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PM-PVTG DEVELOPMENT MISSION

This article covers "Daily Current Affairs" and the topic details "PM-PVTG Development Mission". This topic has relevance in the Social Justice section of the UPSC CSE exam.

GS 2: Social Justice

Why in the news?

The Prime Minister has recently inaugurated the PM PVTG Development Mission, targeting the most vulnerable segment within the Tribal Population.

About PM-PVTG Development Mission:

The PM-PVTG Development Mission program, with an allocated budget of Rs.15,000 crore for Scheduled Tribes in the Union Budget, aims to uplift the socio-economic status of Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs). This initiative focuses on providing essential facilities and improving living conditions for these marginalized communities.

Key Parameters of the Mission:

- Provision of basic facilities such as safe housing.
- Ensuring access to clean drinking water and sanitation.
- Advancing education, health, and nutrition for PVTGs.
- Enhancing accessibility to roads in settlements inhabited by backward scheduled tribes.

Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs):

• Identification and Designation:

- Designated by the Ministry of Home Affairs, PVTGs include 75 tribal groups spread across 18 states and the Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands.
- Introduced in 1975, the concept of PVTGs identifies the most vulnerable among tribal communities.
- The list expanded in 1993, encompassing 23 additional groups, resulting in the current total of 75.

• Regional Concentration:

- Odisha has the highest concentration of PVTGs, with 13 groups identified.
- Andhra Pradesh follows closely with 12 designated PVTGs.

Classification Criteria for PVTGs:

Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) are classified based on specific criteria:

- **Population Dynamics:** PVTGs exhibit declining or stagnant populations, emphasizing their vulnerability.
- **Education Levels:** These groups have low levels of literacy, indicating a need for educational interventions.
- **Technological Development:** PVTGs often maintain pre-agricultural levels of technology, requiring developmental support.
- **Economic Status:** Economic backwardness is a crucial criterion for the classification of PVTGs, reflecting the need for targeted socio-economic initiatives.

The PM-PVTG Development Mission focuses on addressing the unique challenges faced by Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups, aiming to uplift their socio-economic status through targeted interventions and provisions of essential services.

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Q.1 With reference to Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs), consider the following statements:

1. PVTGs are designated by the Ministry of Home Affairs
2. Odisha has the highest concentration of PVTGs

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: B

Q.2 Discuss the criteria for their identification and designation of the PVTGs. Evaluate the challenges faced by PVTGs and suggest policy measures to address their socio-economic vulnerabilities.

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