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TODAY'S IMPORTANT CURRENT AFFAIRS

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TODAY'S DROPS OF NEWS:

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ENVIRONMENT

In news: Great Nicobar project: map ready for denotification of tribal reserve.

About Forest Rights Act (FRA), 2006:

The Forest Rights Act, 2006 (officially known as the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act) is a landmark legislation aimed at recognizing and securing the rights of forest-dwelling communities in India.

Types of Rights Recognized:

- **Individual Rights:** Ownership and access to forest land for cultivation and habitation.
- **Community Rights:** Use of minor forest produce (e.g., bamboo, honey, lac). Grazing rights and access to water bodies. Management and conservation of forests by local communities.
- **Community Forest Resource Rights:** Rights to protect, regenerate, and manage forests sustainably.

Key Features:

- **Ownership of Land:** Recognizes land up to 4 hectares per family for cultivation.
- **Protection Against Eviction:** Prevents eviction of forest dwellers without proper recognition and settlement of rights.
- **Role of Gram Sabha:** Empowers the Gram Sabha (village assembly) to determine the rights of individuals and communities.
- **Conservation Focus:** Encourages sustainable management of forests while protecting biodiversity.

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