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The Hindu: GS2-Social Issues (Page 1)

PM-JANMAN | Government targets Aadhaar, Jan Dhan, caste certificate saturation in 15,000 PVTG villages in 1 week

This exercise would help many PVTG families without basic documentation get access to package benefits under PM-JANMAN

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Union Tribal Affairs Minister Arjun Munda. File | Photo Credit: PTI

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced the PM-JANMAN package for the Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) and his Cabinet cleared a ₹24,000 crore expenditure on it.
- The package brings together 11 key interventions (like pucca homes, energisation of households, road and telecom connectivity, etc.) already being implemented by nine Ministries and focuses them towards saturation in these PVTG villages and habitations.

Do you know ?

Initially known as Primitive Tribal Groups, the PVTGs are defined by the government as tribal communities that show either a declining or stagnant population, use of pre-agrarian technology, economic backwardness, low literacy etc. They are found to be living in some of the remotest and most inaccessible areas in the country. There are 75 such communities which are spread over 18 States and Union Territories,

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Modi to honour valour, martyrdom of *Sahibzades* today



- The Prime Minister on January 9, 2022, announced the observation of “*Veer Baal Divas*”, to mark the martyrdom of Guru Gobind Singh’s sons Sahibzadas Baba Zorawar Singh Ji and Baba Fateh Singh Ji.

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India-ASEAN to rejig 15-year trade pact in early 2024

India's trade deficit with the region was \$7.5 billion annually when the pact was implemented; this has ballooned to \$43.57 billion in FY23; negotiations will attempt to bridge this trade gap



- The first round of negotiations for reviewing the FTA, officially known as the ASEAN India Trade in Goods Agreement (AITGA), will be on February 18-19 in New Delhi.
- The 10-member ASEAN, which includes Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Brunei, Vietnam, Laos, Myanmar and Cambodia, accounted for 11.3% of India's global trade in 2022-23.
- India became ASEAN Dialogue Partner in 1996.

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The Hindu :Economy (GSIII)

Risk of stagflation receding: RBI officials

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Reserve Bank of India (RBI) officials believe the risk of stagflation — a portmanteau of economic stagnation with high inflation — has lowered further to 1% compared with 3% in August based on data.

- Stagflation refers to an economic situation marked by stagnant economic output and high price inflation.
- The idea became popular during the 1970s when the U.S. economy witnessed high price inflation due to the oil shock as well as an economic recession marked by negative economic growth.

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Indian Express: GSII-Welfare Schemes

Women participation in NREGS continues to rise, 59% this fiscal

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WOMEN PARTICIPATION in the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) was the highest in 10 financial years, with the proportion of women person-days in the total touching 59.25% till December 24 during the current financial year 2023-24, shows official data.

The rates of participation of women in the MGNREGS, defined as women person-days out of the total in percentage, stood at 57.47% in 2022-23 and 54.82% in 2021-22. It was 53.19% during 2020-21 at the time of the Covid-19 outbreak and 54.78% in 2019-20 during the pre-Covid period.

Data on NREGS portal shows of the total 238.62 crore person-days under the NREGS during 2023-24 till December 24, the figure of women person-days was 141.37 crore or 59.25%.

The number of women person-days was 169.90 crore (57.47%) of the total 295.66 crore in 2022-23. The lowest percentage of women participation in the NREGS over the last 10 financial years was recorded in 2020-21 at 53.19%. Women participation figures in NREGS for 2023-24 is based on data available up to December 24 and there might be a marginal change at the end

PARTICIPATION IN PAST 10 YEARS

Financial year	Days out of total (%)
2014-15	54.88
2015-16	55.26
2016-17	56.16
2017-18	53.53
2018-19	54.59
2019-20	54.78
2020-21	53.19
2021-22	54.82
2022-23	57.47
2023-24	59.25

Source: <https://nrega.nic.in/>

Uttar Pradesh (42.39%), Madhya Pradesh (42.50%) and Maharashtra (43.76%).

However, an uptick has been reported in 3 of them during the current financial year: Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Lakshadweep.

For instance, it was 37.87% in 2022-23 which increased to 42.39% in 2023-24. Similarly, Lakshadweep saw an increase to 38.24% from 26.67% and from 41.80% to 42.50% in Madhya Pradesh. In the financial year 2023-24, a total of 5.38 crore families availed NREGS till December 24, 2023 which was 6.18 crore in 2022-23 and 7.25

- Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (Mahatma Gandhi NREGS) is a demand driven wage employment Scheme which provides for the enhancement of livelihood security of the households in rural areas of the country by providing at least one hundred days of guaranteed wage employment in every financial year to every household whose adult members volunteer to do unskilled manual work.
- Mahatma Gandhi NREGS is a gender-neutral Scheme which promotes participation of women by providing wage parity with men, provision of separate schedule of rates of wages for women, facilities for crèche, work-side sheds for children, and child care services.
- The Scheme also endeavors to provide works near the residence of the beneficiaries.

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PIB: Miscellaneous

Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions



On the occasion of Good Governance Day, Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh launches the Extended Version of Mission Karmayogi

Three new features launched on the iGOT Karmayogi platform are My iGOT, Blended Programs and Curated Programs; Union Minister also launched VIKAS, a new blended learning programme and 12 domain specific capacity building e-learning courses

Dr Jitendra Singh calls for the optimum use of technology for timely delivery of services to the common man

“Citizen centric reforms initiated by the PM in the last over nine years has led to ‘Ease of Governance’, eventually leading us to ‘Ease of Living’ for the citizens”: Dr Jitendra Singh

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- December 25 is also celebrated as Good Governance Day
- The purpose of Good Governance Day is to increase public access to various government programmes and services through good governance.
- The day is celebrated to make sure that the country's residents are treated fairly by the government and that they receive the advantages of various government services.

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PIB: Infrastructure



- The bridge is an important link between North and South Goa.
- This 13.20-kilometer eight-lane bridge costing 2530 Crores across Zuari river from Bambolim to Verna will have significant benefits for transport from North Goa to South Goa.

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PIB: Economy

Ministry of Power



No plans to provide Viability Gap Funding for Pumped Storage Projects; levelized cost of storage is viable: Union Power and New & Renewable Energy Minister

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- Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) in its meeting of July 25, 2005 approved the Scheme for Financial Support to PPPs in Infrastructure (Viability Gap Funding scheme) as a Central Sector Scheme of the Government of India.
- The Scheme is administered by the Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance and provides financial support in the form of grants, one time or deferred, to economically desirable but commercially unviable infrastructure projects undertaken through PPPs with a view to make them commercially viable