

NCRB launches two online national level services

Syllabus subtopic: Government Policies and Interventions for Development in various sectors and Issues arising out of their Design and Implementation.

Prelims and Mains focus: about the initiatives by NCRB and their significance; about NCRB

Context: **National Crime Record Bureau (NCRB)** launched Police related Citizen centric services on **CCTNS platform**.

What are these services?

1. 'Missing Person Search'
2. 'Generate Vehicle NOC'

Utilities of these online services

- Citizens can search for their missing kins against the national database of recovered unidentified found person/unidentified dead bodies from their homes. This will hugely benefit relatives of missing persons and save them from running around pillar to post, as all such details including photos are available in **Crime and Criminal Tracking Network System** and will now be accessible to citizens through this portal at their convenience.
- The services can be **accessed through 'digitalpolicecitizenservices.gov.in' portal** or through a link in the existing 'Digital Police Portal'.
- So far such services are being provided through the state citizen portals and it is the first time that these are being launched centrally.

- In this user friendly search, citizen may enter search criteria in the portal and the system will search it from the available national database across country and will display the result immediately with photograph and other details.
- **Generate Vehicle NOC:** It allows citizens to ascertain the status of a vehicle before its second hand purchase, as to whether it is suspicious or clean from Police records. This search could be made against National database based on vehicle's details; one can generate and download the relevant NOC, required by the RTO before the transfer of ownership.

Other initiatives by NCRB

1. NCRB and Cyber Peace foundation together have designed **CCTNS Hackathon and Cyber Challenge 2020** with the **aim to enhance skills and knowledge of law enforcement personnel at ground level**. This Hackathon has been organized to offer a unique experience to the participants, to advance their skills and knowledge and to promote coordination with industry and academia.
2. NCRB and National Centre for Missing and Exploited Children's (NCMEC), USA has signed a Memorandum of Understanding to receive **information on such material originating from India**.
 - NCMEC is a **non-profit organization** established by the United States Congress. It has a centralized reporting system by which internet service providers across the world or intermediaries like facebook, youtube, etc. can report about persons who circulate images of child pornography.

Conclusion

The intersection between crime and technology is more apparent today than ever before. Digital technologies and the internet have not only spurred cybercrimes but also made them much more sophisticated. It is therefore

requisite for law enforcement agencies to be agile skilled in the use of latest technology and adopt innovative methods to track, investigate and combat cybercrimes.