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Inclusion of ST community

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Why is in news? Narikoravan, Kurivikkaran communities to join ST list

- Addressing a **long-pending demand of several deprived communities**, the Union Cabinet on Wednesday approved a proposal of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs to **add 12 communities to the Scheduled Tribes (ST) list**.
- They include the **nomadic Narikuravan and Kuruvikaran in Tamil Nadu and tribes from Chhattisgarh, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka and Uttar Pradesh**.
- The Union Cabinet approved the **Constitution (Scheduled Tribes) Order (Second Amendment) Bill, 2022**, which seeks to **make certain amendments to the Constitution (Scheduled Tribes) Order, 1950**, so as to modify the list of STs of Tamil Nadu.
- Once the Bill becomes an Act, members of these communities would be **able to derive benefits meant for the STs under government schemes**.
- Other communities that will get ST status include the **Gond along with their five sub-castes** in Bhadohi (earlier Sant Ravidas Nagar) district of UP, **Betta-Kuruba community** as a synonym of Kadu Kuruba in Karnataka, and **Binjhia** in Chhattisgarh, the **Hattee community** of the Trans-Giri area in Sirmour district of Himachal Pradesh, will be included in the state's ST list.
- **Article 46** of the Constitution provides that the State shall promote with **special care** the educational and economic interests of the weaker sections of the society and in particular, of the **Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes** and shall protect them from social injustice and all forms of exploitation.

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