

# GOVERNMENT SCHEMES IN NEWS

(April 2022 to April 2023)



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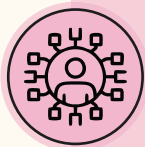
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To ease the reading and to help aspirants use their time in the most efficient manner, this year too we will release two sets of Government Schemes document.



- \* **Government Schemes in News 2023:** Covers all the schemes that were in news in the last one year.
- \* **Comprehensive Government Schemes:** Covers all the operative schemes launched by different ministries and departments.

To enhance the retention of important points, Government Schemes in News document has been further categorized in three sub types viz.-



- \* **Newly launched schemes:** Schemes that were launched from April 2022 to April 2023.
- \* **Modified/ Restructured schemes:** In this category, we have specifically highlighted the recent modifications.
- \* **Other schemes in news:** It covers existing schemes which were in news for miscellaneous reasons like assessment of the scheme or completion of duration etc. Reason why a scheme was in the news has been mentioned separately.



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Central Sector Scheme



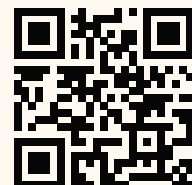
Centrally Sponsored Scheme.



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# 1. Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare

## 1.1. Schemes In News

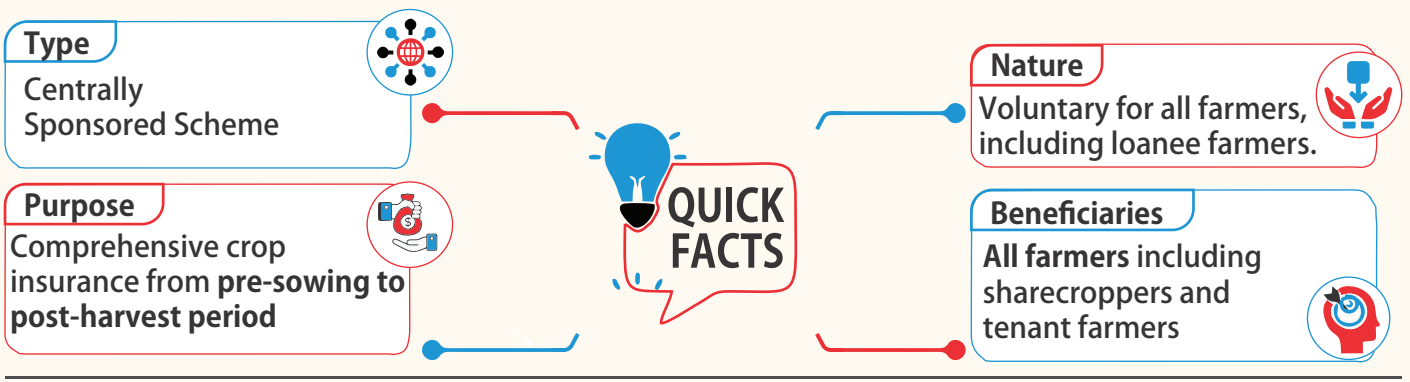
### 1.1.1. Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY)



#### Why in news?

Recently, Andhra Pradesh, one of six states (remaining 5 are Bihar, Jharkhand, West Bengal, Jharkhand, and Telangana) that have stopped implementation of the scheme, re-joined it.

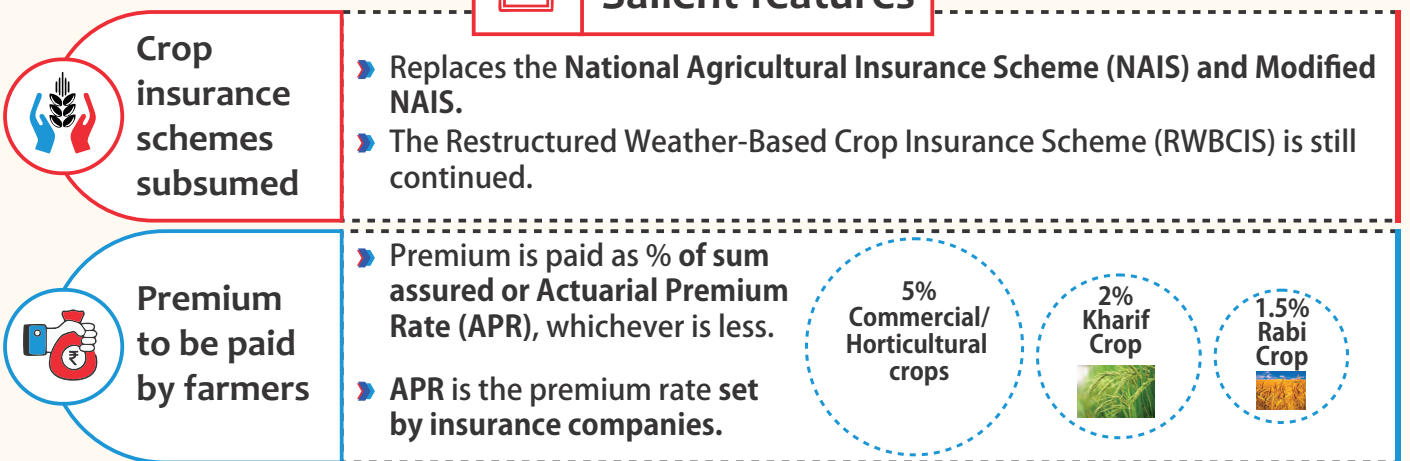
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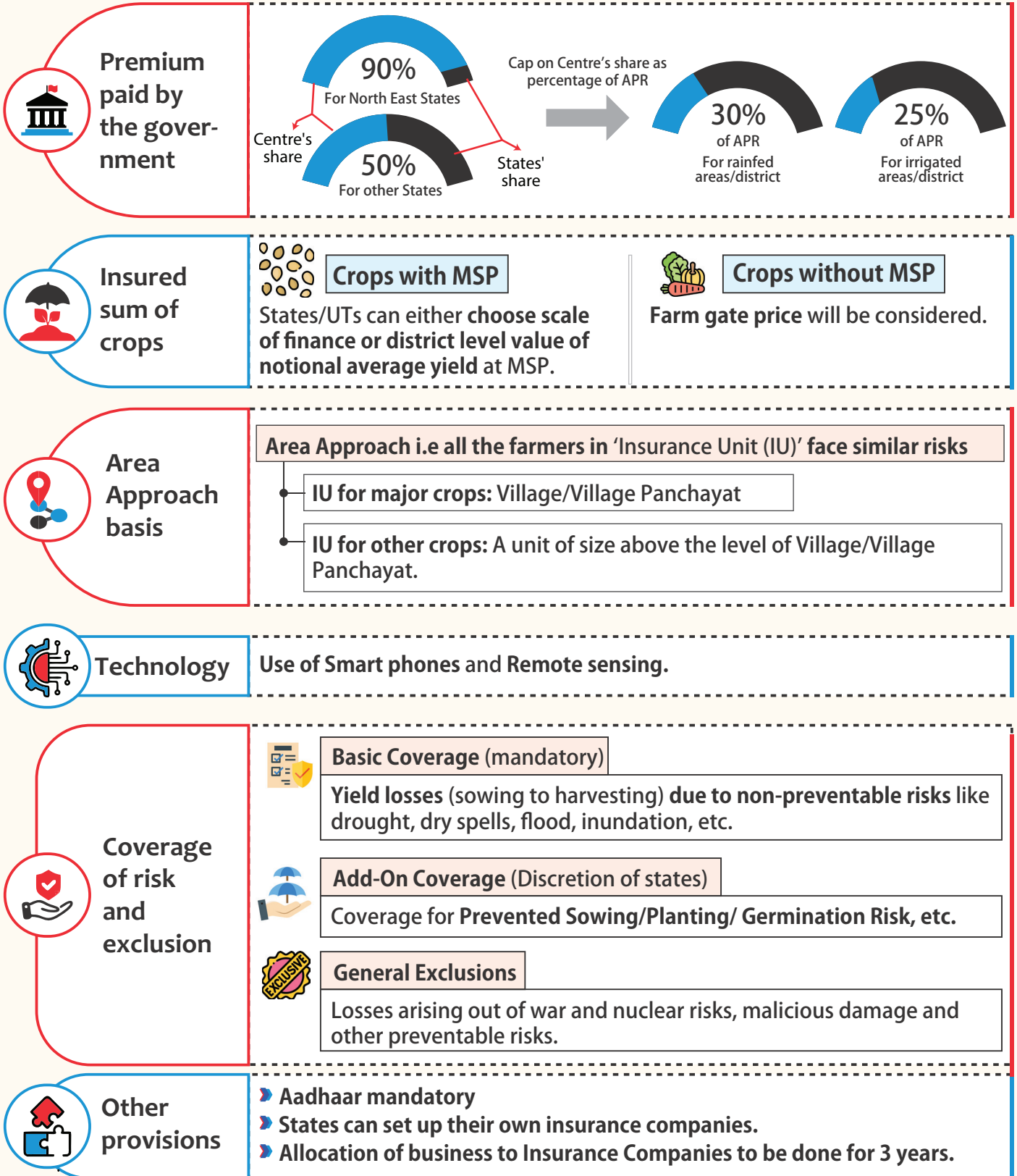


