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Social Issues

Adi Sanskriti Project

• **Launched in –** 2025, by Ministry of Tribal Affairs.
• **Objectives –**
- To create a comprehensive platform for safeguarding, learning, and promoting India's tribal knowledge systems.
- To digitally map, archive, and perpetuate tribal art forms and socio-cultural practices.
- To create a modern, interactive Digital Academy to provide accessible learning for tribal and general audiences, supported by master artisans.
- To facilitate fair trade and direct market linkages for tribal artists and artisans.
- To showcase India's tribal diversity to international audiences through immersive experiences and digital outreach.

• **Rename –** In the second phase, it is proposed to be renamed as 'TribalEx' an e-learning platform, developed by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs.
• **Implementation the project –**
- Stakeholder-Led Development.
- Phased Content Rollout.
- Community Engagement.

Polity & Governance

National Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe Hub (NSSH) Scheme

• **Launched in –** 2016, by Ministry of Micro,Small & Medium Enterprises.
• **Objectives –**
- To promote entrepreneurship amongst the SCs/STs.
- To fulfil the mandated 4% of procurement from SC/ST MSEs under the Public Procurement Policy for Micro and Small Enterprises.

• **Several initiatives –**
- Capacity building programmes;
- Market linkage programmes,
- Organization of Special Vendor Development programmes,
- Workshops/awareness programmes,
- Subsidy on purchase of plant & machinery/equipment,
- Financial assistance for registration under Single Point Registration Scheme,
- For enrolment on Government promoted e-commerce portals, etc.

Reservation for Agniveers

• **Decided by –** Union Home Ministry.
• **Aim –** To enhance reservation for ex-Agniveers in the Group C posts of the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) from the existing 10% to 50.
• **Exempted from –** Physical Standard Test and Physical Efficiency Test, the notification suggests that the ex-Agniveers will have to appear for written examinations like other regular candidates.
• **CAPFs comprise –** Central industrial Security Force, BSF, Central Reserve Police Force, Indo Tibetan Border Police, Sashastra Seema Bal and the Assam Rifles.

International Relations and Issues

NASA chief

• **Mr. Isaacman –** He becomes a NASA administrator, making an advocate of Mars missions.
• He was a former associate of SpaceX CEO Elon Musk the space agency's 15th leader.

Economy

Spiritual Tourism Circuits Schemes

• **Launched by –** Ministry of Tourism
• **Swadesh Darshan (SD) scheme –** To develop tourism infrastructure under identified thematic circuits such as Spiritual, Buddhist, Krishna, Ramayana, Tirthankar etc. in the country.
  - **Revamped as –** Swadesh Darshan 2.0 (SD2.0) with the objective to develop sustainable and responsible tourism destinations.
  - **Sub-scheme –** 'Challenge Based Destination Development (CBDD)' provides financial assistance to the State Governments/ UT Administrations.
• **Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD) –** To integrated development at identified pilgrimage & heritage destinations.
• **Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment (SASCI) –** Development of Iconic Tourist Centres to Global Scale' sanctioned 40 projects in the country.
  - **Objective –** To comprehensively develop iconic tourist centres in the country, branding and marketing them at global scale.

100% FDI in Insurance

Lok Sabha passes bill on 100% FDI in Insurance.
• **Provision –** Increases Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) limit in insurance from 74% to100%.
• **Amendments to –**
  - Insurance Act, 1938;
  - LIC Act, 1956;
  - IRDA Act, 1999.
• **Advantages –**
  - To pave way for capital infusion, better technology, better products.
  - To ease entry for global companies.
• **Significance –** To strengthens policyholder protection, improves transparency, empowers regulator.

Environment

National Consultative Workshop on the STs and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006

• **Organised by –** Ministry of Tribal Affairs (MoTA), with National Tribal Research Institute (NTRI).
• **Objective –** To strengthen democratic forest governance and ensure sustainable livelihoods for tribal communities.
• **Significance –** It enables India's Viksit Bharat through inclusive growth & sustainable forest governance.

Inhalable microplastics – New Pollutant

• **Size –** Less than 10 micrometres.
• **Concentration –** Average 8.8 µg/m³ in Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata, Chennai.
• **Health Risks**
- It penetrates deep into lungs.
- It acts as "Trojan horses" for toxic co-pollutants (heavy metals like lead/cadmium, hormone-disrupting chemicals like diethyl phthalates).
- It Carries antibiotic-resistant microbes (e.g. Aspergillus fumigatus).
- It associated with higher risk of cancer, hormone-related diseases, breast problems, respiratory illnesses.

• **Sources –** Synthetic textiles, toy fillings, packaging, tyre wear, cosmetics, industries and construction.

Science

Bharat CPSEs' Consultative Conclave

• **Organised by –** Capacity Building Commission (CBC), with Department of Public Enterprises (DPE), Ministry of Finance.
• **Theme** – *"Shaping India's Growth Story through DAKSH PSEs @2047".*
• **Objectives –**
• To develop a shared and structured CPSEs' Capacity Building Roadmap, aligned with Mission Karmayogi.
• To integrate principles of good governance into CPSEs' human capital strategies, strengthen leadership and succession planning.
• To promote inter-CPSE collaboration to support the national vision of Viksit Bharat @2047.

Agreement with Flipkart

National Council for Vocational Education and Training (NCVET), has entered into an agreement with Flipkart.

• **Nodal ministry –** Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE).
• **Objectives –**
- To strengthen India's vocational education and skilling ecosystem.
- To create nationally recognised, industry-led skilling pathways for India's rapidly expanding e-commerce and logistics workforce, in alignment with the Skill India Mission.
- To bridge critical skill gaps in the e-commerce supply chain, create a pool of certified and job-ready talent, and support India's vision of becoming a globally competitive, future-ready economy.

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