



Jammu and Kashmir Film Policy-2024 | Jammu & Kashmir | 28 Nov 2024

Why in News?

Recently, to promote and propagate the [Jammu and Kashmir Film Policy-2024](#), the J&K administration has set up a pavilion at the Film Bazaar of the **55th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) in Goa**.

Key Points

- The **Jammu and Kashmir Film Policy-2024** highlights its potential to establish J&K as a **leading destination for film production**.
- **Policy Objectives:**
 - The policy seeks to boost both domestic and international film production in Jammu and Kashmir.
 - It includes plans for **high-impact financial incentives** to make J&K an attractive filming destination.
 - The policy focuses on **developing film studios, production facilities, and hosting promotional events** such as film conclaves.
- **Natural and Cultural Diversity:**
 - J&K offers **diverse filming locations**, including scenic valleys, lakes, historic sites, and modern urban landscapes.
 - This unparalleled diversity makes J&K a unique hub for filmmakers.
- **Single-Window Clearance System:**
 - A **single-window clearance system** has been developed **to streamline the process of** obtaining shooting permissions.
 - This system ensures **time-bound approvals**, simplifying production logistics for filmmakers.
- **Financial Incentives:**
 - Filmmakers can avail a **10% subsidy on the cost of production**.
 - An **additional 25% subsidy** is provided **for movies that win national or international awards**.
- **Economic Impact:**
 - These measures aim to revitalise J&K's economy by creating employment opportunities, increasing tourism, and promoting J&K as a **global hub for film tourism**.

International Film Festival of India (IFFI)

- **About:**
 - **Established in 1952**, IFFI is one of Asia's most prominent film festivals.
 - The festival is **held annually**, with its permanent venue in the state of **Goa since 2004**.
 - It is the only South Asian film festival accredited by the **International Federation of Film Producers and Associations (FIAPF)** as a Competitive Feature Film Festival.
- **Objectives:**
 - Provides a **platform for global filmmakers** to showcase excellence in film art.
 - Promotes **understanding and appreciation of diverse film cultures** in their social and cultural contexts.
 - Fosters friendship and cooperation among people worldwide.
- **Organizing Entities:**

- Jointly organized by the [National Film Development Corporation \(NFDC\)](#), **Ministry of Information and Broadcasting**, the **Government of Goa**, and the [Indian Film Industry](#).

Support to TRI Scheme | Jammu & Kashmir | 28 Nov 2024

Why in News?

Recently, the Minister for Tribal Affairs has directed the [Tribal Research Institute \(TRI\)](#) to **accelerate development activities** under the ambitious "[Support to TRI](#)" scheme.

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 [preserve the heritage and traditions of tribal communities 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 [holistic development of the tribal population](#), emphasizing TRI's crucial role in driving this mission.

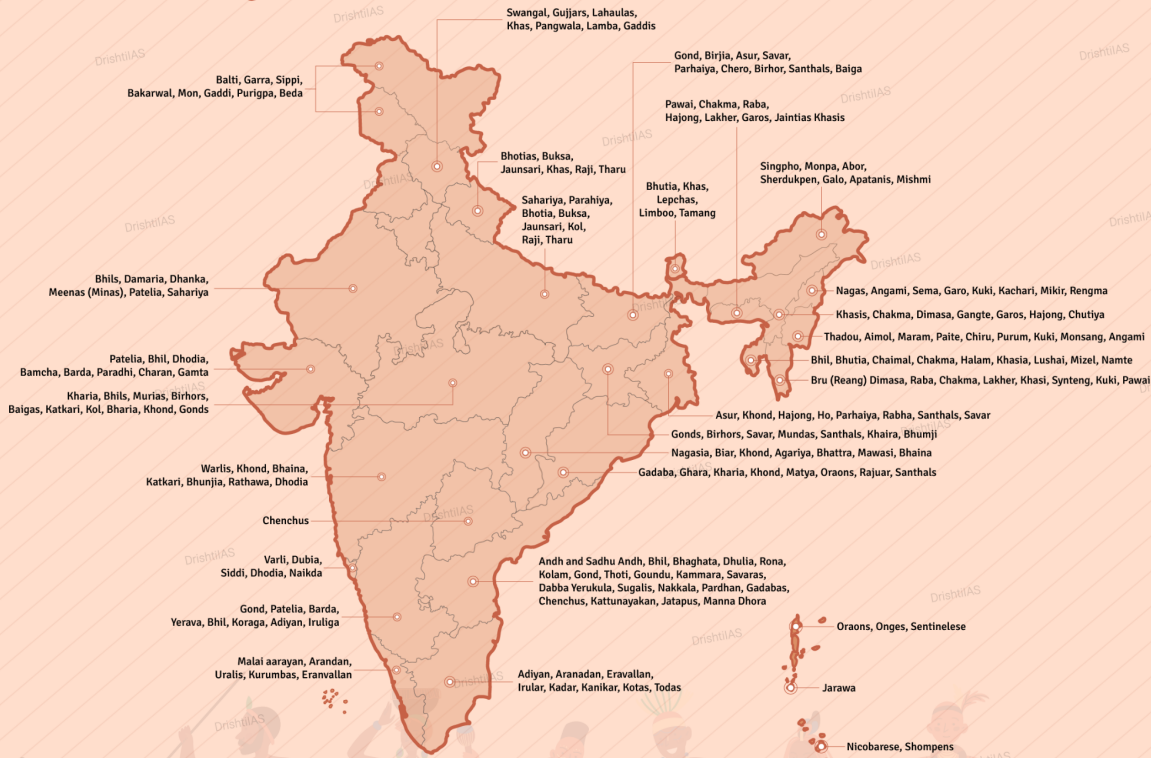
Tribal Research Institutes (TRIs)

