**Syllabus subtopic:** Science and Technology- developments and their applications and effects in everyday life Achievements of Indians in science & technology; indigenization of technology and developing new technology.

**Prelims and Mains focus:** About the MANI app and its significance

**News:** The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Wednesday launched the **Mobile Aided Note Identifier (MANI)**, a mobile application for aiding visually impaired persons to identify the denomination of Indian banknotes.

**Features of MANI app**

- It has features like capability of identifying the denominations of Mahatma Gandhi series and Mahatma Gandhi (new) series banknote by checking front or reverse side/part of the note including half-folded notes at various holding angles and broad range of light conditions.

- As per the RBI, Indian banknotes contain several features which enable the **visually impaired (colour blind, partially sighted and blind people)** to identify them, including intaglio printing and tactile mark, variable banknote size, large numerals, variable colour, monochromatic hues and patterns.

**Significance**

Technological progress has opened up new opportunities for making Indian banknotes more accessible for the visually impaired, thereby facilitating their day to day transactions.