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TODAY'S ANALYSIS

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TOPICS TO BE COVERED

- INTERPOL
- FINANCIAL ACTION TASK FORCE
- OSIRIS REx



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INTERPOL

The Interpol has issued a **Red Corner Notice** against **Karanvir Singh**.



ABOUT INTERPOL

- It is an international organization **facilitating international police cooperation** against terrorism, trafficking, & other crime.
- **Governance:** All decisions regarding the activities of **INTERPOL** are made by the General Assembly which is its supreme governing body which meets annually.
- **Status:** It is '**NOT**' a unit or part of united nation system. It is an **independent international organization**.
- **HQ:** Lyon in **France**.

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- **Founded in:** 1923.
- It has a **National Central Bureau (NCB)** in each member country, which is the central point of contact for both the general secretariat and the other NCBs around the world.

For India, NCB is the CBI.

ABOUT NOTICES

It issues **8 type of notices** (7 of which are colour-coded) which are in the form of **alert/requests** allowing police in member countries to share critical crime-related information.

- **Red Notice**

- To **seek the location and arrest of a person** wanted by a judicial jurisdiction or an international tribunal with a view to his/her extradition.
- It is the "**closest instrument to an international arrest warrant**".

- **Blue Notice**

- To **locate, identify or obtain information** on a person of interest in a criminal investigation.

- **Green Notice**

- To **warn about a person's criminal activities** if that person is considered to be a possible threat to public safety.

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- **Yellow Notice**

- To **locate a missing person** or to identify a person unable to identify himself/herself.

- **Black Notice**

- To **seek information on unidentified bodies.**

- **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**

- To inform Interpol's members that an individual or an entity is subject to **UN sanctions.**

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FINANCIAL ACTION TASK FORCE (FATF)

- The FATF is an **inter-governmental body** that sets international standards seeking to prevent international financial crimes that aid terrorism.
- The FATF was established in **July 1989** by a **G-7 Summit in Paris**, initially to examine and develop measures to **combat money laundering**.
- After the **9/11 attacks**, the FATF in October 2001 expanded its mandate to incorporate **efforts to combat terrorist financing**.
- The FATF has developed the FATF Recommendations, or FATF Standards, which ensure a coordinated global response to prevent organised crime, corruption and terrorism.
- FATF maintains two lists: **Grey list & Black list**.

GREY LIST

- Countries that are considered safe haven for supporting terror funding and money laundering are put in the FATF grey list. These are countries under increased monitoring.
- This inclusion serves as a warning to the country that it may enter the blacklist.

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- **23 countries** remain under watch.
- Among these countries are the Philippines, Syria, Yemen, the United Arab Emirates, Uganda, Morocco, Jamaica, Cambodia, Burkina Faso, and South Sudan, and the tax havens of Barbados, Cayman Islands, and Panama.

BLACK LIST

Countries known as **Non-Cooperative Countries or Territories (NCCTs)** are put in the blacklist. These countries support terror funding and money laundering activities. Currently **Iran & North Korea** are under Black List countries.

CONSEQUENCES OF BEING PLACED IN GREY LIST

- **IMF and World Bank** are affiliated with FATF as observers, a grey-listed country **faces complications in accessing international lending instruments.**
- It signals to the global financial and banking system about increased risks in transactions with the country in question.
- Grey listing means FATF has placed a country under **increased monitoring** to check its progress on measures against money laundering and terrorism financing.

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OSIRIS-REx

A NASA space capsule carrying the largest soil sample ever scooped up from the surface of an asteroid (Bennu) streaked through Earth's atmosphere.

Land Site: Utah Desert.

Spacecraft involved: OSIRIS REx.

MISSION DURATION: 6 Years (2016-now)

AGENCIES: NASA & University of Arizona



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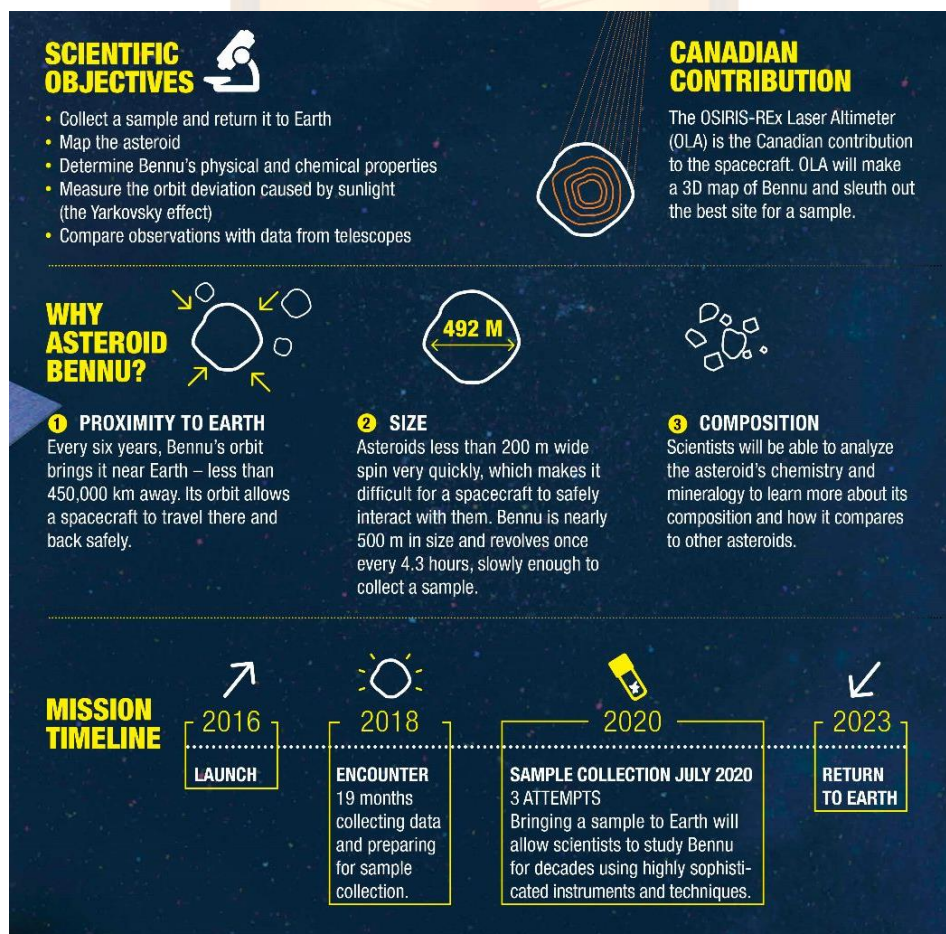
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WHAT WILL THE MISSION DO?

- Collect a **sample from a near Earth Asteroid (Bennu)** and return to Earth with a sample for study. (Every six years Bennu comes near Earth & its orbit allows safe landing & takeoff of any spacecraft)
- Help Scientists **better determine the orbit of the asteroid.**
- **Acquire knowledge** about the asteroid's **composition**, which could give clues about how planets formed and how life began.



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