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1 Forest Rights Act (FRA) of 2006 (Source: The Hindu)

Aim to recognize and vest forest rights and occupation in forest land to forest-dwelling Scheduled Tribes (STs) and other traditional forest dwellers (OTFDs), who have been residing in such forests for generations but whose rights have not been recorded.

- Also called The Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act.

Key Features

- The act recognizes the rights of forest-dwelling Scheduled Tribes and other traditional forest dwellers to live in and cultivate forest land for habitation or self-cultivation.
- It provides for the vesting of forest rights and occupation in forest land to eligible individuals and communities.
- The act recognizes various types of rights, including land rights, ownership rights, habitat rights, and community forest rights.
- The act outlines the process for the recognition and verification of forest rights by the concerned authorities at the gram sabha (village assembly) level.
- It establishes mechanisms for filing appeals and resolving grievances related to the recognition of forest rights.
- While recognizing the rights of forest dwellers, the Act also emphasizes the conservation and protection of forests, wildlife, and biodiversity.



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2 Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (Source: The Hindu)

- The UN General Assembly approved it on 12th June, 1968, and came into force on 5th March, 1970.
- **Objectives**
 - Prevent the spread of nuclear weapons.
 - Promote peaceful use of nuclear technology.
 - Encourage nuclear disarmament.
- **Members**
 - Recognised nuclear power states as per the treaty are the US, UK, Russia (USSR), France, China – those that tested nuclear weapons before Jan 1, 1967, and the treaty has 191 countries.
- **India's Stand**
 - India (along with Pakistan, Israel, North Korea, and South Sudan) is not a member
 - Opposes it as a discriminatory disarmament policy
- **Significance:** The only binding treaty to the goal of disarmament by the NWS.
- **Monitoring:** International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) monitors compliance.