key Points:

- **Publisher:** London-based 'QS Quacquarelli Symonds' (QS).
- **Subjects:** It ranks universities based on 55 subjects, classified into five broad areas:
 - o Arts and Humanities
 - o Engineering and Technology
 - o Life Sciences and Medicine
 - o Natural Sciences
 - o Social Sciences and Management

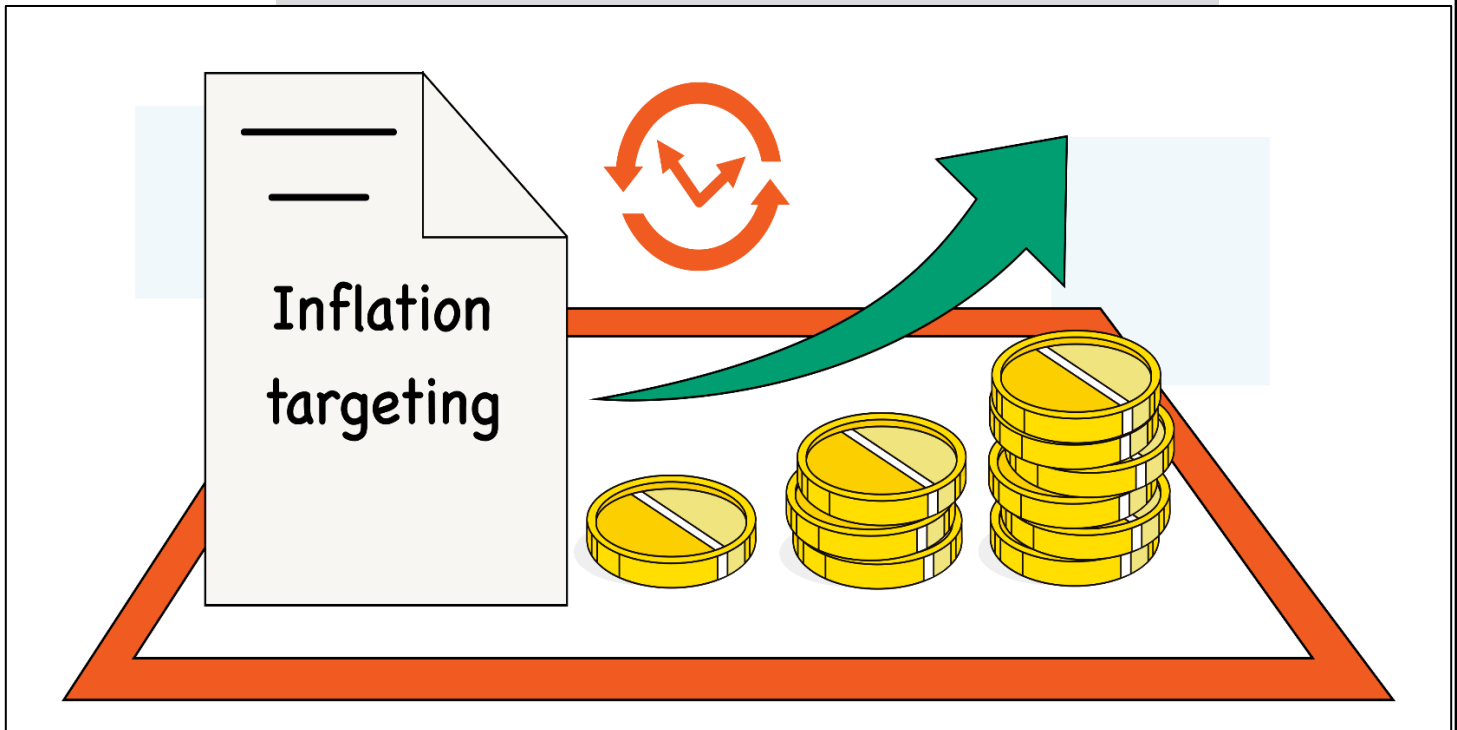
Top Rankings from India:

- **Indian School of Mines (IIT-ISM) Dhanbad:** Ranked 21st globally in 'Mineral and Mining Engineering'.
- **IIM Ahmedabad:** Ranked at the top in both 'Business and Management Studies' and 'Marketing'.

Flexible Inflation Targeting Framework (FITF)

Why in News?