#### Objectives

- Financial support to farmers suffering crop loss/ damage and stabilizing their income
- Adoption of innovative & modern agricultural practices and crop diversification

#### Salient features



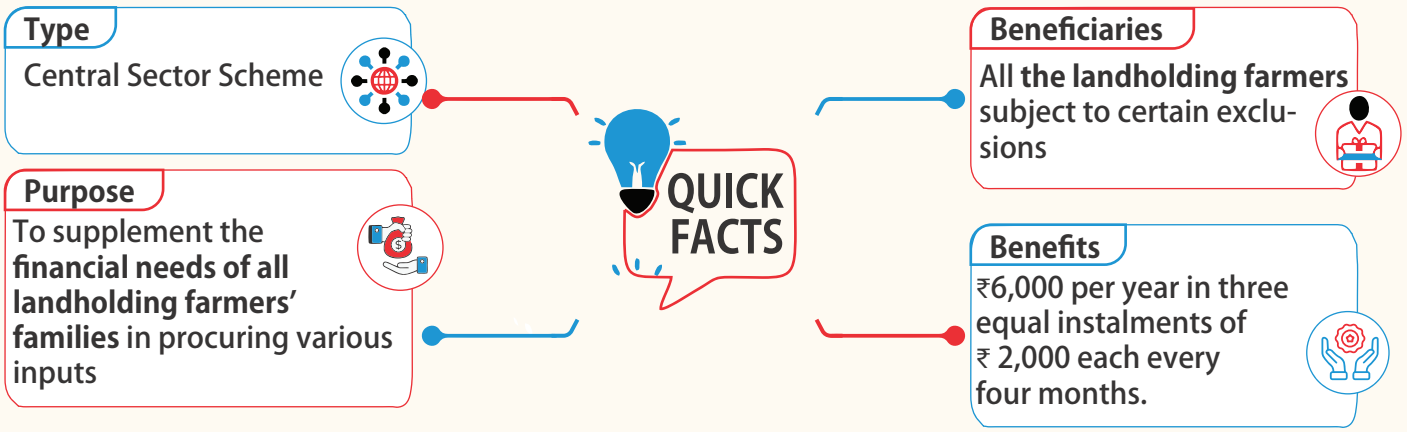


### 1.1.2. Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi Scheme (PM-KISAN)



**NEWS** Why in news?

Recently, the Government released the 12th instalment amount of Rs. 16,000 crores under the PM-KISAN through Direct Benefit Transfer.



## Objectives



To provide income support to all land holding eligible farmer families.

