

National Commission for Scheduled Tribes

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Recently, the 23rd Foundation Day of the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes (NCST) was celebrated in New Delhi.

About National Commission for Scheduled Tribes

- It is a **constitutional body established by amending Article 338** and inserting a **new Article 338A**.
- **Historical Evolution**
 - The NCST's establishment is rooted in the **Constitution (89th Amendment) Act, 2003**.
 - Prior to this amendment, the National Commission for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes was a combined entity.
 - The separation into two distinct Commissions-NCSC and NCST-occurred on **19 February 2004**.
- **Headquarters:** New Delhi
- **Composition of National Commission for Scheduled Tribes**
 - **Chairperson:** Holds the rank of a **Union Cabinet Minister**.

- **Vice-Chairperson:** Holds the rank of a **Minister of State**.
- **Members:** Their ranks are equivalent to that of a **Secretary to the Government of India**.
- The terms of office for these **positions are three years** from the date of assuming charge.

Functions of National Commission for Scheduled Tribes

- To monitor safeguards provided for STs under the Constitution or under other laws;
- To inquire into **specific complaints relating to Rights & Safeguards of STs**;
- To **advise in the Planning Process** relating to Socio-economic development of STs;
- To **submit report to the President annually** and other times on welfare Measures required related to Socio-economic development of STs;
- To discharge such other functions in relation to **STs as the President may by rule specify**

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