

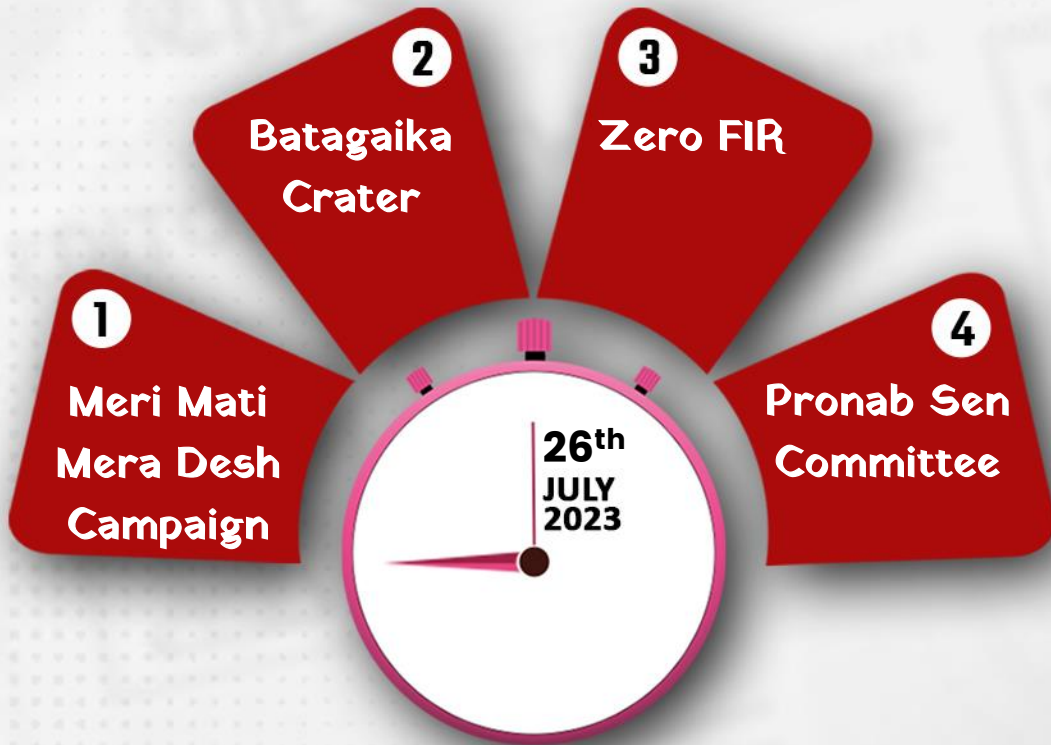


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# CURRENT AFFAIRS

**PRELIMS+MAINS QUICK REVISION**



## Meri Mati Mera Desh Campaign

- ➔ The Narendra Modi Government at the Center is going to start the '**Meri Mati Mera Desh**' campaign in honour of the martyrs and freedom fighters.
- ➔ Under this programme, programs will be run across the country from villages to cities. Plaques with the names of lakhs of unsung freedom fighters, martyrs and heroes will be installed in these programs and their families will be honoured. **This program will start on August 9 and continue till August 30.**
- ➔ The soil collected from different parts of the country will be used to develop the **Amrit Vatika Garden** on the banks of the Duty Path in Delhi.
- ➔ Programs are planned at different levels from Panchayat and village to state and national levels.
- ➔ **A Shilaphalakam** (memorial plaque) will be installed with the names of the **Bravehearts** who made the supreme sacrifice.
- ➔ A pledge will be taken by the citizens showing their commitment towards the country.

