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News: 91st General Assembly of Interpol

- Recently, the **Indian delegation, led by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) and National Investigation Agency (NIA)**, urged member countries to deny safe havens to crime, criminals, and the proceeds of crime at the 91st **Interpol General Assembly held in Vienna, Austria.**

International Criminal Police Organisation

(Interpol)

- Interpol is an **intergovernmental organisation with 194 members** headquartered in **Lyon, France.**
- India joined the organisation in **1949.**
- Micronesia, North Korea, Palau, Tuvalu are the UN states who are not members in Interpol.
- Non – UN nations with membership are Abkhazia, Guernsey, Isle of Man, Northern Cyprus, Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic, South Ossetia, Sovereign Military Order of Malta, and Taiwan.
- The Supreme governing body of Interpol is **Interpol General Assembly** comprising representatives of all its member countries.

- IGA meets **annually for a session**. Each country has a vote & decisions are **made by simple majority or a 2/3rd majority depending upon the subject matter**.
- Each of the member countries hosts an INTERPOL National Crime Bureau (NCB). This connects their national law enforcement with other countries & with the General Secretariat.
- Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) is designated as the NCB of India.
- Interpol along with **Secretariat of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES)**; **United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)**; **World Bank**; and **World Customs Organization (WCO)** forms International Consortium on Combating Wildlife Crime (ICCWC).

Interpol Notices

- Interpol issues notices which are international requests for cooperation or alerts allowing police in member countries to share critical crime-related information.
- Red Notice: To seek the **location/arrest of a person wanted** by a judicial jurisdiction or an international tribunal with a view to his/her extradition.
- Yellow Notice: To **locate a missing person** or to identify a person unable to identify himself/herself.
- Blue Notice: - To locate, identify or **obtain information on a person of interest** in a criminal investigation.

- Black Notice: To seek information on **unidentified bodies**.
- Green Notice: To **warn about a person's criminal activities** if that person is a possible threat to public safety.
- Orange Notice: To **warn of an event, a person, an object, or a process representing an imminent threat** and danger to persons or property.
- Purple Notice: To **provide information on modus operandi, procedures, objects, devices, or hiding places used by criminals**.
- INTERPOL – UNSC Special Notice: **Groups & Individuals subject to UNSC sanctions**.