



President on Four-Day Visit to Jharkhand and Odisha

Why in News?

President Droupadi Murmu is on a four-day visit to Jharkhand and Odisha.

Key Points

- The President will grace the **third convocation of Central University of Jharkhand** in Ranchi and **25th convocation of Berhampur University in Bhanja Bihar**.
- She will be laying the **foundation stone** for:
 - the **Central Government Holiday Home** at Rairangpur, Odisha.
 - various **road projects and a sports complex** at Rairangpur.
- She will interact with the members of **Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups** of **Kadalibadi village at Gonasika, Keonjhar**.
- She will inaugurate:
 - **Eklavya Model Residential School** in Barsahi.
 - A national seminar on **'Tribes of Keonjhar: people, culture and heritage'** and address the students of **Dharanidhar University** at its North Campus.
- She will grace the **golden jubilee celebration of Brahma Kumaris**, Odisha and witness a **presentation of PM JANMAN** by the Government of Odisha at Raj Bhavan, Bhubaneswar.
- She will visit various places related to **Santha Kabi Bhima Bhoi in Sambalpur district** of Odisha and also **meet the followers of Mahima Cult at Mini Stadium, Sambalpur**.

Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group (PVTG)

- A **PVTG is a sub-classification of a Scheduled Tribe** or section of a Scheduled Tribe that is considered more vulnerable than a regular Scheduled Tribe. The Indian Government created the PVTG list to improve their living.
 - There are **75 PVTGs in India, the maximum 13 are in Odisha**, followed by 12 in Andhra Pradesh.
- **Article 342(1)**: The President with respect to any State/UT (after consultation with the Governor in case of state) may specify the tribes/tribal communities/part of or groups within tribes/tribal communities as a Scheduled Tribe in that State/UT.
 - Parliament may by **law include in or exclude from the list of STs** specified in a notification issued under article 342(1) any tribe or tribal community or part of or group within any tribe or tribal community, but save as aforesaid a notification issued under the said clause shall not be varied by any subsequent notification.

Pradhan Mantri-Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan (PM-JANMAN) Scheme

- PM JANMAN is a government scheme that aims to **bring tribal communities into the mainstream**.
- The scheme (comprising Central Sector and Centrally Sponsored Schemes) will be implemented by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, in collaboration with the State governments and the PVTG communities.
- The scheme will concentrate on 11 critical interventions overseen by 9 line Ministries, ensuring the implementation of existing schemes in villages inhabited by PVTGs.

- It encompasses various sectors, including safe housing under the **PM-AWAS Scheme**, access to clean **drinking water**, improved **healthcare, education, nutrition**, road and telecommunications connectivity, as well as opportunities for sustainable livelihoods.
- The plan also includes the establishment of **Van Dhan Vikas Kendras** for **trading in forest produce**, off-grid solar power systems for 1 lakh households, and solar street lights.
- The scheme is expected to **enhance the quality of life and well-being of the PVTGs**, by addressing their multiple and intersecting forms of **discrimination and exclusion**, and by recognizing and valuing their unique and valuable contribution to national and global development.

Santha Kavi Bhima Bhoi

- Bhima Bhoi was a **19th-century saint, poet and social reformer** from the state of Odisha.
- He was a follower of Mahima Swami, the founder of **Mahima Cult**.
- He is known for his spiritual teachings and literary contributions in the form of **Odia Bhajans and Chautisa (devotional song)**.
- **Stuti Chintamani** is considered the most important poetical work of Bhima Bhoi.
 - **Other important works** include Brahma Nirupana Gita, Astaka Bihari Gita, Chautisa Madhu Chakra, and Bhajanamala. Two collections, Atha Bhajan and Bangala Atha Bhajan are written in the Bengali language.

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