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### **Implementation of PMJAY**

Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY) is being implemented through the State Governments/UTs.

#### **Details:**

- The State Governments have been given flexibility to implement PMJAY either through insurance companies, or directly through trust/society, or in a mixed mode.
- The payments for treatment is done on pre-defined package rate basis.
- Keeping in view the State specific requirements, States/UTs have the flexibility to modify these rates within a limited bandwidth.
- National Health Agency (NHA), registered as a society, has been setup by the Government to implement PMJAY through State level Health Agencies.
- A robust IT system has been put in place for effective implementation of the Scheme.
- In addition, a Central Grievance Redressal Management System has been designed for receiving grievances.
- Further, a multi-prong approach has been adopted by putting in place a fraud control mechanism.

#### **State level Implementation:**

- State Governments, through State Health Agencies, empanel hospitals within their jurisdiction to provide care to beneficiary families.
- As far as private hospitals under PMJAY are concerned, defined criteria and hospital empanelment guidelines have been adopted.

### **Sentinelese Tribe**

The Government has promulgated various laws/regulations from time to time to ensure that the rights and well being of the Sentinelese are safeguarded.

These are being strictly implemented and enforced by the UT Administration.

These Laws/Regulation include i) A & N Islands (PAT) Regulation 1956, ii) Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989,



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iii) Restrictions under Foreigner (Restricted Area) Orders, 1963, iv) Visa Manual Conditions/Passport Act 1920, and v) Indian Forest Act, 1927 and Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972. Besides, some major steps taken to ensure the protection of Sentinelese are:

- The entire North Sentinel Island along with 5 km coastal sea from high water mark is notified as tribal reserve.
- The Sentinelese are still in isolation practicing primordial hunting and gathering way of life. The Government respects their way of life style, therefore, has adopted an 'eyes-on and hands-off' practice to protect and safeguard the Sentinelese tribe.
- A protocol of circumnavigation of the North Sentinel Island has been notified. The ships and aircrafts of Coast Guard and boats of Marine Police make sorties around North Sentinel to keep surveillance.

### **Other measures:**

- Apart from the land territory the coastal sea up to fixed extent of 1 Km to 5 Km abutting the tribal territory has also been notified as tribal reserve so that marine resources like fish, turtle etc are available exclusively for the Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs).
- The vehicular traffic on Andaman Trunk Road passing through Jarawa reserve is regulated by convoy system. Buffer Zone notified in 2013, around the Jarawa Tribal Reserve (5km landward side and 1km seaward side), prohibits all commercial / tourism activity in the Buffer Zone.
- Joint patrolling by Police, Forest & Andaman Adim Janjati Vikas Samiti (AAJVS) is carried out around Jarawa area to prevent contact of poachers and unscrupulous non-tribal elements with Jarawa tribe.
- A Special Police Team (01 SI and 10 PCs) for patrolling at Tirrur, adjacent to the Jarawa Tribal Reserve, has also been deployed.
- The ships and aircrafts of Coast Guard and boats of Marine Police make sorties around North Sentinel to keep surveillance.

### **About the Tribe:**

- The **Sentinelese**, also known as the **Sentineli** and the **North Sentinel Islanders**, are an [indigenous people](#) who inhabit [North Sentinel Island](#) in



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the [Bay of Bengal](#) in [India](#) and are considered one of the world's last [uncontacted peoples](#).

- Designated a [Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group \(PVTG\)](#) and a [Scheduled Tribe](#), they belong to the broader class of [Andamanese people](#).
- Along with the [Great Andamanese](#), the [Onge](#), the [Shompen](#) and the [Jarawa](#), the Sentinelese are one of the five native and reclusive tribes of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands.
- Unlike the others, the Sentinelese appear to have consistently refused any interaction with the outside world.
- They are hostile to outsiders and have killed people who approached or landed on the island.
- In 1956, the [Government of India](#) declared North Sentinel Island a tribal reserve and prohibited travel within 3 miles (4.8 km) of the island.
- Even photography is strictly prohibited.
- There is significant uncertainty as to the group's size, with estimates ranging between 15 and 500 individuals, with most estimates ranging between 50 and 200

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#### **Ease of Doing Agri-Business Index**

##### **Why in News?**

The Government has been reorienting the agriculture sector by focusing on an income-centeredness which goes beyond achieving merely the targeted production.