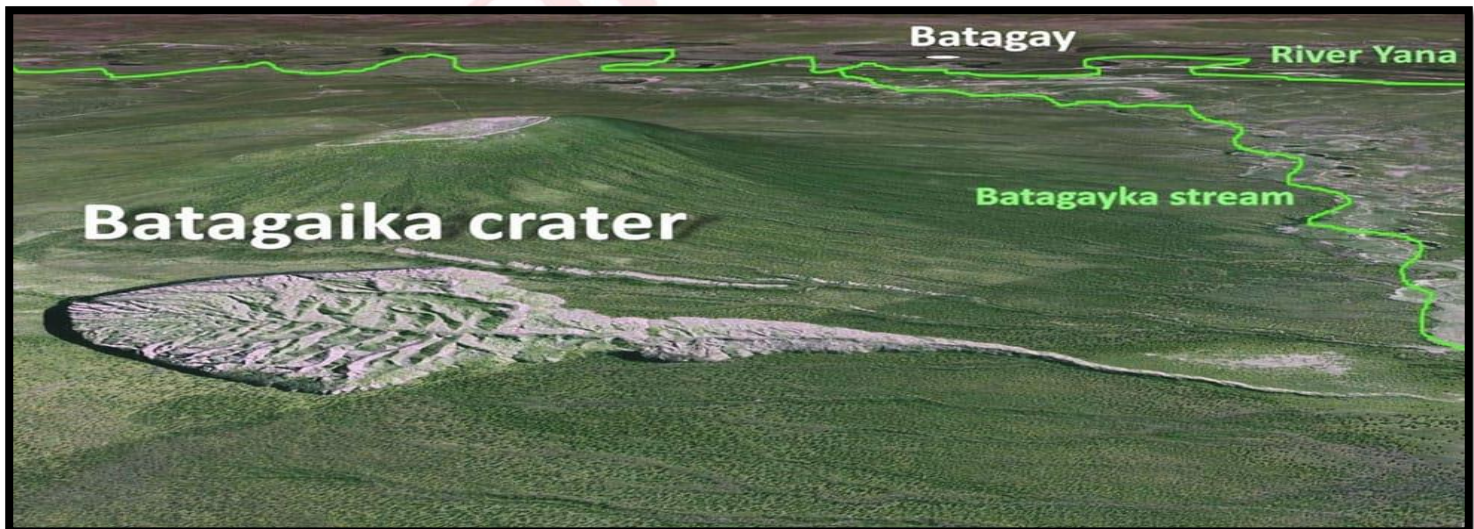
- Under '**Vasudha Vanadhan**', 75 saplings of native species will be planted in each gram panchayat or village.
- '**Veeron Ka Vandan**' will be organized to honour the freedom fighters and the families of the deceased freedom fighters.





## Batagaika Crater

- The effect of **climate change** is now visible all over the world. From India to Europe are struggling with it. At the same time, the permafrost crater i.e. a permanently frozen crater in a part of Russia has also started melting. This new development has increased the concerns of the world.
- It has been seen in drone footage that the **Batagaika crater** located in Russia is now melting. Located in the eastern part of the country, it is actually a kilometer-long place in the far east and the **largest permafrost crater in the world**.



- Due to this, the concerns of scientists have increased because it shows how much the danger due to climate change is increasing in the North and North Eastern cities and towns.
- The expansion of the **Batagaika crater** can be attributed to the melting of permafrost, a phenomenon triggered by global warming. As the temperature rises, the once-frozen ground undergoes a process of erosion, forming this massive crater.
- Permafrost refers to ground or soil that is frozen at or **below the freezing point** (0 °C or 32 °F) for two or more consecutive years.
- It is commonly found in high-latitude regions near the poles, such as the Arctic and Subarctic regions.
- **About 65% of Russia's land area** is covered by long-frozen tundra, which is experiencing rapid warming. The melting of permafrost in these areas is releasing greenhouse gases stored in the soil, contributing to global warming and climate change.

- ➔ The melting of permafrost has had severe consequences on **northern** and **northeastern Russia**, causing damage to infrastructure. Cracked roads, split houses, and disrupted pipelines are just a few examples of the destruction caused by retreating permafrost.
- ➔ Russia is experiencing a temperature **increase 2.5 times greater than the global average**, making it one of the most vulnerable regions to the effects of climate change.
- ➔ This intense warming has accelerated the melting of the permafrost and the subsequent expansion of the crater.





## Zero FIR

- Recently two Manipuri women were paraded in an objectionable condition in the **Thoubal district** of the state, after which the discussion of **Zero FIR** has intensified.
- When a police station receives a complaint regarding an alleged offense committed in the jurisdiction of another police station, it registers an FIR and then transfers it to the concerned police station for further investigation. This is called **Zero FIR**.
- No regular FIR number is given in this. After getting Zero FIR, the concerned police station registers new FIR and starts the investigation.
- According to a 2020 circular issued by the **Puducherry government**, the provision of zero FIR comes following the recommendations of the '**Justice Verma Committee**' constituted for speedy trial, enhanced punishment and amendment of criminal law for offenders accused of sexual assault against women.