- **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.

Major Tribes in India



- STs constitute **8.6% of the population of India** (Census 2011). Draft National Tribal Policy, 2006 records **698 STs** in India.
- **Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs)** are more vulnerable among the tribal groups. Among the 75 listed PVTGs, the highest number is found in Odisha.
- **Bhil is the largest tribal group** (38% of the total scheduled tribal population of India) followed by the Gonds.
- **Madhya Pradesh has the highest tribal population** in India (Census 2011).
- The **Santhal** are the oldest tribes in India. The Santhal system of governance, known as **Manjhi-Paragana**, can be compared to local self-governance.
- According to the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes list (modification orders), 1956, the inhabitants of **Lakshadweep** who and both of whose parents were born in these islands are treated as STs.
- **Article 342** of the Constitution prescribes procedure to be followed for specification of STs.
- **Article 275** provides for the **grant of special funds** by the Union Government to the State Government for promoting the welfare of Scheduled Tribes and providing them with a better administration.



Yuva Sangam | Bihar | 28 Nov 2024

Why in News?

Under the [Yuva Sangam initiative](#), 44 delegates from **Bihar** embarked on their journey to **Karnataka** and 50 delegates from **Andhra Pradesh** set off for **Uttar Pradesh**.

Key Points

- **About Yuva Sangam:**
 - Yuva Sangam is a **flagship initiative launched by the [Ministry of Education](#)** in 2023.
 - It aimed at **strengthening youth connections across different States and Union Territories.**
 - The program **promotes [unity in diversity](#)** by **fostering cultural immersion, knowledge sharing, and meaningful interactions.**
 - Participants, aged 18 to 30, include **students, volunteers, and young professionals from various backgrounds.**
 - A total of **4,795 youth have participated in 114 tours**
 - **across various phases.**
- **Phase V of Yuva Sangam:**
 - For Phase V, **twenty eminent institutions across India have been selected to participate.**
 - Participants from these institutions will visit their paired states or UTs, led by the nodal [Higher Education Institutes \(HEIs\).](#)
- **Key Areas of Exposure:**
 - During the Yuva Sangam tours, participants will receive exposure in five broad areas known as the 5 Ps:
 - Paryatan (Tourism)
 - Parampara (Traditions)
 - Pragati (Development)
 - Paraspar Sampark (People-to-people connect)
 - Prodyogiki (Technology)
 - The tours last for 5-7 days, excluding travel days.
- **Collaborative Effort:**
 - Yuva Sangam is organized through a **'Whole of Government' approach**, with support from multiple Ministries, Departments, and State Governments.
 - Key stakeholders include the **Ministries of Home Affairs, Culture, Tourism, Youth Affairs & Sports, Information & Broadcasting, Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER) and Railways.**

'Green Voice' Award | Haryana | 28 Nov 2024

Why in News?

Recently, Former superintending engineer Shiv Singh Rawat at Haryana Irrigation Department has been honoured with the **'Green Voice' award** by the **Navjyoti India Foundation, an [Non-governmental Organizations \(NGO\)](#)**, for his contribution in promoting [sustainable environmental practices](#) in the region.

