



Anamaya: Tribal Health Collaborative

Why in News

Recently, the **Ministry of Tribal Affairs** has launched **Tribal Health Collaborative (THC) 'Anamaya'** through a video conference.

- In 2018, an expert committee released a [comprehensive report on tribal health](#) in India which highlighted the issues and concerns of tribal health.

Key Points

▪ About:

- It is an initiative **bringing together** governments, philanthropists, national and international foundations, [Non-Governmental Organizations \(NGOs\)](#)/Community Based Organizations (CBOs) **to end all preventable deaths among the tribal communities of India.**
- It will **converge efforts of various Government agencies and organisations** to enhance the health and nutrition status of the tribal communities of India.

▪ Aim:

- To **build a sustainable, high-performing health ecosystem** to address the key health challenges faced by the tribal population of India.

▪ Stakeholders:

- It is a multi-stakeholder initiative of the **Ministry of Tribal Affairs** supported by **Piramal Foundation** and [Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation \(BMGF\)](#).
 - **Piramal Foundation** is the philanthropic arm of Piramal Group. The foundation undertakes projects under the four broad areas - **healthcare, education, livelihood creation and youth empowerment.**

▪ Operation:

- It will **begin its operations with 50 tribal, [Aspirational Districts](#)** (with more than 20% [Scheduled Tribe](#) population) across 6 high tribal population states.
- Over a **10-year period**, the work of the THC will be **extended to 177 tribal Districts** as recognised by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs.

▪ Other Initiatives Related to the Tribal Communities:

- **Programme for Capacity Building of Scheduled Tribe (ST) Representatives in Local Self Governments:**

- It is aimed at empowering tribal [Panchayati Raj Institution \(PRI\)](#) representatives by enhancing their decision making capabilities at local government level.

- **1000 Springs Initiative:**

- The [1000 Springs Initiative](#) aims at improving access to safe and adequate water

for the tribal communities living in difficult and inaccessible parts of rural areas in the country.

- The initiative will help in harnessing the potential of perennial springs' water to address natural scarcity of water in tribal areas.
- **Tribal Health Cell:**
 - A 'Tribal Health Cell' is being set up in the **Ministry of Tribal Affairs**.
 - It will help central ministries and state governments to **facilitate and strengthen primary health care** systems and **invest in tribal health research**.

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