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- Established in 1956
- By Dorabji Tata Trust, the Government of India and the United Nations (UN)
- It has established itself as the premier institute for training and research in population studies for developing countries in the Asia and Pacific region.

Green Charcoal Hackathon

- **Launched** by NVVN (NTPC Vidyut Vyapar Nigam), a wholly-owned subsidiary company of NTPC Ltd in partnership with Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL).
- **Aims** to leverage the innovative Indian mind to bridge the technology gap with the prime objective to clean the air by eliminating farm fire, producing renewable energy out of the agro residue, to promote local entrepreneurship, and to increase the income of the farmers.

Technology Summit 2020

- **Hosted by :** Department of Science and Technology (DST) in association with Confederation of Indian Industry (CII). **Facts:**
- **Aim:** To provide benefit to the Indian industry and academic & research institutions by forging partnerships, stimulating innovation, investment & trade and facilitating technology transfers, joint projects and market access.
- **Partner Country:** Portugal is the partner country this year.
- **Focus Sectors:** The focus sectors of the summit are Watertech, Agritech, Healthtech, Energy, Climate change, Cleantech, IT, ICT, Advanced technologies, and Space- Ocean Interactions.

Adi Mahotsav

- It is a National Tribal Festival launched in 2017.
- **Nodal Agency :** Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India (TRIFED).
- **Objective:** To familiarise the people with the rich and diverse craft, culture of the tribal communities across the country in one place.

Mission COVID Suraksha

- Government of India (GOI) has launched the Mission COVID Suraksha- The Indian COVID-19 Vaccine Development Mission.
- **Aim:** To accelerate preclinical & clinical development by establishing clinical trial sites and strengthening existing immunoassay laboratories, central laboratories and suitable facilities for animal studies, production facilities and other test facilities to support Covid-19 vaccine development.
- **Implementation:** The mission is led by the Department of Biotechnology and implemented by a dedicated Mission Implementation Unit at Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC).
- **BIRAC:** It is a not-for-profit state owned enterprise under the Department of Biotechnology (DBT) to strategically empower emerging biotech companies.

Deep Ocean Mission

- Deep Ocean Mission envisages the exploration of minerals, energy and marine diversity of the underwater world.
- It will give a boost to efforts to explore India's vast Exclusive Economic Zone and Continental Shelf.
- The mission will also involve developing technologies for different deep ocean initiatives.
- The multi-disciplinary work will be piloted by the MoES and other government departments like the Defence Research and Development Organisation, Department of Biotechnology, Indian Space Research