## Salient features

<p><b>Definition of family</b></p>	<p>Husband, Wife and minor children.</p>														
<p><b>Farmer's families excluded</b></p>	<table border="1"> <tr> <td colspan="2">All institutional land holders.</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">Former and present holders of constitutional posts.</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">Former and present legislatures at three tiers of governance.</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">All persons who paid Income Tax in last assessment year.</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">Professionals like Doctors, Engineers, etc.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>All serving or retired officers and employees (government or PSEs)</td> <td rowspan="2">Excluding Multi Tasking Staff/ Class IV/Group D employees</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pensioners whose monthly pension is Rs.10,000/-or more</td> </tr> </table>		All institutional land holders.		Former and present holders of constitutional posts.		Former and present legislatures at three tiers of governance.		All persons who paid Income Tax in last assessment year.		Professionals like Doctors, Engineers, etc.		All serving or retired officers and employees (government or PSEs)	Excluding Multi Tasking Staff/ Class IV/Group D employees	Pensioners whose monthly pension is Rs.10,000/-or more
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<p><b>Land records mandatory</b></p>	<p><b>Exception:</b> Forest dwellers, North-eastern states and Jharkhand which has separate provisions for land records.</p>														
<p><b>Verification</b></p>	<p>Physical Verification Module: Verification of 5% beneficiary every year</p>	<p>Compulsory Aadhar authentication</p>	<p>Validation with Income Tax payee database</p>												
<p><b>Short term loan</b></p>	<p>Loan for crop and animal/fish rearing at a maximum interest of 4% on timely repayment through Kisan Credit Cards (KCC).</p>														

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 <p><b>State/UT responsibility</b></p>	<p>Identification of beneficiary farmers families</p>
 <p><b>Self-registration Mechanism</b></p>	<p>Through mobile app, PM KISAN portal and walk-ins via Common Service Centres (CSC).</p>

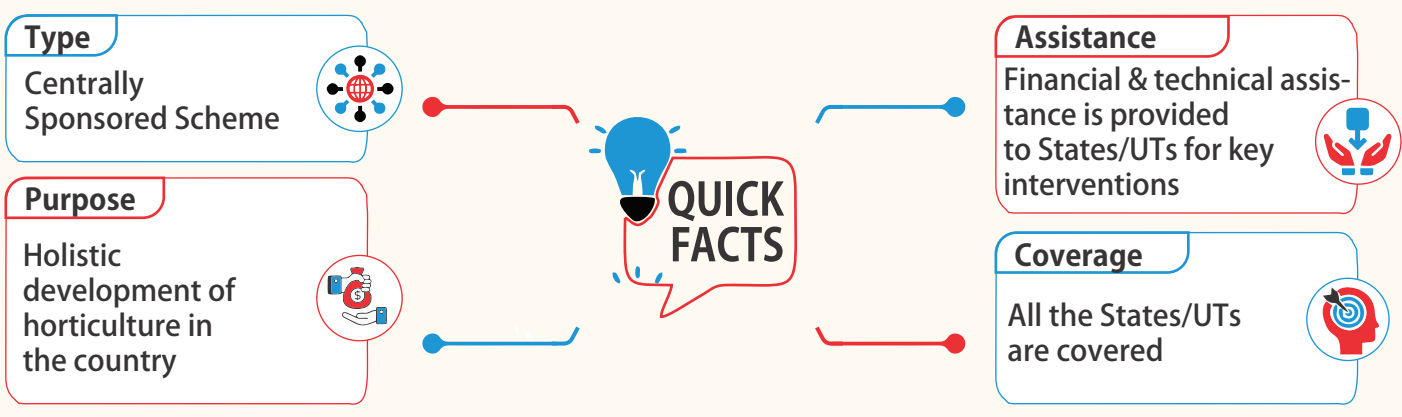
### 1.1.3. Mission For Integrated Development Of Horticulture

 Centrally Sponsored Scheme



#### Why in news?

Three Centres of Excellence (CoE) for Horticultural crops approved under Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH).




#### Objectives












Enhance horticulture production and productivity, encourage aggregation of farmers and support their skill development



#### Salient features



**Crops covered**

					
Fruit	Vegetable	Roots and Tuber crops	Mushroom	Spices	Flowers
					
Aromatic plants	Coconut	Cashew	Cocoa	Bamboo	

**Fund sharing**

Government of India (GOI) 60%  
State Governments 40%

All states except states in north east and Himalayas

State Governments 10%  
Government of India (GOI) 90%

North Eastern States and Himalayan states

In case of National Horticulture Board (NHB), Coconut Development Board (CDB), Central Institute for Horticulture (CIH), Nagaland and the National Level Agencies (NLA), the Centre contributes 100%.

**Assistance to states**

- Setting up of nurseries, tissue culture units
- Organic farming & certification  
Watershed Management
- Bee-keeping
- Training of farmers
- Establishment of new orchards & garden
- Rejuvenation of unproductive orchards
- Marketing Infrastructure

**Sub-schemes**

 <b>National Horticulture Mission (NHM)</b>	 <b>Horticulture Mission for North East &amp; Himalayan States (HMNEH)</b>	 <b>National Horticulture Board (NHB)</b>	 <b>Coconut Development Board (CDB)</b>	 <b>Central Institute for Horticulture (CIH), Nagaland</b>
To promote holistic growth of horticulture sector through an area based regionally differentiated strategies	A technology mission focused on production of quality planting material, organic farming, efficient water management, etc.	NHB is implementing various schemes under MIDH in all States and UTs.	CDB is implementing various schemes under MIDH in all Coconut growing states in the country.	Established for providing technical support through capacity building and training of farmers and Field functionaries in the North Eastern Region

**Technical advice and administrative support**

To State Governments/ State Horticulture Missions (SHMs) for the Saffron Mission and other horticulture related activities under Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY)/ National Mission on Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA).



## Other initiatives under MIDH

**CHAMAN**  
(Coordinated Horticulture Assessment and Management using geoinformatic)



▶ Area assessment and production forecasting of 7 major horticultural crops in selected districts of major states (12 states, 185 Districts).

▶ Key crops:



Mango



Banana



Citrus



Potato



Onion



Chilly



Tomato

▶ Use of GIS (Geographical Information System) and remote sensing data for generating action plans.

**HORTNET**



▶ A web enabled workflow-based system for providing financial assistance under MIDH.

▶ A unique intervention to accomplish e-Governance in NHM where-in total transparency has been envisaged in all the processes of workflow i.e., online application filing, authentication, processing and online payment to the beneficiary's bank account through DBT.

