

## 03 May 2020: PIB Summary & Analysis

### 1. Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO)

#### Context:

Employees of EPFO contribute Rs 2.5 crore to PM CARES fund.

#### About EPFO:

The EPFO provides social security to workers in India. For more on the [EPFO](#), click on the linked article.

#### About the PM CARES Fund:

- PM CARES Fund is a public charitable trust set up by the Central Government in the wake of the outbreak of [COVID-19](#)
- To know more about the PM CARES Fund, check [CNA dated March 31, 2020](#).

### 2. Lokpal

#### Context:

Judicial Member, Lokpal of India, Justice Ajay Kumar Tripathi died fighting COVID-19.

#### About Lokpal:

- Lokpal is a redressal mechanism in India, along with Lokayuktas, [PILs](#) and the Whistleblower Protection Act.
- Read more about them from the links in the table below:

<a href="#">Lokpal and Lokayuktas</a>	<a href="#">Components of Redressal Mechanism</a>
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### 3. Support for tribals during COVID-19 pandemic

#### Context:

The Ministry of Tribal Affairs has advised all states to speed up procurement operations for Minor Forest Produce (MFP) to support the Tribals especially in the backdrop of the situation created by the pandemic and also keeping in view that it is now peak season for gathering of MFP.

#### Details:

- An online monitoring dashboard has been created for reporting the activities undertaken at the State level for procurement of Minor Forest Produce.

- It is called the **Van Dhan Monit Dashboard**, part of the “TRIFED E- Sampark Setu” being created for an exchange of information to and from every Panchayat and Van Dhan Kendra, either through Mail or Mobile.
- TRIFED proposes to link up with 10 lakh villages, district and state level partners, agencies and [SHGs](#).
- The State Implementing Agencies have started updating the dashboards as the work progresses in their States.
- States have appointed the Van Dhan Kendras as their primary procurement agents for MFP procurements from haat bazaars.
- The Scheme of ‘**Institutional Support for Development and Marketing of Tribal Products**’ has a Minimum Support Price component and a Value Addition component and aims to raise the incomes of tribal gatherers and promote enterprise among them.
- To ensure higher and remunerative prices to tribal gatherers, the Ministry of Tribal Affairs has issued a revised price list of MSP for MFP on 01 May 2020.

Also read: [Van Dhan Yojana](#)