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## Jharkhand Government Waives Farm Loans

### Why in News?

Recently, the **Jharkhand government** has announced the **waiver of agricultural loans** worth **Rs. 400.66 crore**.

- This decision, which benefits **1,76,977 farmers**, was implemented through **Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT)** on **September 26, 2024**.

### Key Points

- **Addressing Farmers' Challenges:**
  - The **loan waiver** aims to alleviate these burdens by canceling debts up to **Rs. 2 lakh per farmer**.
  - The waiver is a **response to the significant difficulties experienced by farmers** in Jharkhand, where 80% of the population relies on agriculture for their livelihood.
- **Promoting Self-Reliance and Alternative Farming:**
  - Government urged farmers to adopt **alternative farming techniques** alongside traditional methods to cope with the changing climate.
  - The government of Jharkhand stressed the **importance of self-reliance** for the **state's development**, despite Jharkhand's **rich mineral and forest resources**.

#### Direct Benefit Transfer Scheme

- **Aim:** It has been visioned as an aid for simpler/faster flow of information and funds to the beneficiaries and to reduce the fraud in the delivery system.
- **Implementation:** It is a mission or an initiative by the government of India started on **1<sup>st</sup> January 2013** as a way to reform the government delivery system.
  - **Central Plan Scheme Monitoring System (CPSMS)**, the earlier version of the **Public Financial Management System (PFMS)**, of the **Office of Controller General of Accounts**, was chosen to act as the common platform for routing of the **Direct Benefit Transfer**.

- **Components of DBT:** Primary components in the implementation of DBT schemes include **Beneficiary Account Validation System**, a robust payment and reconciliation platform integrated with **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)**, **National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)**, **Public & Private Sector Banks**, **Regional Rural Banks and Cooperative Banks** (core banking solutions of banks, settlement systems of RBI, Aadhaar Payment Bridge of NPCI) etc.

## 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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.

Note:



- 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**.

## CoBRA Battalion Soldier Injured in IED Blast

### Why in News?

Recently, an **IED blast** injured a jawan from the **CoBRA battalion** during an ongoing search operation in **Jharkhand's Chaibasa (Singhbhum district)**.

### Key Points

- **Details of the Operation:** The operation is targeting **Maoist leader**, who has a Rs. 1 crore reward announced by the State Government.

- The search operation involving **Chaibasa police, 209 CoBRA battalion**, and CRPF teams is ongoing in the region to apprehend the Maoist leaders.
- **COBRA:** COBRA is a special operation unit of the **Central Reserve Police Force of India** proficient in guerrilla tactics and jungle warfare. Originally established to counter the **Naxalite movement**.
  - CoBRA is deployed to address insurgent groups engaging in asymmetrical warfare.
- **Singhbhum district:** Singhbhum district was established in 1990 when the original Singhbhum district was bifurcated into **East Singhbhum (with Jamshedpur as the district headquarters) and West Singhbhum (with Chaibasa as the district headquarters)**.
  - In 2001, West Singhbhum was further divided, leading to the creation of the Saraikela-Kharsawan district, leaving West Singhbhum with 15 blocks and 3 sub-divisions.
  - The district is characterized by **hilly terrain, steep mountains, and dense forests**, including renowned Sal forests and the globally recognized Saranda forest area.
  - It is home to diverse wildlife, including **elephants, bison, tigers, panthers**, and various deer species, although their populations are declining near human habitation.
  - The name "**Singhbhum**" is believed to originate from either the Singh Rajas of Porahat or a corrupted form of "**Singh Bonga**," the principal deity of the local tribal population.

	Common uses	Common form	Known IED use
<b>High explosives</b>			
Ammonium nitrate and fuel oil (ANFO)	Mining and blasting <sup>2</sup>	Solid	Oklahoma City bombing
Triacetone Triperoxide (TATP)	No common uses; mixed from other materials	Crystalline solid	2005 bombings in London
Semtex, C-4	Primarily military	Plastic solid	Irish Republican Army bombings
Ethylene glycol dinitrate (EGDN)	Component of low-freezing dynamite	Liquid	Millennium Bomber, intended for Los Angeles airport, 1999
Urea nitrate	Fertilizer	Crystalline solid	World Trade Center 1993
<b>Low explosive</b>			
Smokeless powder	Ammunition	Solid	Olympic Park bombings

Note:

### Improvised Explosive Device

- An **improvised explosive device (IED)** is a homemade bomb designed to destroy or incapacitate targets, commonly used by criminals, terrorists, and insurgents in various forms.
- IEDs can be delivered through multiple means, including vehicles, placement by individuals, or roadside concealment, and gained prominence during the Iraq War that began in 2003.

## Jharkhand Lowers Age Limit for Maiyan Yojana

### Why in News?

Recently, the Jharkhand cabinet approved a reduction in the age limit for the **Mukhyamantri Maiyan Samman Yojana (MMSY)**.

### Key Points

- The minimum age limit for the Mukhyamantri Maiyan Samman Yojana (MMSY) has been reduced from **21 to 18 years**, aiming to extend the benefits to an additional 800,000 women.
- **MMSY:** The scheme was launched on **3<sup>rd</sup> August, 2024**. Under the scheme, Rs 1,000 will be given to eligible women from families living below the poverty line.

- A total of Rs 12,000 will be sent to the bank accounts of all eligible women every year through **Direct Benefit Transfer Scheme**.

### Direct Benefit Transfer Scheme

- **Aim:** It has been envisioned as an aid for simpler/faster flow of information and funds to the beneficiaries and to **reduce the fraud** in the delivery system.
- **Implementation:** It is a mission or an initiative by the government of India started on **1st January 2013** as a way to reform the government delivery system.
  - **Central Plan Scheme Monitoring System (CPSMS)**, the earlier version of the **Public Financial Management System (PFMS)**, of the Office of **Controller General of Accounts**, was chosen to act as the common platform for routing of the Direct Benefit Transfer.

### Savitribai Phule Kishori Samridhi Yojana

- This scheme was started in the state with the aim of emphasising on **girl education**, ending **child marriage** and **women empowerment**.
- Under this scheme, the state government is giving assistance of a total of **Rs 40,000** to adolescent girls for good education.

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**Key Points**

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