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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% to 100%.
- **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/m<sup>3</sup> 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.