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## 2. Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers



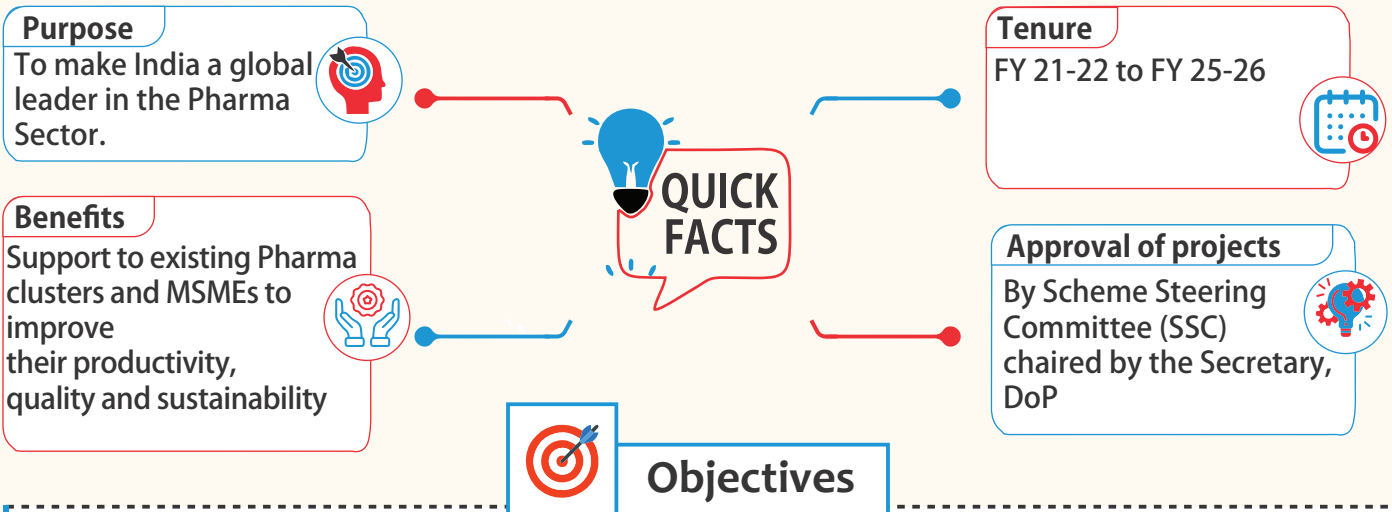
### 2.1. Scheme In News

#### 2.1.1. Strengthening Pharmaceuticals Industry (SPI)



#### Why in news?

Department of Pharmaceuticals (DoP) has asked States and UTs to ensure wider participation in the scheme.



To strengthen the existing infrastructure facilities in order to make India a global leader in the Pharma Sector



#### Salient features

**Common facilities** All facilities intended for the shared use, for example, Common Testing Centres; Training Centres; R&D Centres; etc.

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**3 Components**



- ▶ **Assistance to Pharmaceutical Industry for Common Facilities**
  - ▶ Assistance of up to 70% of the approved project cost (90% for Himalayan and north-east region) or Rs 20 crore, whichever is less.



- ▶ **Pharmaceutical Technology Upgradation Assistance Scheme**
  - ▶ Capital subsidy of 10 % on loans up to a maximum limit of Rs 10 crore.
  - ▶ Minimum repayment period of 3 years or interest subvention of up to 5 % (6% in case of units owned by SC/ST) on reducing balance basis.
  - ▶ Help SMEs and MSMEs to meet national and international regulatory standards (WHO-GMP or Schedule-M).



- ▶ **Pharmaceutical & Medical Devices Promotion and Development Scheme**
  - ▶ Facilitates development through study/survey reports, awareness programs, creation of database, and promotion of industry

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## सामान्य अध्ययन

### प्रारंभिक एवं मुख्य परीक्षा 2024

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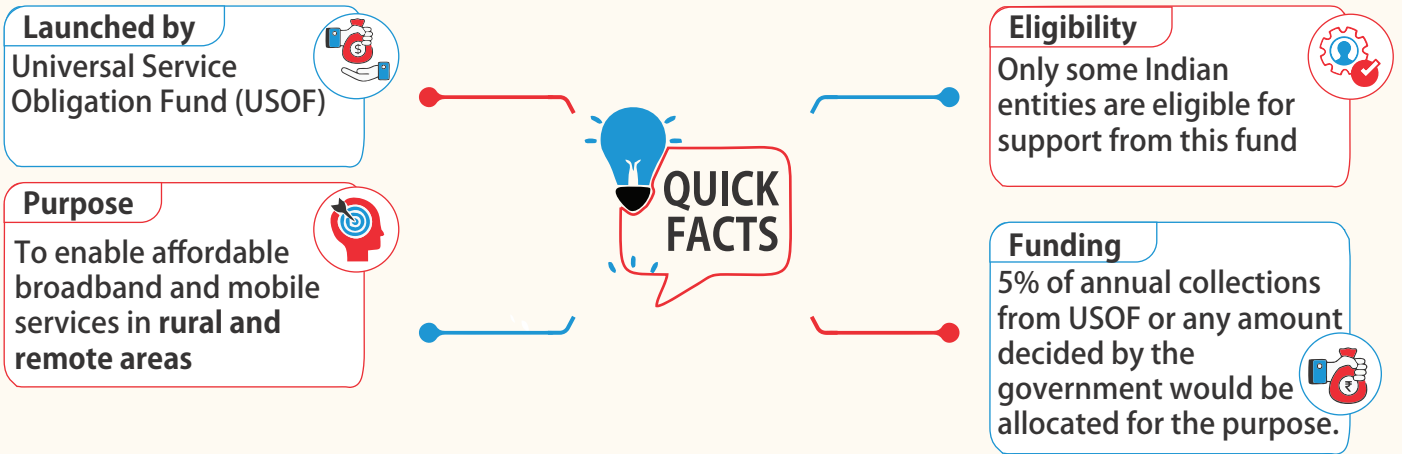
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# 3. Ministry of Communications