##### **How is it Different?**



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The income approach focuses on achieving high productivity, reduced cost of cultivation and remunerative price on the produce, with a view to earn higher profits from farming.

### **Why was it Needed?**

- To ensure that the reform agenda of Government is implemented at a desired pace by all States/UTs, a need is felt to develop a competitive spirit between the States.
- Keeping this in mind to rank the States through an Index i.e. Ease of Doing Agri-Business, a concept note alongwith parameters for developing an Index has been circulated to all States/UTs inviting their views.
- The concept is to consider farming not solely as a production oriented activity carried out to achieve food security for the country, but as a business activity carried out by farmer as entrepreneur.
- The proposed index has taken the aspects of increasing production/productivity, increasing price realization of agri produce and decreasing input costs of production, risk mitigation and investment related attributes.

### **Background:**

- Agriculture being a State subject, the State Governments undertakes development of perspective plans and ensures effective implementation of the programmes/ schemes.
- Also, Government of India supplements the efforts of the State Governments through various Schemes/ Programmes. The index will obviously help in fostering agriculture among States by promoting a competitive spirit amongst the States.

## **Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana**

### **What is it?**



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The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment has introduced a scheme for providing physical aids and Assisted Living Devices for Senior Citizens belonging to BPL category named "Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana (RVY)" with the objective of providing Senior Citizens, belonging to BPL category and suffering from age related disabilities/ infirmities, with such physical aids and assisted living devices which can restore near normalcy in their bodily functions.

### **Provisions:**

- Under the Scheme, assisted living devices such as Walking Sticks, Elbow Crutches, Walkers/ Crutches, Tripods/ Quadpods, Hearing Aids, Wheelchairs, Artificial Dentures and Spectacles are provided free of cost to the beneficiary senior citizens.
- The Scheme is being implemented through the "Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation (ALIMCO)", a Public Sector Undertaking under the Ministry of SJ&E, as the sole Implementing Agency.
- The devices are distributed in the camp mode. The beneficiaries are identified through Assessment Camps organised in collaboration with the respective State Government/District Administration and the devices are distributed in Distribution Camps organised in the selected districts.
- For the senior citizens aged 80 years or more, the devices are provided at their doorsteps.
- At present, a total of 325 Districts have been selected for the implementation of Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana.

### **Sensitisation Regarding Mental Illness**

#### **NMHP:**

To address the burden of mental disorders, the Government of India is implementing the National Mental Health Programme (NMHP) since 1982.

#### **Salient Features:**



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- Under this Programme, the Government is supporting implementation of the District Mental Health Programme (DMHP) in 517 districts of the country for detection, management and treatment of mental disorders/illness.
- At the district level, funds are provided to each district under the DMHP for sensitization training of Community Health Workers and elected representatives of community at District Hospital/ Community Health Centre for awareness generation regarding early signs and community health seeking behavior for mental illness.
- Further, the Mental Healthcare Act, 2017 provides that the appropriate Government shall take all measures to ensure that the Government Officials including police officers and other officers of the Government are given periodic sensitization and awareness training.

### **Role of State Govt.:**

- Health being a State subject, it is the responsibility of the respective State Government to establish health facilities and hospitals in the State.
- However, as per available information there are 40 State run mental health Institutions in the country.
- Further, with a view to increase the number of qualified mental health professionals in the country, the Government, under the NMHP, is implementing manpower development schemes for establishment of Centres of Excellence and strengthening/ establishment of Post Graduate (PG) Departments in mental health specialties.

### **Status of Mental Health in India:**

- A study reported in WHO, conducted for the NCMH (National Care Of Mental Health), states that at least 6.5 per cent of the Indian population suffers from some form of the serious mental disorder, with no discernible rural-urban differences.
- Though there are effective measures and treatments, there is an extreme shortage of mental health workers like psychologists, psychiatrists, and doctors.



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- As reported latest in 2014, it was as low as "one in 100,000 people".
- The average suicide rate in India is 10.9 for every lakh people and the majority of people who commit suicide are below 44 years of age.