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**General Studies- 1**

**Indian Tsunami Early Warning Centre (ITEWC)**

India, along with 23 other Indian Ocean Nations, participated in a major Indian ocean-wide tsunami mock exercise (drill) on 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> September, 2018.

**About the Exercise:**

- The Exercise, known as **IOWave18**, was organized by the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) of UNESCO, which coordinated the setting up of the Indian Ocean Tsunami Warning and Mitigation System (IOTWMS) in the aftermath of the 26 December 2004 tsunami.
- IOWave18 which was completed yesterday focused on a simulating an earthquake with magnitude of 9.3 at Northern Sumatra, Indonesia.
- In India, IOWave18 is being coordinated by the Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS), Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES) with support from National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) and the Coastal States/UTs.
- Overall over the 2-day exercise, all coastal states tested communication modes for receipt of bulletins from INCOIS.
- The end-to-end warning system from tsunami detection and forecast, threat evaluation and alert formulation, alert dissemination to public and their awareness and response was put to test during this exercise.

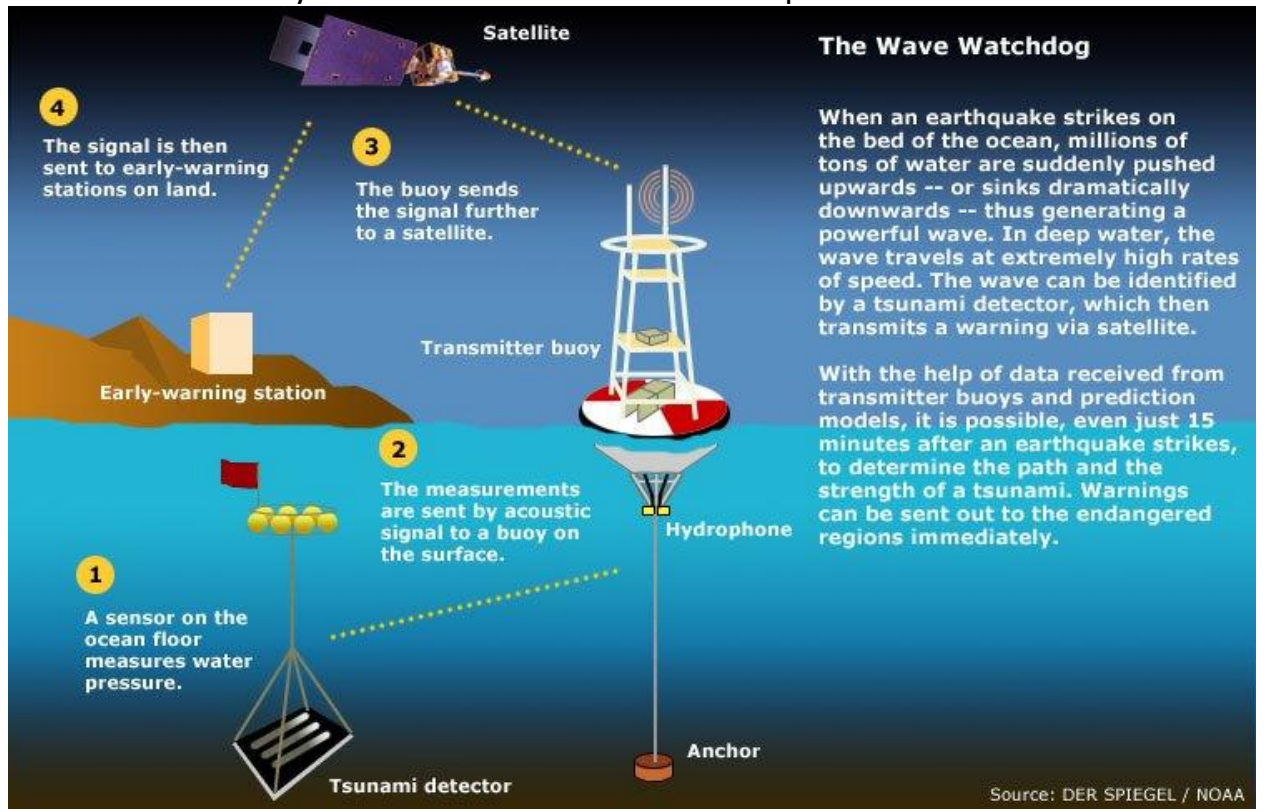
**Participation Level:**

- Where possible states participated up to community-level with practice evacuations. 44 Coastal Districts of 9 States/UTs are participated up to community level.
- Community level evacuations were carried out in around 375 villages.
- Over 125,000 people were evacuated during the exercise.

**How ITEWC works?:**



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## **General Studies-2**

### **Swachhata Hi Seva Campaign**

#### **Why in News?**

'Swachhata Hi Seva 2018' a *jan andolan* for Swachhata to be observed in the run-up to the 4<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM), i.e. from September 15<sup>th</sup> to October 2<sup>nd</sup> 2018, as the sanitation movement enters its final leg.

SHS 2018 will culminate with the Mahatma Gandhi International Sanitation Convention (MGISC) from September 29<sup>th</sup> to October 2<sup>nd</sup> 2018, which also marks the start of 150<sup>th</sup> birth year celebrations of Mahatma Gandhi.

#### **About SHS:**



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SHS aims at accelerating the Jan-Andolan for realizing the vision of a Clean India, further reinforcing the belief that 'Sanitation is everyone's business'.

