

# **Support to TRI Scheme**

## Why in News?

Recently, the Minister for Tribal Affairs has directed the <u>Tribal Research Institute (TRI)</u> to **accelerate development activities** under the ambitious "<u>Support to TRI" scheme.</u>

## **Key Points**

- About Support to TRI scheme:
  - The Support to Tribal Research Institutes (TRIs) scheme is a Ministry of Tribal
    Affairs program that provides financial assistance to TRIs in states and union territories.
  - Its goal is to strengthen TRIs as knowledge hubs for tribal development by supporting research, documentation, training, and capacity building.
  - The Ministry of Tribal Affairs provides 100% grant-in-aid to TRIs on a need basis.
  - The scheme supports various activities, including:
    - Preserving and promoting tribal languages and dialects
    - Documenting folklore and folktales
    - Collecting oral literature
    - Conducting conferences, seminars, workshops, and poetic symposiums
    - Organizing cultural festivals and exchange programs
    - Maintaining and preserving art and artifacts
    - Setting up tribal museums

### Heritage Preservation:

- Proposed activities include robust research and documentation to record and <u>preserve the</u> <u>heritage and traditions of tribal communities</u> in Jammu and Kashmir.
- TRI was asked to initiate programs safeguarding tribal art, traditions, and languages to ensure their continuity for future generations.

## Capacity Building:

 TRI was instructed to conduct capacity-building programs to equip tribal communities with skills and resources to adapt to evolving socio-economic challenges.

#### Youth Empowerment:

- Measures aim to close educational gaps and promote career readiness among tribal youth through targeted interventions.
- Directed activities focus on skill development, livelihood enhancement, and educational support for tribal youth.
- Special emphasis is on **coaching for tribal students**, preparing for competitive exams and creating fellowship opportunities for action research proposals.

### Commitment to Holistic Development:

• The government reaffirmed its commitment to the <u>holistic development of the tribal</u> <u>population</u>, emphasizing TRI's crucial role in driving this mission.

#### Tribal Research Institutes (TRIs)

#### About:

- TRIs serve as research arms of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs at the state level, with 27 institutes across India.
- Core Responsibilities:

- Serve as think tanks for tribal development and preservation of tribal cultural heritage.
- Provide evidence-based inputs for state planning and formulation of appropriate legislations.
- Focus on **capacity building of tribal communities** and stakeholders involved in tribal affairs.
- Facilitate dissemination of information and create awareness about tribal issues and heritage.