## 3.1. Newly Launched Scheme

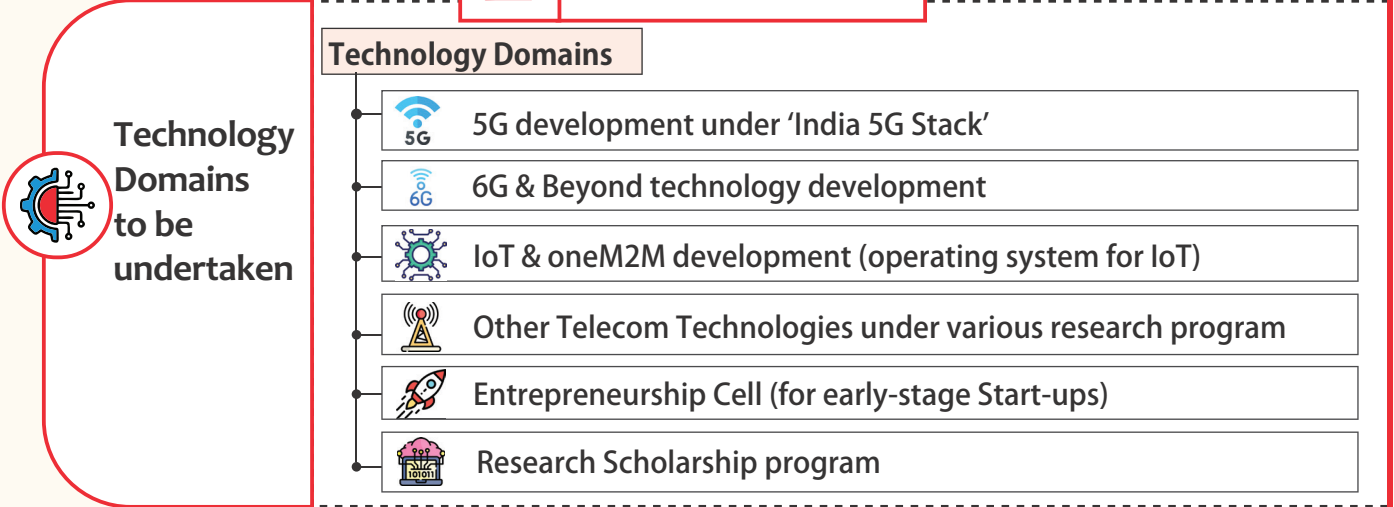
### 3.1.1. Telecom Technology Development Fund Scheme



### Objectives









Telecom Technologies for rural and remote areas, promote ecosystem for Research, Build synergies and capacities among stakeholder and commercialisation of telecommunication products.

### Salient features



**Standardization** Develop standards to meet countrywide requirements and create the ecosystem for research, design, etc.

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 <p><b>Project period</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Project timelines are <b>generally up to two years.</b></li> <li>▶ However, it may be decided <b>project-wise</b> in consultation with the applicant.</li> <li>▶ <b>Extension of six months each at a time</b> may be granted.</li> </ul>
 <p><b>Milestone based Fund release</b></p>	<p>Fund will be released into a <b>dedicated online account.</b></p>
 <p><b>Project Management Unit (PMU)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ To <b>function in USOF</b> for receiving all the proposals, screening of applications, etc.</li> <li>▶ To <b>coordinate with APEX committee</b> for <b>bi-annual review</b> of the entire scheme.</li> </ul>
 <p><b>Protect national interest</b></p>	<p>The grantee shall ensure that the <b>interests of India and its citizens are fully protected</b>, while licensing of knowhow / IPRs / transfer or commercialization of technology.</p>
 <p><b>Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <b>Aim:</b> To provide for quality and affordable <b>mobile and digital services across the rural and remote areas</b> of the country;</li> <li> <b>Headed by:</b> the Administrator, USOF who is appointed by the Central Government</li> <li> <b>Governed by:</b> The Indian Telegraph (Amendment) Act, 2006</li> </ul>

# 4. Ministry of Civil Aviation



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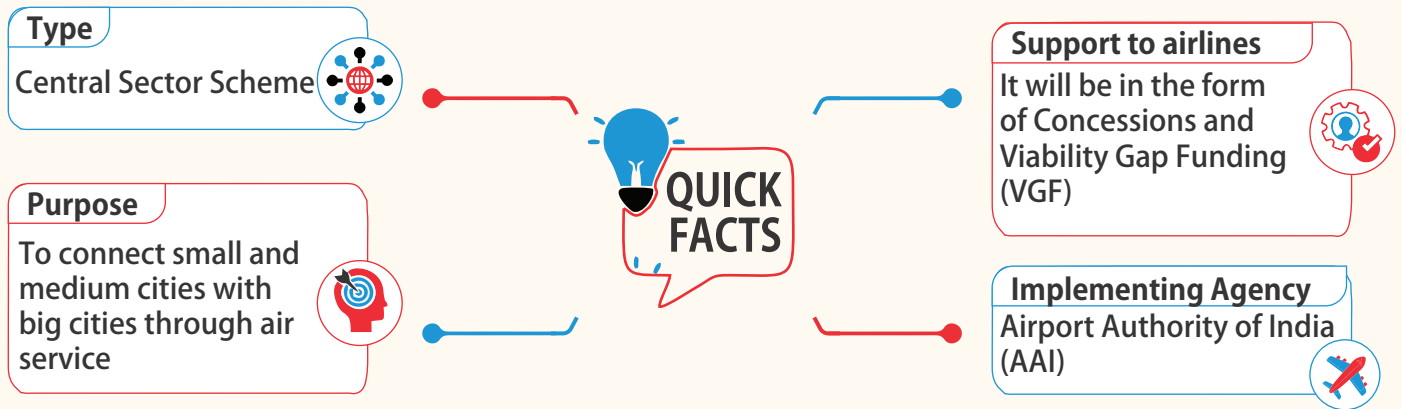
### 4.1.1. Ude Desh Ka Aam Naagrik (UDAN)/ regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS)



#### Why in news?

The Indian Air Force handed over defence land at 7 locations (Bagdogra, Darbhanga, Adampur, Utarlai, Sarsawa, Kanpur and Gorakhpur) to the Airport Authority of India to operate civil flights under the RCS UDAN.

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#### Objectives

To fulfil the aspirations of the common citizen with an enhanced aviation infrastructure and air connectivity in tier II and tier III cities.




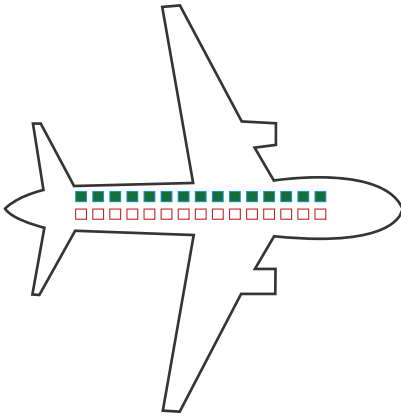




#### Salient features



#### Fair capping

The airfare for a **one-hour journey** by a 'fixed wing aircraft' or half an hour's journey by a helicopter for about 500 km, has been fixed at Rs.2500/.





