



The Interpol General Assembly Meeting in Delhi

For Prelims: International Criminal Police Organisation (Interpol), CBI, Notices of Intepol.

For Mains: India's cooperation with Interpol, Issues in the Interpol, Working of CBI.

Why in News?

The **General Assembly of the International Criminal Police Organisation (Interpol)** is meeting in **Delhi** for four days from October 18, 2022.

- This is the second time since 1997 the 195 member-strong body is holding such a large conference in India.

What is the Interpol?

- It was set up in 1923, as a **secure information-sharing platform** that facilitates criminal investigation of police forces **across the globe** through collection and dissemination of information received from various police forces.
 - It is headquartered in **Lyon, France**.
- **It keeps track of the movements of criminals and those under the police radar** in various regions and tips off police forces which had either sought the Interpol's assistance or which in its opinion will benefit from the particulars available with it.
- It aims **to promote the widest-possible mutual assistance between criminal police forces**.

How is the Interpol Organised?

- The **head of Interpol is the President who is elected by the General Assembly**. He comes from one of the member-nations and **holds office for four years**.
- The **day-to-day activities are overseen by a full-time Secretary General** elected by the General Assembly, who **holds office for five years**.
- The General Assembly lays down the policy **for execution by its Secretariat** which has several **specialised directorates for cybercrime, terrorism, drug trafficking, financial crime, environmental crime, human trafficking, etc**. Every member-country is the Interpol's face in that country.
- All contact of a country's law enforcement agency with Interpol is through the highest investigating body of the land.
 - **The [Central Bureau of Investigation \(CBI\)](#) assumes this role in India** with one of its senior officers heading its exclusive Interwing (the National Central Bureaus) for collation of **information and liaison with the world body**.

What are Interpol Notices?

- **About:** Its notices are international requests for cooperation or alerts allowing police in member

countries to share critical crime-related information.

- Notices are issued by the General Secretariat at the request of a member country's INTERPOL National Central Bureau and are made available for all our member countries to consult in our Notices database.

▪ **Different Notices:**

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- Notices can **also be used by the United Nations, International Criminal Tribunals and the International Criminal Court** to seek persons wanted for committing crimes within their jurisdiction, notably genocide, war crimes, and crimes against humanity.

What are Interpol's Future Challenges?

- The **rising spectre of transnational, cyber and organised crime requires** a globally **coordinated law enforcement response**.
- Interpol has a legacy of trust and reliability. It **needs to acquire powers of sanction against a country which refuses to cooperate in implementing a red notice**. It is however highly unlikely that member-nations will ever agree to dilute their sovereignty and invest the Interpol with such authority.

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