The highlights of the campaign are as follows:-

**Campaign Objectives**

- Accelerate the momentum of Swachh Bharat in the run-up to its 4<sup>th</sup> anniversary
- Re-energise the Swachh Bharat *Jan Andolan* and lay down the foundation of sustainability
- Reinforce the concept of "Sanitation as everyone's business"
- Commence Mahatma Gandhi's 150<sup>th</sup> birth year celebrations with a nationwide campaign

**Other Activities throughout SHS fortnight:**

- **Youth engagement**
- Awareness drives and rallies by college students, NYKS youth and NCC cadets at an even larger scale
- **Pensioners and retired armed forces personnel**
- Pensioners and retired armed forces personnel to lead swachhata activities in their neighbourhood, RWA, club, society.

**General Studies- 3**

**Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana:**

**Why in News?:**

The Union Government has decided to make the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) an open-ended scheme and added more incentives to encourage people to open bank accounts.

**Under the new incentives:**

- The overdraft limit for account holders has now been doubled to Rs 10000.
- The free accident insurance cover for those opening Jan Dhan accounts after August 28 too has been doubled to Rs 2 lakh.



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- There will be no conditions attached for over-draft of up to Rs 2,000.
- The upper age limit for availing the facility has also been hiked to 65 from the earlier 60 years.

**About PMJDY:**

The primary aim of this scheme is *to provide poor people access to bank accounts.*

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## OBJECTIVE OF PMJDY

- To bring poor financially excluded people into banking system.
- To provide benefits of government subsidy schemes directly.
- Digital India: Basic accounts services available on simple phones.
- Direct benefits transfers for LPG could be routed through these accounts.
- MGNREGA could also ride on the new accounts.
- Micro Insurance.
- Unorganised sector pension schemes like Swavlamban.
- Access to Pension, insurance products.

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**Charging Stations for e-Vehicles Inaugurated in Dwarka**

Union Minister of Heavy Industries & Public Enterprises, Anant G. Geete inaugurated Charging Infrastructure in the premises of Dwarka metro station in New Delhi today.

Charging Infrastructure has been developed by Rajasthan Electronics & Instruments Ltd. (REIL) having 18 charging stations. charging will remain free of cost.



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**FAME-II Scheme:**

- For reduction in pollution levels and making cities cleaner and environment friendly, the Government is working on FAME-II Scheme having focus on mass & shared public transportation based on electric power train.
- The necessity for development of charging infrastructure for smooth roll out of electric mobility in the country is being addressed in the Phase-II of FAME Scheme.

**About the Scheme:**

- The Department has notified FAME India Scheme in the year 2015 under National Electric Mobility Mission Plan of the Government.
- The Phase-1 of this scheme is being implemented through four focus areas namely Demand Creation, Pilot Projects, Charging Infrastructure and Technology Platform and R&D.
- Under Demand Creation component of the scheme, incentive is available to buyers of electric and hybrid vehicles (xEVs) in the form of an upfront reduced purchase price to enable wider adoption.

**"MOBILISE YOUR CITY" (MYC)**

India and France have signed an implementation agreement on "MOBILISE YOUR CITY" (MYC).

**What is it?**

- Mobilise Your City (MYC) is part of an international initiative which is supported by the French and the German Governments and was launched at 21<sup>st</sup> Conference of Parties (COP21) meeting in December, 2015.
- European Union has agreed to provide funds of Euro 3.5 million through the AFD to contribute to specific investments and technical assistance components within the Mobilise Your City (MYC) programme in India.
- The MYC aims at supporting three pilot cities viz. Nagpur, Kochi and Ahmedabad in their efforts to reduce their Green House Gas (GHG) emissions related to urban transport by implementing urban mobility plans at local level
- It also aims to help India at national level to improve their sustainable transport policy.

**The main components of the proposed assistance are:**



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- (1) to support planning and implementation of sustainable urban transport projects,
- (2) support to strengthening institutional capacity for regulating, steering and planning urban mobility, and
- (3) learning and exchange formats with other cities across India for exchanges on best practices.

### **'Gaganyaan' Mission:**

#### **Why in news?**

The national human space mission 'Gaganyaan' will get French support in the form of life support and medicine for the Indian crew.

The French space agency CNES head Jean-Yves LeGall announced that an enabling agreement would be signed on Wednesday with his ISRO counterpart K. Sivan.

The two countries will add new applications such as drinking water resources to their old tie-up for climate satellite missions.

Next year, CNES would have its Argos payload again on Oceansat-3.

#### **About Gaganyaan:**

- **Gaganyaan** ("Skycraft") is an Indian [crewed orbital spacecraft](#) intended to be the basis of the [Indian Human Spaceflight Programme](#).
- The [spacecraft](#) is being designed to carry three people, and a planned upgraded version will be equipped with rendezvous and docking capability.
- In its maiden crewed mission, [Indian Space Research Organisation](#)'s largely autonomous 3.7-tonne capsule will orbit the Earth at 400 km (250 mi) altitude for up to seven days with a three-person crew on board.
- The crewed vehicle is planned to be launched on ISRO's [GSLV Mk III](#) in 2022.
- This [HAL](#)-manufactured crew module had its first uncrewed experimental flight on 18 December 2014.



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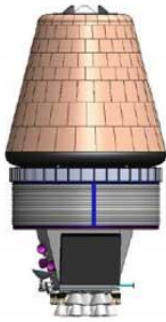
## GAGANYAAN : OBJECTIVES & BENEFITS



### Statement of Honourable Prime Minister

“ ... a son or a daughter of India will go to Space from Indian Soil by an Indian Vehicle by 2022 (75<sup>th</sup> Year of India’s Independence) or earlier”

### BENEFITS



Enhances Science & Technology Levels of the Country

National project involving other Institutes, Academia and Industry

Improves Industrial Growth

Inspires Youth to take challenges in Science & Technology

Technologies developed for societal benefits

Additional Human Resource Development

Provides way for the International Collaboration & Policies