Development and Welfare Board for the Denotified, Nomadic, and Semi-Nomadic Communities (DWBDNC)

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Why in News?

Recently, Union Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment (MoSJE) reviewed the implementation of the SEED (Scheme for Economic Empowerment of DNTs) programme of Development and Welfare Board for De-notified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Communities (DWBDNC).

- **DWBDNC** - It is a Society Registered under Societies Registration ACT 1860.
- **Constituted in** - ***2019***
- **Head Quarter at** - New Delhi
- **Composition**
  - **Chairperson** – Appointed by the Government of India
  - **Member Secretary** - Chief Executive Officer of the Board in the rank of Joint Secretary to the Government of India
  - **3 Members** - Joint Secretary, Department of Social Justice & Empowerment, a representative of Ministry of Tribal Affairs & a representative of Department of School Education
  - **Nominated members** – *5 eminent persons* working in the field of these communities to be nominated by the Government of India.
- **Tenure** – A period of *3 years extendable up to 5 years* for Chairman and Chief Executive Officer
- **Powers and Functions** - To *formulate and implement Welfare and Development programmes.*
- To identify the locations/areas where these communities are densely populated and to assess and *identify gaps in accessing existing programmes* and entitlements.
- To *collaborate with Ministries/implementing* agencies to ensure the ongoing programmes meet the special requirements.
- To *monitor and evaluate the progress* of the schemes of Government of India and the States/UTs with reference to these communities.
- To do any other related work as may be assigned by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.

Scheme for Economic Empowerment of DNTs (SEED)

• **Launched in** – 2022, by Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.
• **Objectives** - Providing *quality coaching to DNT candidates* for competitive examinations
• Providing *health insurance* to DNT communities,
• Promoting *livelihood initiatives* at the community level for small groups within DNT/NT/SNT communities,
• Providing financial assistance to DNT individuals for constructing houses.
• **Beneficiaries** – It targets *families with an annual income of ₹2.50 lakh or less,* who are not availing benefits from similar schemes of the central or state governments.

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