



Sahariya Tribe & PM-JANMAN

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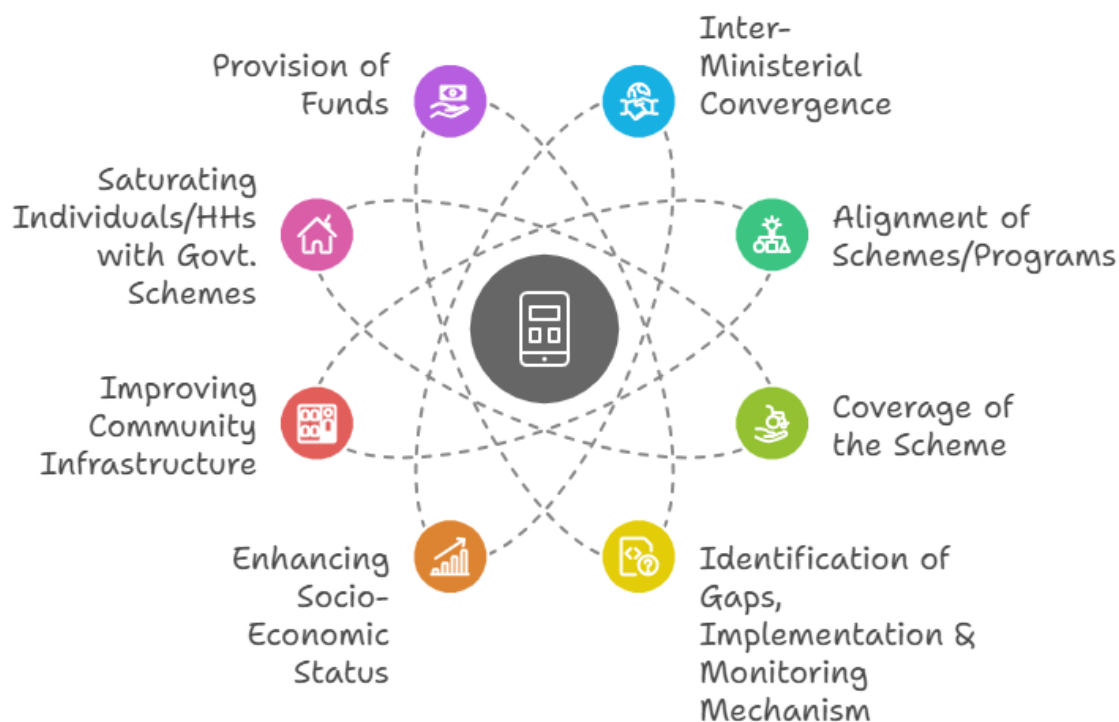
The **Sahariya community**, a [Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group \(PVTG\)](#), in a remote area of Rajasthan's Baran district has received electricity for the first time in 78 years.

- This development aligns with the **PM-JANMAN (Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan) initiative**, which focuses on improving the socio-economic conditions of tribal groups.

Key Points

- **Sahariya Tribe:**
 - **About:**
 - The **Sahariya tribe is one of the 12 notified tribes in Rajasthan** and is classified as a PVTG.
 - The Sahariyas are considered a **sub-branch of the Kolariyan family and Bheels**. Sahariya community is also called by the names **Seher, Sair, Savar, Saonar, Sahra etc.**
 - Around **7% of India's tribal population lives in Rajasthan.**
 - **Demographic Status:**
 - According to the **2011 Census**, the Sahariyas are the **fourth-largest tribal community in Rajasthan**, following the Meena, Bhil, and Garasia communities.
 - In **Rajasthan**, the Baran district, especially the Kishanganj and Shahbad tehsils, hosts the core Sahariya population.
 - Sahariyas also reside in Morena, Shivpuri, Bhind, Gwalior, Datia, Vidisha, and Guna districts of **Madhya Pradesh.**
 - **Traditional Practices & Skills:**
 - Sahariya is also **very fond of** hunting and fishing. Along with the knowledge of herbs, Sahariyas are also very skilled in collecting honey from beehives.
 - Apart from this, **making baskets, ropes, brooms, cutting wood from the forest etc.** are some other **traditional works.**
- **PM-JANMAN Scheme:**
 - PM-JANMAN, launched on **15th November 2023**, on [Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas](#), focuses on **11 critical interventions through 9 ministries** to improve the socio-economic welfare of PVTGs.
 - PM-JANMAN comprises **Central Sector and Centrally Sponsored Schemes** to improve the socio-economic conditions of PVTGs.
 - The scheme has a total **outlay of Rs 24,104 crore** to be spent over a three-year period, of which nearly **80% is only for the construction of houses and roads.**
 - An allocation of Rs 15,000 crore has been made under the **Development Action Plan for the Scheduled Tribes (DAPST)** to implement the housing component of PM-JANMAN.

