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## Sankalp Se Siddhi: Mission Van Dhan

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### Why in News

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Recently, the **Minister of Tribal Affairs** reviewed various initiatives under ‘**Sankalp Se Siddhi-Mission Vand Dhan**’, by **TRIFED** (Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India).

### TRIFED

- The Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India (TRIFED) came into existence in 1987.
- It is a **national-level apex organization** functioning under the administrative control of the **Ministry of Tribal Affairs**.
- The **ultimate objective** of TRIFED is socio-economic development of tribal people in the country by way of marketing development of the tribal products such as metal craft, tribal textiles, pottery, tribal paintings and pottery on which the tribals depends heavily for a major portion of their income.

### Key Points

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- **About 'Sankalp se Siddhi':**

- The 'Sankalp Se Siddhi' initiative, **also known as 'Mission Van Dhan'**, was **introduced by the central government in 2021**, in line with the Prime Minister's aim **to establish a sustainable livelihood for India's tribal population.**
- Through this mission, TRIFED **aims to expand its operation through convergence of various schemes of different ministries** and departments and launch various tribal development programmes in mission mode.
- Through this mission, establishment of several **Van Dhan Vikas Kendras (VDVKs), haat bazaars, mini TRIFOOD units, common facility centres, TRIFOOD parks, SFRUTI (Scheme of Fund for regeneration of traditional industries)** clusters, **tribes india retail store, e-commerce platform** for trifoood and tribes, **India brands** are being targeted.
- **TRIFED has been implementing several noteworthy programmes** for the empowerment of the tribals.
  - Over the past two years, the **'Mechanism for Marketing of Minor Forest Produce (MFP) through Minimum Support Price (MSP) & Development of Value Chain for MFP'** has impacted the tribal ecosystem in a major way.
  - TRIFED has **also injected Rs. 3000 crores into the tribal economy**, even during such difficult times, aided by government push.
  - The **Van Dhan tribal start-ups**, a component of the same scheme, have emerged as a source of employment generation for tribal gatherers and forest dwellers and the home-bound tribal artisans.

- **TRIFED is involved in following initiatives:**
  - **Van Dhan Vikas Yojana:**
    - Van Dhan Scheme, **a component of ‘MSP for MFP’**, was launched in 2018.
    - An initiative **targeting livelihood generation for tribal gatherers** and transforming them into entrepreneurs.
    - The idea is **to set-up tribal community-owned Van Dhan Vikas Kendra Clusters (VDVKCs)** in predominantly forested tribal districts.
    - VDKs are **for providing skill upgradation and capacity building training to tribals** and setting up of primary processing and value addition facilities.
  - **MSP for MFP:**
    - Mechanism for Marketing of **Minor Forest Produce (MFP)** Through **Minimum Support Price (MSP)** and Development of Value Chain for MFP **provide MSP to gatherers of forest produce.**
    - The scheme **acts as a measure of social safety for MFP gatherers** who are primarily **members of ST (Scheduled Tribe).**
    - The scheme formed a system to ensure fair monetary returns of the gatherers for their endeavour in collection, primary processing, storage, packaging, transportation, etc.
    - MFP includes **all non-timber forest produce** of plant origin and includes bamboo, canes, fodder, leaves, gums, waxes, dyes, resins and many forms of food including nuts, wild fruits, honey, lac, tusser etc.
  - **Tech For Tribals:**
    - It **aims to transform 5 crore Tribal Entrepreneurs** by capacity building and imparting entrepreneurship skills to tribal forest produce gatherers enrolled under the **Pradhan Mantri Van Dhan Yojana (PMVDY).**
    - The program will ensure higher success rate of the Tribal Entrepreneurs by enabling and **empowering them to run their business with marketable products** with quality certifications.
  - **TRIFOOD Scheme:**
    - It was launched in August 2020 and **promotes value addition to MFP.**
    - TRIFOOD parks will produce processed foods from minor forest produce and also from the food gathered by the tribal people in that region.
  - **Village and Digital Connect Initiative:**

To ensure that existing schemes and initiatives reach the tribals, TRIFED’s regional officials across the country have been visiting identified villages with a significant tribal population.

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