 <p><b>Subsidised seats</b></p>	 <p>Airlines to provide 50% of the seats at subsidized rates. (minimum of 9 and a maximum of 40 UDAN Seats)</p>
 <p><b>Demand and market-based model</b></p>	<p>Available only in States and at airports/aerodromes/helipads which commit and support the scheme by providing concessions as required in the scheme.</p>
 <p><b>Viability Gap Funding (VGF)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ VGF will be provided for a period of 3 years from the date of commencement of operations.</li> <li>▶ Centre will share 80% of the Viability Gap Funding (VGF) collected by charging a levy of up to ₹8,500 on each departing flight of domestic airlines.</li> <li>▶ Rest 20% will come from the respective state governments (NE states, Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh and UTs will contribute 10%).</li> </ul>
 <p><b>Other concession to airlines</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ State governments have to provide free security &amp; fire service, utilities at concessional rates, free land for RCS airports etc.</li> <li>▶ Airport/Aerodrome/Helipad operators: No landing charges, parking charges and Terminal Navigation Landing Charges will be imposed for RCS flights, etc.</li> </ul>
 <p><b>Potential benefits</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Increase in business and tourist activities and employment generation.</li> </ul>

## 4.2. Other Schemes/Initiatives in News

### DIGI YATRA app

Delhi's International Airport and Bengaluru's Kempegowda International Airport has recently rolled out the beta version of the DigiYatra (DY) app.

 **Aim:** To facilitate paperless travel and avoid identity checks at multiple points in an airport.

 Each passenger would get a unique Digi Yatra ID.

 Digi Yatra Foundation (DYF) has been set up as a joint venture company with the objective of creating the Digi Yatra Central Ecosystem.

### DigiYatra Benefits

Faster Movement to boarding gates





Face recognition technology



Hassle-free travel



Dedicated gates



Enhanced security




Contactless





### Airport as Venue for Skilled Artisans of The Region (AVSAR) scheme

 **Launched by:** Airport Authority of India (AAI)

 **Aim:** To allocate space to Self Help Groups (SHGs) at airports for selling or showcasing products of their region.

▶ Space will be allotted to the SHGs turn on turn basis, for a duration of 15 days.

# 5. Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution



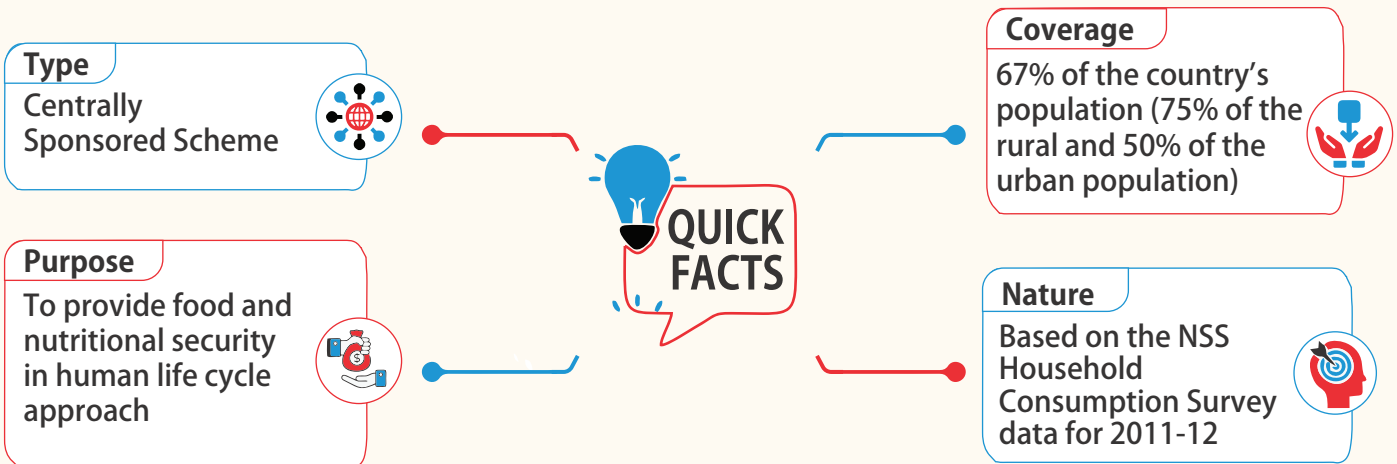
## 1.1. Scheme In News

### 5.1.1. NATIONAL FOOD SECURITY ACT (NFSA), 2013



#### Why in news?

Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PM-GKAY) was launched to provide rice, wheat and coarse grains free of cost for all eligible households till December 2023.

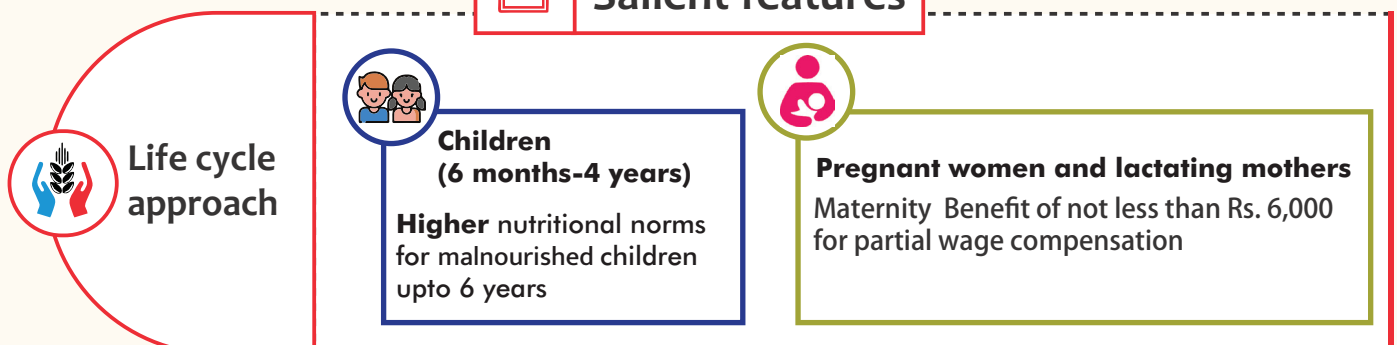


#### Objectives

A legal right to persons belonging to "eligible households" to receive food grains at subsidised price (called central issue prices/CIPs) under the Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS).