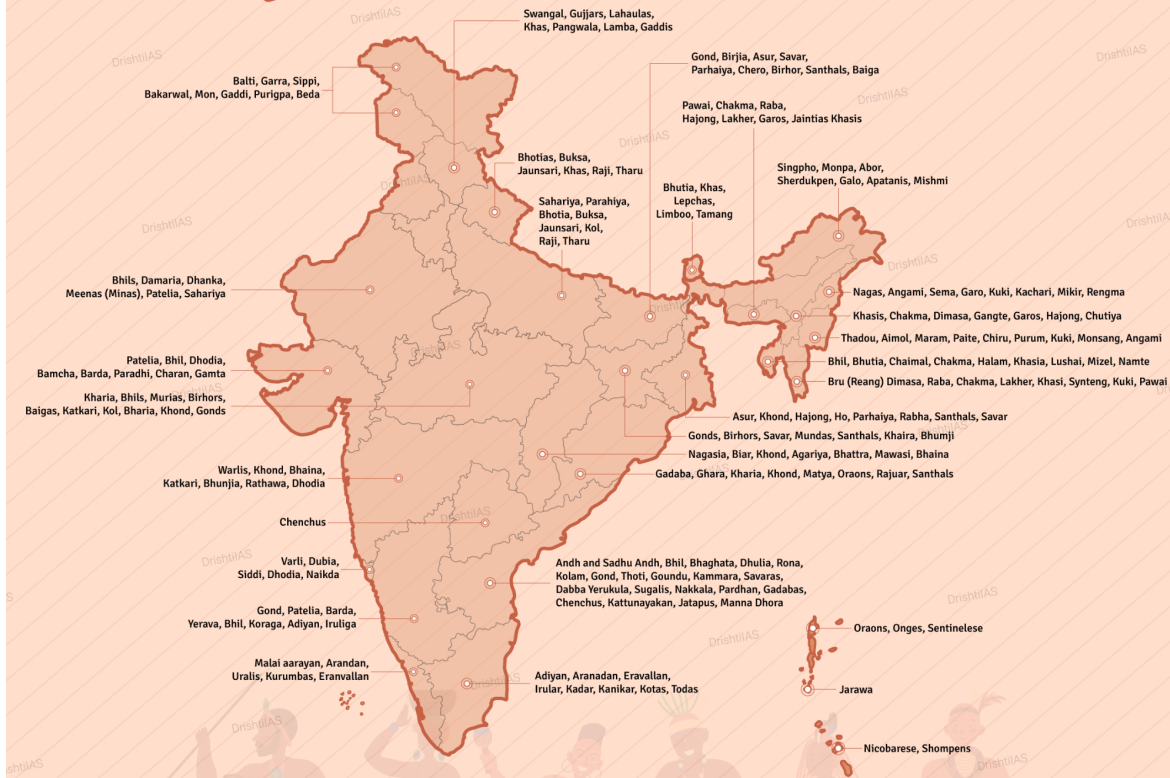
Foundational Features of PM JANMAN



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.
- **Initiatives Related to the Welfare of PVTGs:**
 - [Janjatiya Gaurav Divas.](#)
 - [Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra.](#)
 - [PM PVTG Mission.](#)

Major Tribes in India



- STs constitute **8.6% of the population of India** (Census 2011). Draft National Tribal Policy, 2006 records **698 STs** in India.
- **Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs)** are more vulnerable among the tribal groups. Among the 75 listed PVTGs, the highest number is found in Odisha.
- **Bhil is the largest tribal group** (38% of the total scheduled tribal population of India) followed by the Gonds.
- **Madhya Pradesh has the highest tribal population** in India (Census 2011).
- The Santhal are the oldest tribes in India. The Santhal system of governance, known as **Manjhi-Paragana**, can be compared to local self-governance.
- According to the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes list (modification orders), 1956, the inhabitants of **Lakshadweep** who and both of whose parents were born in these islands are treated as STs.
- **Article 342** of the Constitution prescribes procedure to be followed for specification of STs.
- **Article 275** provides for the **grant of special funds** by the Union Government to the State Government for promoting the welfare of Scheduled Tribes and providing them with a better administration.