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1. Madhya Pradesh becomes the 8th state to notify PESA Rules in scheduled areas of the state (Nov. 15, 2022)

Madhya Pradesh has become the **8th state** in India to notify its Panchayats (Extension to Scheduled Areas) PESA Rules on the occasion of **Janjatiya Gaurav Divas** on 15th November, 2022. At the State Level Janjatiya Gaurav Divas Sammelan at Shahdol in Madhya Pradesh, Governor of Madhya Pradesh Mangubhai Patel handed over the first copy of the Panchayats (Extension to Scheduled Areas) Act (PESA Act) Manual to the President of India Smt. Droupadi Murmu.

It will empower the Gram Sabhas to take decisions on the rules and regulations with regard to all natural resources in the forest areas. The PESA Act will give more constitutional rights to the tribal people to reap the benefits of natural resources from the forest areas where they live.

In India Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Telangana have notified their State PESA Rules under their respective State Panchayati Raj Acts. Chhattisgarh had notified their PESA Rules on 8th August, 2022.

Scheduled Areas in India

The constitution has made special provision for the administration of areas which are mainly populated by the Scheduled Tribes.

The constitution under article 244(1) makes special provision for the administration of certain areas called Scheduled Areas in states other than Assam, Meghalaya, Mizoram and Tripura. These Scheduled areas are mentioned in Schedule 5 of the constitutions.

The Tribal areas under the state of **Assam, Meghalaya, Tripura** and **Meghalaya** and provisions regarding administration are mentioned in **Schedule 6** of the constitution.

Presently, **10 states** Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha, Rajasthan and Telangana, have Fifth Schedule Areas in their respective States.

Panchayats (Extension to the Scheduled Areas) Act, 1996" (PESA)

To bring the people residing in Fifth Schedule Areas in the mainstream, the Parliament, in terms of Article 243M(4)(b) of the Constitution, has enacted "the Provisions of the Panchayats (Extension to the Scheduled Areas) Act, 1996" (PESA) to extend Part IX of the Constitution, relating to Panchayats, to the Fifth Schedule areas, with certain modifications and exceptions. States, having Fifth Schedule Areas, have been empowered to frame Panchayat laws and rules for these areas.

All the states in the 5th Schedule have framed their state PESA rules under their respective State Panchayati Raj Acts, except **Jharkhand and Odisha**.

Panchayats are mentioned in the State list of the seventh schedule and the state government has the power to make rules law on it.

However, to bring uniformity in the Panchayats across the country and provide a framework, the Parliament passed the **73rd Constitutional amendment act 1992** which gave a constitutional status to the Panchayati raj institutions in India. However the power to frame the rules for their panchayat system is with the state government.

2. Janjatiya Gaurav Divas (Nov. 15, 2022)

Janjatiya Gaurav Divas

In the year 2022, for the **second time** in the country, **Janjatiya Gaurav Divas** is being celebrated on 15 November. **Jharkhand's foundation day** is also celebrated on 15 November, the birthday of **Birsa Munda**, who is known as **Dharti Aaba**. Jharkhand was carved out of Bihar in the year 2000 as a new state.

Important facts

- President **Droupadi Murmu** paid tributes to Bhagwan Birsa Munda at Ulihatu village in Khunti district of Jharkhand on this occasion.
- The Central Government declared 15 November as Janjatiya Gaurav Divas in the **year 2021** to remember the contribution of tribal communities in the history and culture of the country.
- The date was chosen because it is the birth anniversary of **Birsa Munda**, who was an Indian freedom fighter, religious leader and folk hero of the Munda tribe of the Chota Nagpur plateau region.
- Tribal communities such as the **Santhals, Tamars, Kol, Bhil, Khasi and Mizos** participated strongly in India's freedom struggle through several movements.
- Santal rebellion, Khasi rebellion, Phukan and Barua rebellion, Naga struggle, Bhutia Lepcha rebellion, Palamu rebellion, Kharwar rebellion etc. are many such movements for independence, which shook the foundation of British rule.

About Birsa Munda

- Birsa Munda was an Indian freedom fighter, religious leader and folk hero of the Munda tribe of the **Chota Nagpur Plateau region**.
- He was born on **15 November 1875** at **Ulihatu** in the erstwhile Bengal Presidency which is now in **Khunti district of Jharkhand**.
- He took Hindu religious lessons from a Vaishnava saint and studied ancient scriptures along with Ramayana and Mahabharata.
- He led an Indian tribal movement in the tribal region of modern Jharkhand and Bihar during British rule in the late 19th century.
- **Munda Rebellion** was one of the most important tribal movements, led by Birsa Munda in the south of Ranchi in **1899-1900**.
- In March 1900, while fighting the British with his guerrilla army, Munda was arrested in the Jamkopai forest of Chakradharpur. He died a few months later, on 9 June, while in custody.

3. Republic Day Celebrations to begin every year on 23rd January instead of 24th (Jan. 15, 2022)

According to the Government of India's sources, the step was taken to include the **birth anniversary of freedom fighter Subash Chandra Bose** as a part of Republic Day Celebrations.

- The birth anniversary of Subhas Chandra Bose is celebrated as **Parakram Divas on 23rd January**, every year across the country.
- This is in line with Modi's Government's focus on celebrating and commemorating important aspects of the country's rich history and culture.
- In recent years, the Centre has marked several dates to commemorate their historical and cultural importance. Some of these dates include-
 - 14th August: Partition Horrors Remembrance Day
 - 31st October: Ekta Divas-National Unity Day
 - 15th November: Janjatiya Gaurav Divas
 - 26th November: Constitution Day
 - 26th December: Veer Baal Divas