India and Australia on Cybersecurity

News:

- There is a huge increase in cybersecurity cooperation between India and Australia.
- The countries are sharing experiences on protecting critical infrastructure, including 5G networks.
- In June 2020 both countries had signed a **Cyber and cyber-enabled critical technology framework agreement along with the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership (CSP)**.
- The Cyber security agreement sets out practical actions to enhance **digital trade**, **harness critical technology** opportunities and **address cybersecurity challenges**.
- As part of this, the two countries have been increasing information sharing and stepping up cooperation.
- Another area which the two countries were exploring was of **regulatory space**, including Australia’s encryption legislation, and how that could be used to prevent cyber-enabled crime.
- The categories of threats that the two countries are looking at are criminal groups, financial gain, sophisticated state-based actors and so on.