Key Points

- The award was presented at the **foundation day of the Navjyoti India Foundation**, an organization actively working on [water conservation](#) across India.
- Shiv Singh Rawat highlighted his years of involvement in **social work**, focusing on critical areas such as:
 - Water conservation and [environmental protection](#).

- Fruit plantation drives.
- Enhancing education and healthcare facilities.
- Promoting [women empowerment](#).
- **Regional Contributions:**
 - His work spans multiple regions, including Palwal, Gurgaon, Mewat, and Faridabad.
- He also served as the coordinator of the '[Yamuna Bachao Abhiyan](#)' raising awareness about the **preservation and conservation of water** in the region.

DEVELOPMENTAL GROUPS IN INDIA

Self-Help Groups (SHGs)

- ↳ Self-governed peer-controlled information group of people with similar socio-economic backgrounds and interests
 - Members allowed: 5-20 | Registration not required
 - SHGs use savings amounts for giving loans to members
- ↳ **NABARD's SHG-Bank Linkage Programme (1992)** - To connect SHGs with formal banking institutions
- ↳ ~88% of SHGs in India have all-women members
- ↳ **Success Stories:**
 - Self-Employed Women's Association (SEWA) since 1972
 - Kudumbashree (1998) in Kerala

Cooperative Societies

- ↳ **People-centred** enterprises, owned, controlled, and run by and for their members.
 - Capital raised through shared contributions from members.
- ↳ **Regulating Acts:**
 - Multi-State Co-operative Societies Act, 2002
 - State Cooperative Societies Acts
- ↳ **97th Constitutional Amendment (2011):**
 - Right to form cooperatives - a fundamental right (Article 19(1)(c))
 - Article 43B (DPSP) - Promotion of Cooperatives
 - Part IX-B titled "The Co-operative Societies" (Articles 243-ZH to 243-ZT).
- ↳ **Examples:** AMUL, IFFCO and PACS

Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs)

- ↳ Pursue activities to relieve suffering, promote the interests of the poor, protect the environment, provide basic social services, or undertake community development
- ↳ **Registered as:**
 - **Societies:** Societies Registration Act, 1860
 - **Trusts:** Indian Trusts Act, 1882
 - **Companies:** Section 8 Companies Act, 2013
- ↳ **Constitutional Provisions:**
 - **Article 19(1)(c)**
 - **Article 43**
 - **Concurrent List mentions** Charities and charitable institutions
- ↳ **FCRA mandates registration for all NGOs intending to receive foreign donations.**
- ↳ **Prominent NGOs:**
 - **NGO Pratham:** Pioneered the **ASER report** to assess the learning levels of children in rural India.
 - **Akshaya Patra Foundation:** Provided nutritious mid-day meals to school children.
- ↳ **NGO-DARPAN Platform - An interface between NGOs and Government Bodies.**



State-of-the-Art Cruise at Mahakumbh's Grandeur | Uttar Pradesh | 28 Nov 2024

Why in News?

The Uttar Pradesh government is preparing for [Mahakumbh 2025](#), adding a new attraction, the Nishadraj cruise.

Key Points

- **Launch of Nishadraj Cruise:**
 - The Nishadraj cruise, managed by the [Inland Waterways Authority of India \(IWAI\)](#), has begun its **journey from Varanasi to Prayagraj**.
 - The **cruise is equipped with modern amenities**, reflecting the state's commitment to innovation and excellence.
 - There is ongoing **coordination between the Prayagraj Mela Authority and the Varanasi administration** for the cruise's journey.
- Inauguration:
 - The **Prime Minister is scheduled to visit Mahakumbh on 13th December 2024**.
 - At [Shrungverpur Dham](#), the PM will **unveil statues of Lord Ram** and Nishadraj before boarding the Nishadraj cruise for a journey from Arail to **the Sangam**.
 - Upon reaching the Sangam, he will perform a ritual bath and pay homage to the sacred [Ganga River](#).
 - The itinerary includes a Ganga Aarti, visits to the Bade Hanuman Temple and Akshayavat, and interactions with prominent saints and spiritual leaders at the Parade Ground.

Inland Waterways Authority of India

- The Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) is a **statutory body** under the **Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) Act, 1985**.
- It was established in **1986** under **the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways** for development and regulation of inland waterways for shipping and navigation.
- It is **headquartered in Noida, Uttar Pradesh** and its main function is to build necessary infrastructure in inland waterways, surveying economic feasibility of new projects and also carrying out administration and regulation.
- As per the **National Waterways Act, 2016**, **111 waterways** have been declared as National Waterways.