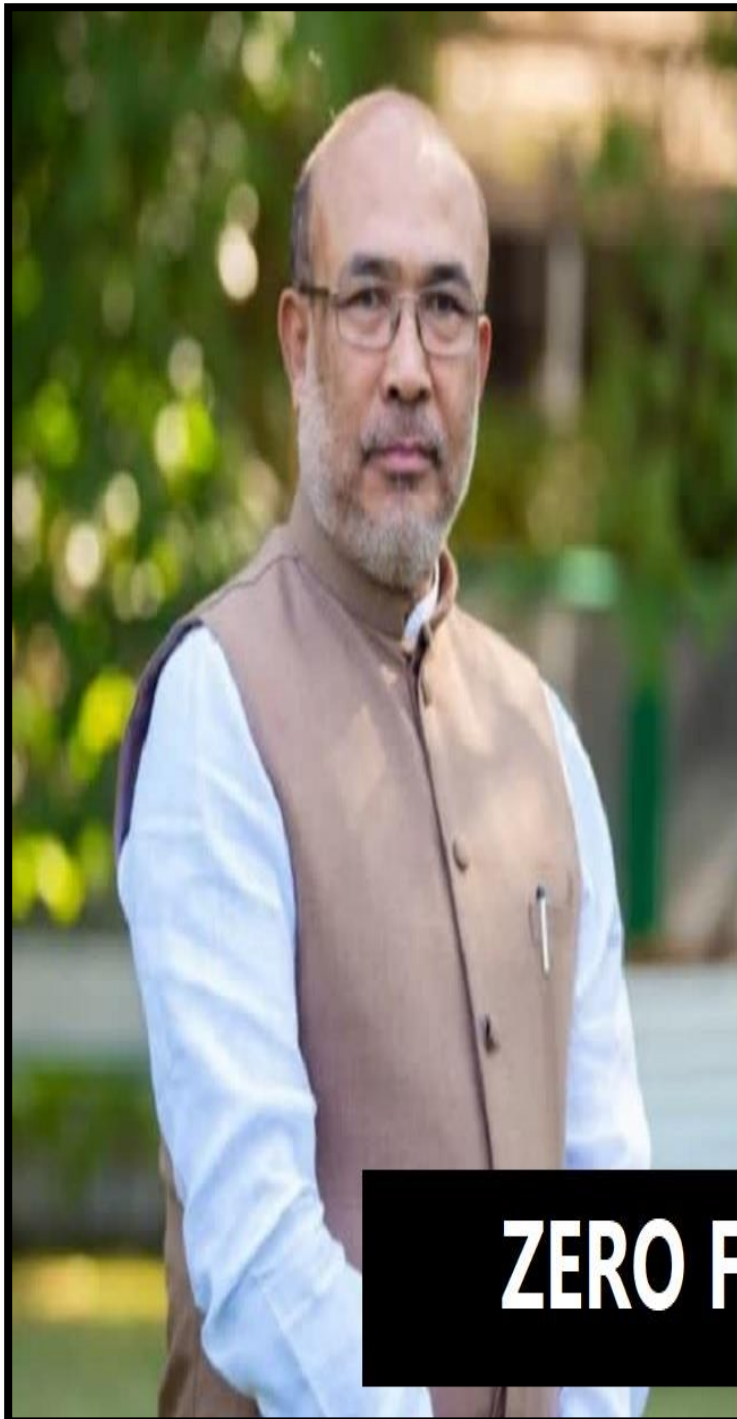
- ➔ The committee was formed after the **2012 Nirbhaya gang rape case**.
- ➔ As per the circular, **Zero FIR** can be lodged by the victim in any police station, irrespective of their place of residence or the place of commission of the crime.
- ➔ The objective is to ensure that the victim does not have to wander from door to door to lodge a police complaint. This provision is to provide speedy redressal to the victim so that timely action can be taken after the registration of FIR.
- ➔ **Supreme Court's Opinion on Zero FIR-**
  - In 2008, the Uttar Pradesh Police filed an FIR for the missing girl child after a month.
  - According to former judge RS Sodhi, on the petition of Lalita Kumari, the constitutional bench of the Supreme Court had said in one of its important decisions that the police cannot refuse to register an FIR on the basis of jurisdiction, irrespective of the locality in which the crime took place.



- The police will have to register the FIR of the victim in every situation. Even if the crime took place in any police station area.
- This will be a type of Zero FIR and that complaint is transferred to the concerned police station. After this, receiving the complaint in that police station, the process of investigation starts.

### → What is FIR?

- The full form of FIR is First Information Report.
- The primary information of any incident, accident or criminal incident is called FIR.
- In relation to serious crimes under FIR, the police register a case **under Section-154 of CrPC**, while talking about non-serious crimes, the police register a case **under Section-482 of CrPC**.
- The details of the incident are recorded in writing at the police station, a copy of which is given to the complainant. This copy of FIR is a very important document.



**ZERO F.I.R. = ZERO**

## Pronab Sen Committee

- The Government of India recently appointed a panel headed by former **Chief Statistician of India Pronab Sen** to review the functioning of the **National Statistical Organization (NSO)**.
- **The Ministry of Statistics and Program Implementation (MoSPI)** has constituted a new Standing Committee on Statistics (SCOS) to advise on official data generated by the National Statistical Office (NSO).
- This panel will replace the **Standing Committee on Economic Statistics (SCES)** constituted in 2019 to advise on economic data.
- National-level data is a key resource for research, policy-making and development planning.
- Understanding and analyzing data in light of existing evidence is of utmost importance.
- The use of outdated survey methodology by national surveys such as the National Sample Survey (NSS), the National Family Health Survey (NFHS) and the **Periodic Labor Force Survey (PLFS)** has systematically underestimated India's growth.

→ This archaic method has failed to capture the reality in recent times as the Indian economy has been incredibly dynamic **over the last 30 years.**

## National Statistical Commission