- The Government of India has retained the inflation target at 4% for the period from April 1, 2026, to March 31, 2031, with a tolerance band of $\pm 2\%$.



Key Points:

India's Inflation Targeting Framework

- India adopted a Flexible Inflation Targeting Framework in 2016, based on the recommendations of an expert committee chaired by Dr. Urjit Patel.
- As per Section 45ZA of the RBI Act, 1934, the Central Government, in consultation with the RBI, sets the inflation target once every five years.
- The Consumer Price Index (CPI), which measures retail inflation, is the selected benchmark.
- The Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) is entrusted with the mandate of maintaining the inflation target set by the government.

What is the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC)?

- The MPC is a statutory body established under the RBI Act, 1934 (as amended in 2016).
- It is responsible for determining the benchmark interest rate (Repo Rate) while keeping in mind the objective of growth alongside maintaining price stability.

It comprises 6 members:

- 3 members from the RBI (including the Governor, who serves as the Chairperson).
- 3 external members appointed by the government.
- Decisions are taken by a majority vote, and each member has the right to cast one vote. In the event of a tie, the RBI Governor holds the casting vote.

Sociology

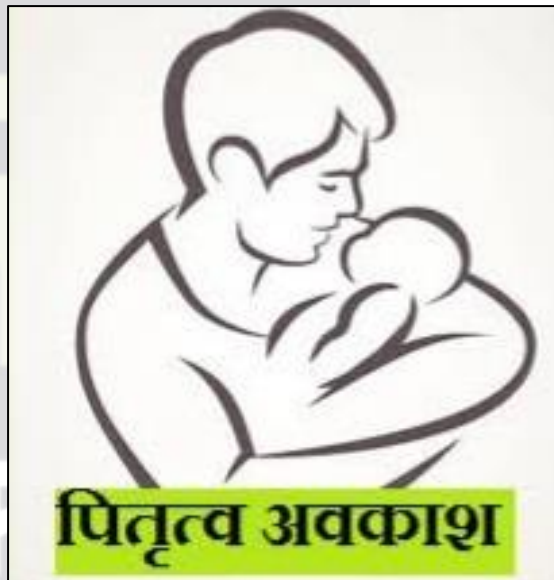
Paternity Leave

Why in News?

- The Supreme Court has called upon the Central Government to examine the necessity of a formal law recognizing paternity leave for all fathers—whether adoptive or biological.

Key Points:

- The Court observed that the duration of the leave should be determined in a manner that aligns with the needs of both the parents and the child.
- Paternity leave is a leave granted to a male employee (father) to care for his newborn or adopted child and to support the mother following childbirth.
- India currently lacks a universal law governing paternity leave.
- However, under the Central Civil Services (Leave) Rules, 1972, male government employees are entitled to 15 days of paternity leave, which they may avail within six months of the birth or adoption of their child.



The Supreme Court urged the government to:

- Enact a separate law specifically for paternity leave.
- Recognize it as a social security benefit.

ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY

Global Initiative on the Taking of Migratory Species

Why in News?

- The Global Initiative on the Taking of Migratory Species has been launched in March 2026 at the 15th Conference of the Parties (COP15) to the "Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS)," held in Campo Grande, Brazil.





Key Points:

Global Initiative on the Taking of Migratory Species (GTI)

