

## Indian Cybercrime Coordination Centre (I4C)

**Prelims - Current events of national and international importance.**

**Mains (GS III) - Basics of cyber security, money-laundering and its prevention.**

### Why in news?

Recently, Union Ministry of Finance issued notification to include Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C) under the Section 66 of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA).

- Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C) acts as a nodal point to **curb cybercrime** in the country.
- **Established on** - 2020.
- **Nodal ministry** - Ministry of Home Affairs.
- **Aim** - To provide a framework and eco-system for Law Enforcement Agencies (LEAs) for dealing with Cybercrime in a coordinated and comprehensive manner.
- **Functions** - It works to strengthen efforts against cybercrimes committed against women and children.
- It facilitates easy filing of cybercrime-related complaints and helps identify cybercrime trends and patterns.
- It also acts as an early warning system for law enforcement agencies to enable proactive cybercrime prevention and detection.
- It promotes public awareness about preventing cybercrimes.
- It assists States/UTs in building the capacity of police officers, public prosecutors, and judicial officers related to cyber-crime.
- States/UTs are primarily responsible for the prevention, detection, investigation, and prosecution of crimes, including cybercrime and digital arrest scams, through their law enforcement agencies (LEAs)

*Cybercrimes fall in State subjects as per the 7<sup>th</sup> Schedule of the Constitution of India.*

- **Data Sharing by Enforcement Directorate (ED)** - The Finance Ministry has included the I4C in the list of agencies with which the Enforcement Directorate is permitted to share information under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA).
- **Reason** - The measure comes amid growing instances of cyber frauds, Digital arrest and most cyber frauds are trans-national in nature.
- I4C will be the 27<sup>th</sup> entity authorized for getting data from ED under Section 66 of Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002.

*Section 66 of PMLA empowers the head of the ED to share information to initiate action against violation of various laws.*

- Other entities authorized for such data sharing include SEBI, RBI, CCI, SFIO, GST Council and others.
- **Significance** – The data from the Enforcement Directorate and other law enforcement agencies could help I4C to strengthen the country's fight against cyber-enabled financial crimes.

*The 'Citizen Financial Cyber Fraud Reporting and Management System', under I4C, launched in 2021 to enable immediate reporting of financial frauds and prevent the siphoning off of funds by fraudsters.*

## Reference

[The Business Line| ED to share data with I4C](#)

