



Anamaya: Tribal Health Collaborative

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Why in News

Recently, the **Ministry of Tribal Affairs** has launched **Tribal Health Collaborative (THC)** 'Anamaya' through a video conference.

In 2018, an expert committee released a **comprehensive report on tribal health** in India which highlighted the issues and concerns of tribal health.

Key Points

- **About:**

- It is an initiative **bringing together** governments, philanthropists, national and international foundations, **Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs)**/Community Based Organizations (CBOs) **to end all preventable deaths among the tribal communities of India.**
- It will **converge efforts of various Government agencies and organisations** to enhance the health and nutrition status of the tribal communities of India.

- **Aim:**

To **build a sustainable, high-performing health ecosystem** to address the key health challenges faced by the tribal population of India.

- **Stakeholders:**

It is a multi-stakeholder initiative of the **Ministry of Tribal Affairs** supported by **Piramal Foundation** and **Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF)**.

Piramal Foundation is the philanthropic arm of Piramal Group. The foundation undertakes projects under the four broad areas – **healthcare, education, livelihood creation and youth empowerment.**

- **Operation:**

- It will **begin its operations with 50 tribal, Aspirational Districts** (with more than 20% **Scheduled Tribe** population) across 6 high tribal population states.
- Over a **10-year period**, the work of the THC will be **extended to 177 tribal Districts** as recognised by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs.

- **Other Initiatives Related to the Tribal Communities:**
 - **Programme for Capacity Building of Scheduled Tribe (ST) Representatives in Local Self Governments:**

It is aimed at empowering tribal **Panchayati Raj Institution (PRI)** representatives by enhancing their decision making capabilities at local government level.
 - **1000 Springs Initiative:**
 - The **1000 Springs Initiative** aims at improving access to safe and adequate water for the tribal communities living in difficult and inaccessible parts of rural areas in the country.
 - The initiative will help in harnessing the potential of perennial springs' water to address natural scarcity of water in tribal areas.
 - **Tribal Health Cell:**
 - A 'Tribal Health Cell' is being set up in the **Ministry of Tribal Affairs**.
 - It will help central ministries and state governments to **facilitate and strengthen primary health care** systems and **invest in tribal health research**.

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