GeM Samvaad

**Syllabus subtopic:** Government policies and interventions for development in various sectors and issues arising out of their design and implementation.

**Context:** A national outreach Programme, GeM Samvaad, was launched by Anup Wadhawan, Secretary, Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India and Chairman, GeM in New Delhi today.

**About the outreach programme**

- The outreach programme will take place with stakeholders across the country and with local sellers in order to facilitate on-boarding of local sellers on the marketplace while catering to specific requirements and procurement needs of buyers.

- The outreach programme will take place from 19 Dec 2019 to 17 Feb 2020 and **will cover all the States and UTs of the country.**

- GeM has more than 15 lakh products and around 20,000 services, more than 3 lakh registered sellers and service providers and more than 40,000 Government buyer organizations. In its short journey of three years, GeM has processed more than 28 lakh orders worth Rs. 40,000 crores in Gross Merchandise Value out of which 50% has been transacted by MSMEs.

- State Departments and Organizations and Public Sector Enterprises (PSEs) have **been using GeM for their buying needs.** Sellers from the State are also benefitting through the access to national Public Procurement market using the portal.

- Through GeM Samvaad the marketplace is looking forward to receiving feedback from users which shall be used for making improvements and advancements in the system.
About GeM

- **Government e Marketplace (GeM)** is the national public procurement portal offering end to end solutions for all procurement needs of Central and State Government Departments, PSUs, autonomous institutions and local bodies.

- Since its commencement on 9th August 2016, GeM has transformed public procurement in the country by leveraging technology and making procurement contactless, paperless, and cashless.