#### Salient features



Benefits

Antyodaya Anna Yojana

AAY 35KG

per family per Month

Priority house holds

PHH 5KG

per person per Month

RICE ₹3 per kg

WHEAT ₹2 per kg

COARSE GRAIN ₹1 per kg

Other benefits

Food Security Allowance

To beneficiaries in case of non-supply of entitled foodgrains or meals

Women Empowerment

Ration card is issued to the eldest woman of the household (18 years or above)

Grievance Redressal Mechanism

At the District and State levels

Penalty

To public servant/authority for failure to comply with the relief recommended by the District Grievance Redressal Officer

Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PM-GKAY)

- ▶ This scheme was launched to provide rice, wheat and coarse grains free of cost for all eligible households from January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023.
- ▶ Launched under section 3 of the NFSA
- ▶ As per the Schedule-1 of the NFSA, Central Government can change the subsidised prices of these grains by executive.
- ▶ However, the changed price must not exceed the MSP for wheat and coarse grains and the derived MSP for rice.

Implementation

Joint responsibility

Centre's responsibility

Allocation of required food grains, Transportation of food grains, Assistance to States/UTs for delivery of food grains from FCI godowns to FPSs upto designated depot

States' responsibility

Effective implementation like identification of eligible households, issuing them ration card, etc.

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## 6. Ministry of Commerce and Industry



### 6.1. Other Schemes/Initiatives in News



#### Startup India Seed Fund Scheme (SISFS)



**Corpus:** Rs. 945 crore



**Launched:** In 2021



**Aim:** To enable startups to raise investments from angel investors or venture capitalists, or seek loans from commercial banks or financial institutions.

- Provides financial assistance to eligible Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) recognised startups through eligible incubators.

#### Financial assistance provided for:

- Proof of concept
- Prototype development
- Product trials
- Market entry
- Commercialization



#### One District One Product (ODOP)



**Aim:** To foster balanced regional development across all districts of country.



Selects, brands, and promotes One Product from each District of country.

**NOTE:** ODOP was first launched in Uttar Pradesh to create product-specific traditional industrial hubs across 75 districts of the state.



#### Advance Authorisation Scheme (AAS)

- Recently, the Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) further simplified the process of Composition Fee for Export Obligation Extension to include more cases under this scheme.



**Aim:** Duty free import of inputs, which are physically incorporated in an export product



**Implemented by:** Director General of Foreign Trade (DGFT)

- In addition to any inputs, packaging material, fuel, oil, catalyst which is consumed / utilized in the process of production of export product, is also allowed.



## Export Promotion Capital Goods Scheme (EPCGS)

- ▶ Recently, the Centre announced a **one-time relaxation from maintaining average export obligation** and an option to extend the export obligation period for certain sectors.
  - ▶ The sectors that are eligible for this relief are the **Hotel, Healthcare, and Educational sectors**.
- ▶ This relaxation has been provided in light of the **economic slowdown caused by the COVID-19 pandemic**.



**Aim:** To encourage the production of goods for export by providing import duty concessions on capital goods.



**Administered by:** Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT)



**Governed by:** Foreign Trade Policy (FTP) of India

- ▶ The scheme allows **duty-free import of capital goods for the purpose of export production in India**.



## Remission of Duties and Taxes on Exported Products (RoDTEP) Scheme

- ▶ Recently, the government has **extended export benefits under RoDTEP scheme to 18 items related to textiles sector**, including saari and lungi.



**Aim:** To reimburse the taxes and duties incurred by exporters such as local taxes, coal cess, mandi tax etc., which are **not getting exempted or refunded under any other existing scheme**.



It ensures **zero rating of exports** i.e., taxes and duties should not be exported.

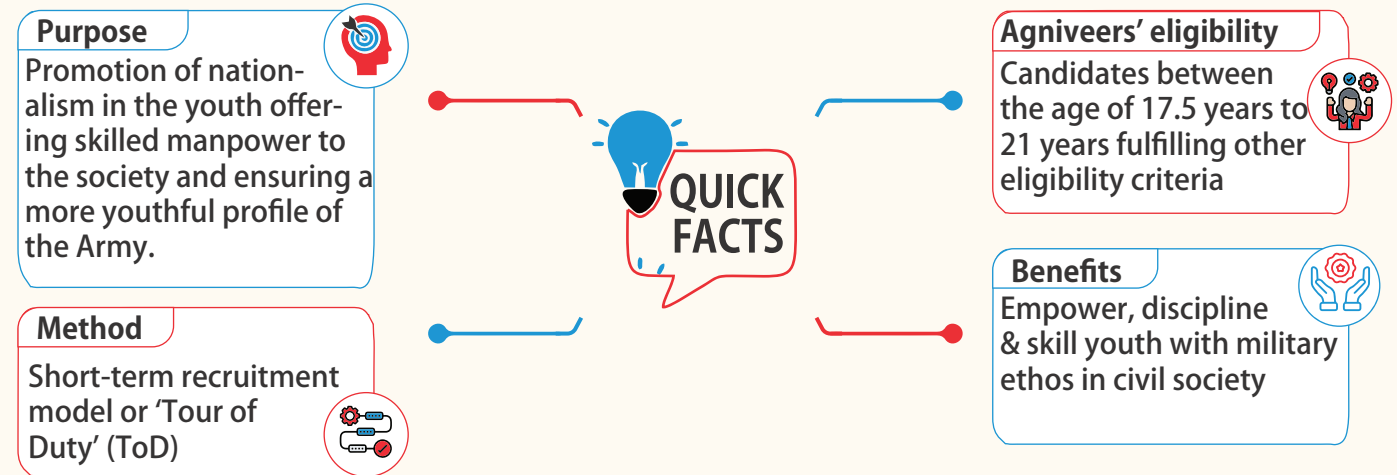
- ▶ It replaces erstwhile **Merchandise Export from India Scheme (MEIS)** and **Rebate of State and Central Taxes and Levies (RoSCTL)**.
  - ▶ **MEIS was in violation of WTO provisions as under it export subsidies were given for a wide range of goods.**
  - ▶ **RoSCTL was offered for embedded state and central duties and taxes that are not refunded through goods and services tax (GST)**

# 7. Ministry of Defence



## 7.1. Newly Launched Scheme

### 7.1.1. Agnipath Scheme



### Objectives

To enhance youthful profile of the armed forces, attract young talent and ensure youths remain an asset.

