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Discuss the role of constitutional safeguards, cultural preservation and education in strengthening tribal communities in India. Suggest measures for their inclusive and sustainable development.

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Answer Hint

Constitutional protections, Fifth and Sixth Schedules, PESA Act, Forest Rights Act, tribal self-governance, indigenous languages, sacred sites, quality education, substance abuse prevention, livelihood opportunities, community participation.

Model Answer

Introduction

Tribal development requires a balanced approach that protects constitutional rights, cultural identity and traditional institutions while expanding opportunities for social and economic progress.

Constitutional and Cultural Safeguards

The Fifth and Sixth Schedules provide institutional safeguards for tribal areas. The PESA Act, 1996, strengthens Gram Sabha participation in Scheduled Areas, while the Forest Rights Act, 2006, recognises eligible forest-dwelling communities' rights. Protection of sacred sites, indigenous languages and traditional knowledge is essential for preserving cultural identity.

Measures for Sustainable Development

Quality education, scholarships and mother-tongue-based learning can improve educational access. Healthcare, nutrition, skill development and livelihood diversification should receive priority. Community-led awareness programmes can address substance abuse and related social challenges. Tribal institutions and Gram Sabhas must

participate meaningfully in development planning.

Conclusion

Tribal empowerment must go beyond welfare delivery. Rights-based governance, cultural preservation and community participation can promote dignity, self-reliance and inclusive development.

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