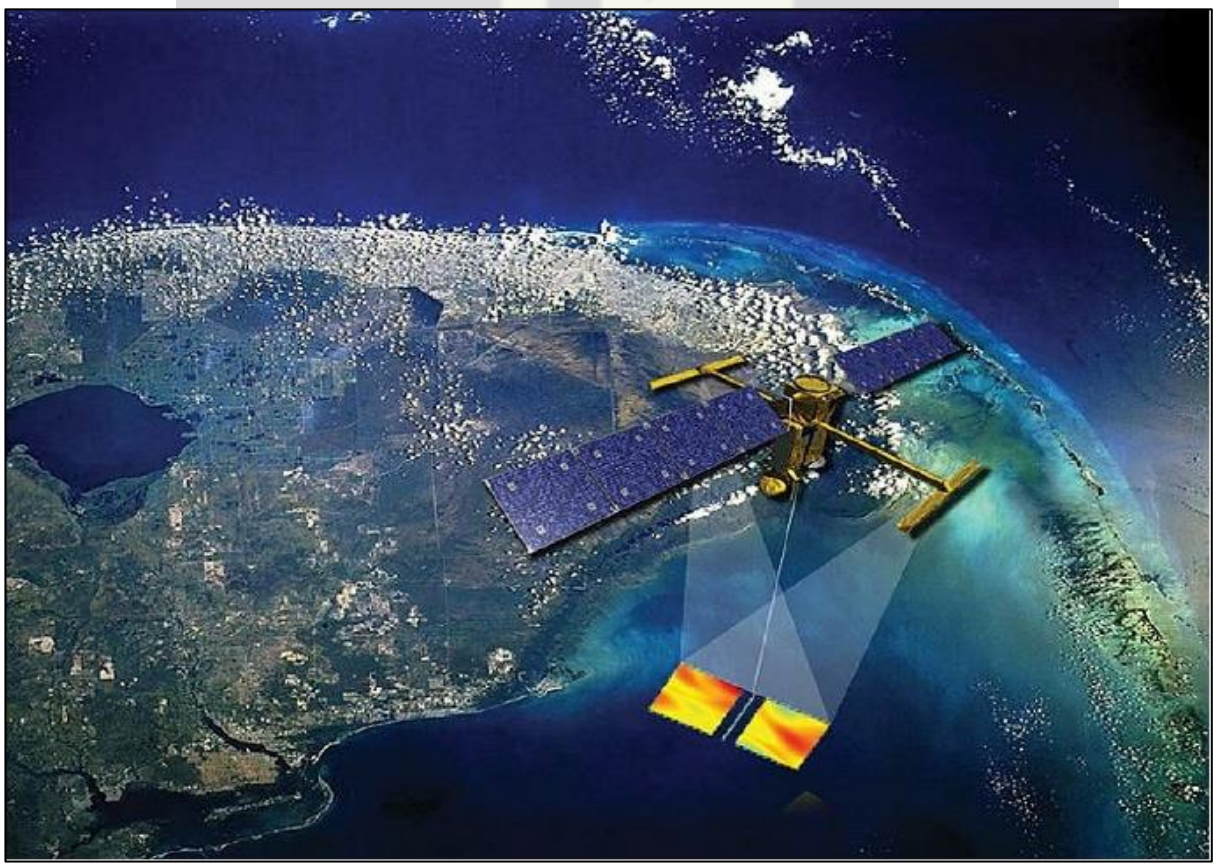
- **Introduction:** This is a collaborative global initiative involving governments, conservation organizations, local communities, and other stakeholders. Its objective is to address the drivers of illegal and unsustainable use of migratory species.
 - According to the "State of the World's Migratory Species 2024" report, the survival of 70% of the 1,200 species listed under the CMS is threatened due to illegal and unsustainable use.
 - According to the report, domestic factors—such as hunting, fishing for food, trade, sport, and use in traditional medicine—are the primary drivers behind the exploitation of migratory species.
 - **Objectives:** To assist countries in fulfilling their biodiversity conservation commitments—specifically, restoring species populations and preventing extinctions, as mandated under the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework.
 - **Partner Organizations:** Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), UNEP World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP-WCMC), World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF), and TRAFFIC, among others.
- ### Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS)
- **Adopted:** In 1979 in Bonn (Germany). It is also known as the Bonn Convention.
 - **Introduction:** This is an international treaty operating under the auspices of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), focused on the global conservation of migratory species of wild animals and their habitats.
 - **Migratory species are listed under two Appendices of the CMS:**
 - **Appendix I:** Endangered species requiring strict protection.
 - **Appendix II:** Species requiring international cooperation for their conservation.
 - **Parties:** 133 Parties (132 countries + European Union). India is also a Party.
 - **Published Report:** It includes a Report on the State of the World's Migratory Species.

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Surface Water and Ocean Topography (SWOT) Satellite

📣 Why in News?

- NASA has released a new map of the ocean floor using data collected by the SWOT satellite.



📌 Key Points:

SWOT Satellite

- **Developers:** NASA and France's 'Centre National d'Études Spatiales' (CNES).

Objectives:

- To conduct the global survey of Earth's surface water.
- To observe fine details of the ocean surface topography.
- To measure how water bodies change over time.