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Geography

Debrigarh Wildlife Sanctuary

- **Situated in** - Bargarh district, Odisha.
- **Located near** - Hirakud Dam, the longest dam in India and the longest earthen dam in the world on the Mahanadi River.
- **Declared as** - A wildlife sanctuary in 1985.
- **Vegetation** - Mixed and dry deciduous forest.
- **Flora** - Sal, Asana, Bija, Aanla, Dhaura, etc.
- **Fauna** - Indian leopards, sloth bears, chousingha (four-horned antelope), sambar deer, gaurs (Indian bison), wild boars, and Indian wild dogs etc.
- Wintering grounds of migratory birds that visit the sanctuary from far off places. Eg - Crested serpent eagle, Flower Peckers, red vented bulbul, tree pie, drongo and white eye oriental etc.

Social Issues

Guidelines for 'Development of Homestays in Tribal Areas'

- **Formulated by** - Ministry of Tourism.
- **Sub-scheme of** - Swadesh Darshan under Pradhan Mantri Janjatiya Unnat Gram Abhiyan (PMJUGA).
- **Objectives** - To develop homestays in tribal areas to promote responsible tourism and enhance livelihood opportunities for tribal communities.
- To encourage the stakeholders to adopt sustainable tourism practices in the tribal villages.
- **Financial assistance** -
 - Up to ₹5 lakh for village community requirements,
 - Up to ₹5 lakh for the construction of two new rooms for each household,
 - Up to ₹3 lakh for the renovation of existing rooms for each household.
- **Mudra Loans** - Government announced collateral free institutional credit for Homestays (Budget 2025-26).

Preservation of Tribal Identity and Collective Rights

- **Forest Rights Act, 2006** - To undo the historical injustices faced by Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers due to the long-standing non-recognition of their rights over forest lands and resources.
- **Section 3(1)(i) of the Act** - Explicitly provides for the “rights to protect, regenerate or conserve or manage any Community Forest Resource which they have been traditionally protecting and conserving for sustainable use.”
- **Ministry of Tribal Affairs** -
 - **Issuance of advisories to** - State Governments and UT Administrations to ensure the protection and recognition of *Community Forest Rights (CFRs)* in the true letter and spirit of the FRA.
 - **Guiding principle for** - Conservation, Management, and Sustainable Use of Community Forest Resources to facilitate effective *CFR governance*.
- **Financial support to** - State Governments under the *DhartiAabaJanjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan (DA-JGUA)* for strengthening Gram Sabhas and Community Forest Resource Management Committees, including for the preparation and implementation of community-led forest management plans.

Security

Commissioning of Diving Support Craft (DSC) A20

- It is the 1st vessel of *the indigenously designed and constructed Diving Support Craft (DSC), at Kochi* under the aegis of Southern Naval Command.
- **Built by** - M/s Titagarh Rail Systems Limited (TRSL), Kolkata.
- **Features** - It offers superior stability, enhanced deck area, and improved seakeeping characteristics, and has a displacement of *approximately 390 tons*.
- **Designed and built in accordance with** - The Naval Rules and Regulations of the Indian Register of Shipping (IRS).
- **Testing** - It underwent extensive hydrodynamic analysis and model testing at the *Naval Science and Technological Laboratory (NSTL), Visakhapatnam*.

Science

Status of 5G Rollout

- **Rolled out** - In all States/ UTs across the country.
- **Currently available in** - 99.9% of the districts in the country.
- **Initiatives** -
 - *BharatNet project* for providing broadband connectivity in Gram Panchayats (GPs) and villages.
 - Scheme for providing mobile services in Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected areas and in *Aspirational Districts*.
 - 4G Saturation scheme to provide 4G mobile coverage in all uncovered villages.
 - Launch of *GatiShakti Sanchar portal and RoW(Right of Way) Rules* to streamline RoW permissions and clearance of installation of telecom infrastructure.
 - Time-bound permission for use of street furniture for installation of small cells and telecommunication line.

