



## **Denotified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Tribes Day to be celebrated every year on 31st August**

### **Why in News?**

On August 31, 2023, Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot, while addressing the 72nd Liberation Day of Denotified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Tribes at the Chief Minister's residence, announced to celebrate August 31 every year as Denotified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Tribes Day.

### **Key Points:**

- Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot said that continuous steps are being taken by the state government for the upliftment of the denotified, nomadic and semi-nomadic tribal community. A fund of Rs 50 crore has been set up for the development of denotified, nomadic and semi-nomadic tribes (DNTs).
- DNT Research and Preservation Centre is being set up at a cost of Rs 5 crore for traditional arts and enterprises of DNT society. Along with this, work is also being done to provide interest-free loans to the people of the society and to provide employment and economic incentives to artists.
- Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot said that the scheme has been brought to provide housing and education to the students of the society. A DNT policy will be introduced soon for the upliftment of the denotified, nomadic and semi-nomadic communities.
- The Chief Minister said that the denotified, nomadic and semi-nomadic tribal community (DNT) made a significant contribution to the freedom struggle. For this reason, the British tortured this community by making a tyrannical law like the Criminal Tribes Act-1871. After independence, the first Prime Minister Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru abolished this oppressive law in 1952 and ended the injustice being done to denotified, nomadic and semi-nomadic tribes.
- It was Pandit Nehru who gave entry to the Gadia Lohar community in Chittorgarh fort in 1955. Due to the decisions taken by former Prime Minister Late Rajiv Gandhi, all the deprived sections including DNT society got political representation in Panchayati Raj Institutions.
- Urmila Yogi, chairperson of the State Denotified Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Board, said that the state government has allocated leases of up to 150 square yards in villages and 50 square yards in cities for the DNT community free of cost.



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