



## Current Affairs of the Day

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- INCOIS launches 'Digital Ocean'
- NGT wants underground power lines, bird diverters at Great Indian Bustard habitat.

### Prelims

- Drying Sea of Galilee swells after years of drought.

## INCOIS launches 'Digital Ocean'

### Highlights:

1. The government launched the 'Digital Ocean' platform of Indian National Centre for Oceanic Information Services (INCOIS) here as a one-stop-solution for all data related needs of a wide range of users, including research institutions, operational agencies, strategic users, the academic community, maritime industry, and the public.
2. Digital Ocean will play a central role in the sustainable management of our oceans and expanding our 'Blue Economy' initiatives.
3. It will facilitate an online interactive web-based environment for data integration, 3D and 4D data visualization, data analysis to assess the evolution of oceanographic features obtained from multiple sources like on-site monitoring devices, remote sensing and model data.
4. INCOIS provides ocean information and advisory services to various stakeholders in the country, including Potential Fishing Zone (PFZ) advisories, Ocean State Forecast (OSF), high wave alerts, tsunami early warnings, storm surge and oil-spill advisories, among others, using state-of-the-art technologies and tools to get real-time information on oceanographic and marine meteorological data.

## NGT wants underground power lines, bird diverters at Great Indian Bustard habitat

### Highlights:

1. The National Green Tribunal December 23, 2020, ordered that all power transmission lines should be underground for new renewable power projects in marked habitats of the Great Indian Bustard.
2. It also asked the Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change as well as concerned states to install bird diverters on "existing solar and wind power lines", preferably within four months.

The tribunal directed the ministry to ensure that environmental impact assessments (EIA) of solar energy projects cover impacts on biological diversity. Green energy projects (wind, solar, etc) lie outside the purview of EIAs





## Drying Sea of Galilee swells after years of drought



### Highlights:

1. The Sea of Galilee, well-known in Jewish, Christian and Islamic lore, has swelled up due to recent rains, according to reports in the Israeli media.
2. The lake lies in northern Israel, between the occupied Golan Heights and the Galilee region. It is fed by underground springs but its major source is the Jordan River.
3. The Jordan flows into the lake, Israel's largest freshwater body and then exits it before ending in the Dead Sea, the saltiest and the lowest point on the planet.
4. Water is not extracted from the Sea of Galilee. But it is considered to be an important barometer of the water situation in Israel.