

04 July 2021: PIB Summary & Analysis

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1. Bamboo Oasis on Lands in Drought (BOLD)

Context:

Project BOLD launched.

About Project BOLD:

- It is a KVIC project launched with the objectives of reducing desertification and providing livelihood and multi-disciplinary rural industry support.
- It has been launched in the tribal village Nichla Mandwa in Udaipur, Rajasthan.
- 5000 saplings of special bamboo species – *Bambusa Tulda* and *Bambusa Polymorpha* specially brought from Assam – have been planted over 25 bighas (16 acres approx.) of vacant arid Gram Panchayat land.
- Project BOLD seeks to create bamboo-based green patches in arid and semi-arid land zones.
- KVIC is set to replicate the Project at Village Dholera in Ahmedabad district in Gujarat and Leh-Ladakh region by August this year.

Read more about [Khadi and Village Industries Commission \(KVIC\)](#) in the linked article.

2. The Trafficking in Persons (Prevention, Care and Rehabilitation) Bill, 2021

Context:

The Ministry of Women and Child Development invites comments/suggestions on the Trafficking in Persons (Prevention, Care and Rehabilitation) Bill, 2021.

Details:

- The **objective of the bill is to prevent and counter trafficking in persons, especially women and children**, to provide for care, protection, and rehabilitation to the victims, while respecting their rights, and creating a supportive legal, economic and social environment for them and also to ensure prosecution of offenders.
- The bill proposes stringent punishments for offenders, including hefty fines and seizing of their properties.

- The draft bill has proposed severe punishment for offences classified as aggravated forms of human trafficking.
 - **Provisions of the bill:**
 - A person found guilty of trafficking can be imprisoned for a minimum term of seven years, which can be extended to 10 years.
 - The provisions will apply to every offence of trafficking in persons with cross-border implications.
 - Those convicted shall also be liable to a fine of ₹1 lakh to five lakh.
 - It will also allow the properties of the convicts, bought using money from trafficking, to be forfeited.
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