



1.78 lakh PVTGs Enrolled

Why in News?

Recently, the [Election Commission of India](#) has taken significant steps to ensure inclusive, participative elections in Jharkhand, focusing on the enrollment of [Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups \(PVTGs\)](#).

Key Points

- **100% Enrollment of PVTGs:** 1.78 lakh voters from **eight PVTGs** have been fully enrolled in the electoral roll.
- **Electoral Roll Statistics:** A total of **2.59 crore electors are registered**, including 1.28 crore women voters and over **11.05 lakh first-time voters (18-19 years)**.
- **Special Summary Revision (SSR):** The second SSR for the State was completed and the electoral roll was published on 27th August, 2024.
- **Election Commission's Directive:** Emphasis on **zero tolerance for the use of money power**, as conveyed during meetings with enforcement agencies, political parties, and security forces.

Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs)

- In India, tribal population makes up for **8.6% of the total population**.
- PVTGs are more vulnerable among the tribal groups. Due to this factor, more developed and assertive tribal groups take a major chunk of the tribal development funds because of which PVTGs need more funds directed for their development.
- In **1973**, the [Dhebar Commission](#) created **Primitive Tribal Groups (PTGs)** as a separate category, who are less developed among the tribal groups. In 2006, the Government of India renamed the **PTGs as PVTGs**.
- In this context, in **1975**, the Government of India initiated to identify the most vulnerable tribal groups as a separate category called PVTGs and declared **52 such groups**, while in 1993 an additional 23 groups were added to the category, making it a total of 75 PVTGs out of **705 Scheduled Tribes**.
- PVTGs have some basic characteristics i.e., they are mostly **homogenous, with a small population, relatively physically isolated, absence of written language, relatively simple technology and a slower rate of change etc.**
- Among the **75 listed PVTG's** the highest number are found in Odisha.