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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.

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