

② A national tribal health mission can be a path to a peaceful health revolution tribal people in India. Elaborate?

Introduction - A study published by

"Lancet" found that India ranks second highest in tribal ^{infant} mortality rate next to Pakistan.

Tribal importance in India -
* Tribal president has become a reality in IND which shows positive signal to the tribal people.

* India is the 2nd largest ^{no. of} country in tribal population in world which constitutes 8.6% of total population

* Govt has given specialised focus to tribals by assigning tribal living areas has [Scheduled Tribes] - 5th schedule

Issues regarding Tribal people's health & survival

① Half of tribal population in India lives outside (ST) areas, scattered as minority (or) marginalised groups.

② Coming to health status, Despite India improved in Under-5 mortality rate of tribals, its ~~rate~~ (o/%) of mortality widened comparing to others.

③ child malnutrition is 48% among tribal groups comparing 28% to others.

④ Malaria & Tuberculosis are 3-10 times prevalent among tribals than common people. (half of total malaria death occurs is tribals in India)

⑤ malnutrition, tuberculosis & malaria continue to plague tribal population & threatens their (living & survival), even cancer prevalent among tribals.

⑥ tribals are heavily dependent on govt run public health care, but the concern is [30% - 40%] deficit in no. of facilities & [40% - 80%] deficit in medical doctors.

⑦ hardly any tribal participation of tribals in local (or) national (or) state level planning on health care facilities for them.

⑧ policy of allocating & spending an additional financial outlay called [TSP] is completely flouted by all states as there's no accounts & accountability exists on this

Way forward

* govt should set up Tribal health care action plan to improve its health care facilities at par with ^{developed} states

* focus on especially needs on issues like health care gap, human resource gap & governance problems

* additional fund should be allocated for tribal health care equal to (NHP - 2017) i.e) 2.5% of per capita GDP.

* Separate data on tribal people's health & money spent on them should be publicised.

Conclusion - govt's approach from [gestures → promises → action plan] toward's tribal people thereby demonstrating that democracy offers caring solution to their wants