### Salient features

- Agniveers** Recruited as personnel below officer (PBOR) rank in the army, air force and navy for four years, including six months of training.
- Annual recruitment** Around 45,000 to 50,000 soldiers, between age of 17.5 to 21 years (23 years for the current year's recruitment).
- "Seva Nidhi" package**
  - Agniveers will receive ₹11.71 lakh, including contribution and interest, on completion of service.
  - Exempted from Income Tax.
- Permanent enrolment** Only 25% of total recruits will be allowed to continue for another 15 years under permanent commission.

 <p>Support measures to accommodate Agniveers after their four-year service</p>	 <p>रक्षा मंत्रालय MINISTRY OF DEFENCE</p>	 <p>गृह मंत्रालय MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS</p>	 <p>पत्तन, पोत परिवहन एवं जलमार्ग मंत्रालय MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS</p>
	<p>Approved 10% reservation in the Indian Coast Guard and defence civilian posts, and all the 16 Defence PSUs.</p>	<p>To reserve jobs covering 10% vacancies in Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) and the Assam Rifles for Agniveers.</p>	<p>Announced avenues for smooth transition of Agniveers in various roles of the merchant navy.</p>

## 7.2. Other Schemes/Initiatives in News



### Technology Development Fund (TDF) Scheme



**Aim:** Creating an ecosystem for promoting self-reliance by building indigenous state-of-the-art systems for defence application.



**Executed by:** Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) under Make in India.



Supports indigenous development of components, products, systems and technologies by MSMEs and start-ups.



DRDO has partnered with Invest India, as supporting agency, to assist in scheme implementation.



The Ministry has approved Fund Enhancement under TDF Scheme from ₹10 crore to ₹50 crore per project.



### DefConnect 2.0

A one-day event to attract innovators and investors from India's leading industries in the defence sector



### Innovations for Defence Excellence (iDEX)



**Aim:** To foster innovation, entrepreneurship and technology development, specifically in the Defence and Aerospace sector.



iDEX is the operational framework of the Defence Innovation Organization (DIO), a special purpose vehicle under the Ministry.



It supports projects between Rs 1.5 crore up to Rs 10 crore to help ever-growing start-ups in the defence sector.





## Sixth Defence India Start-up Challenge (DISC 6)



**Aim:** To support Startups/MSMEs/Innovators to create prototypes and/or commercialize products/solutions in the area of National Defence and Security.



Launched in partnership with Atal Innovation Mission.



## Third edition of Innovate4Defence internship (i4D)

i4D is a two-months-long acceleration program for students of Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) of India.

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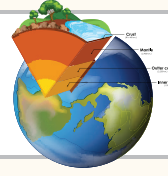
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# 8. Ministry of Earth Sciences



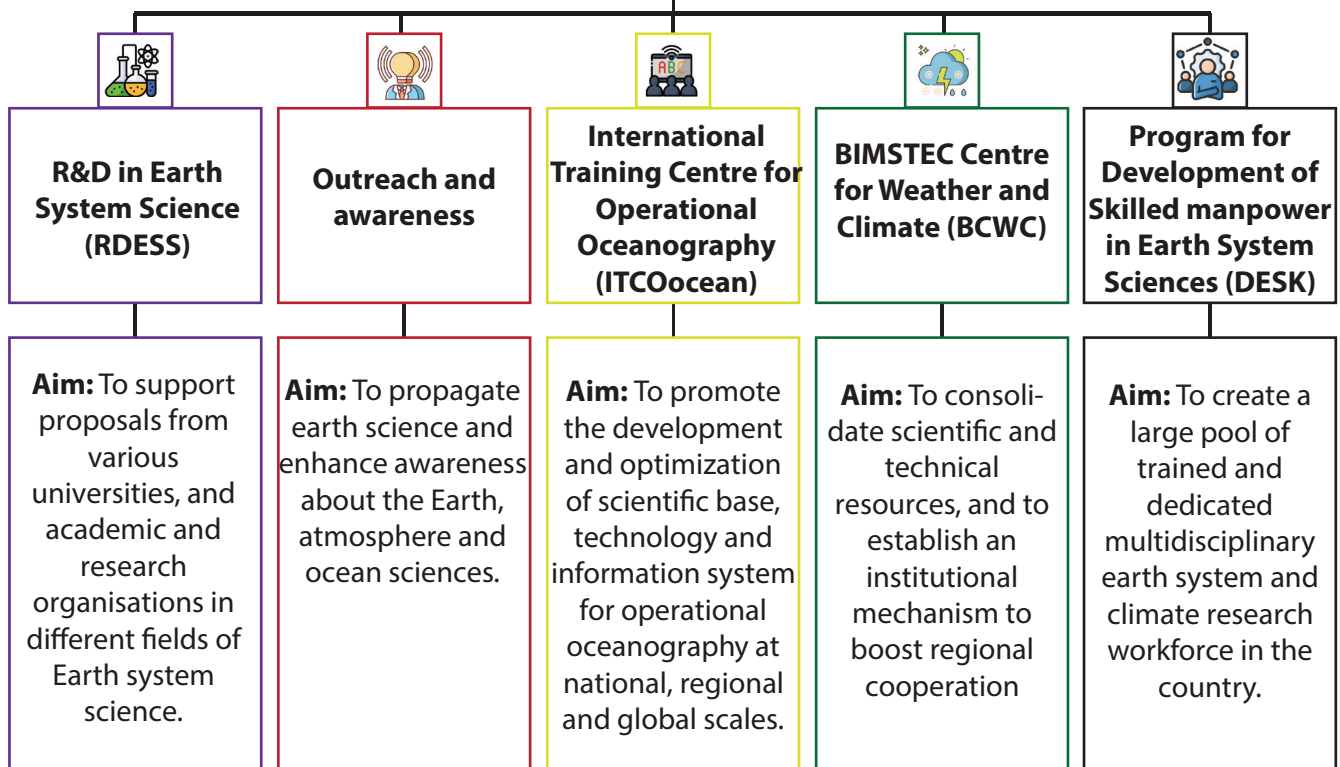
## 8.1. Other schemes/initiatives in news



### Research, Education and Training Outreach (REACHOUT)

**Aim:** To nurture research ; provide training on atmospheric science and oceanography to participants from India and neighbouring countries, and to generate awareness about various facets of Earth system science amongst students, academicians and the public.

#### Key sub-schemes



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# 9. Ministry of Education



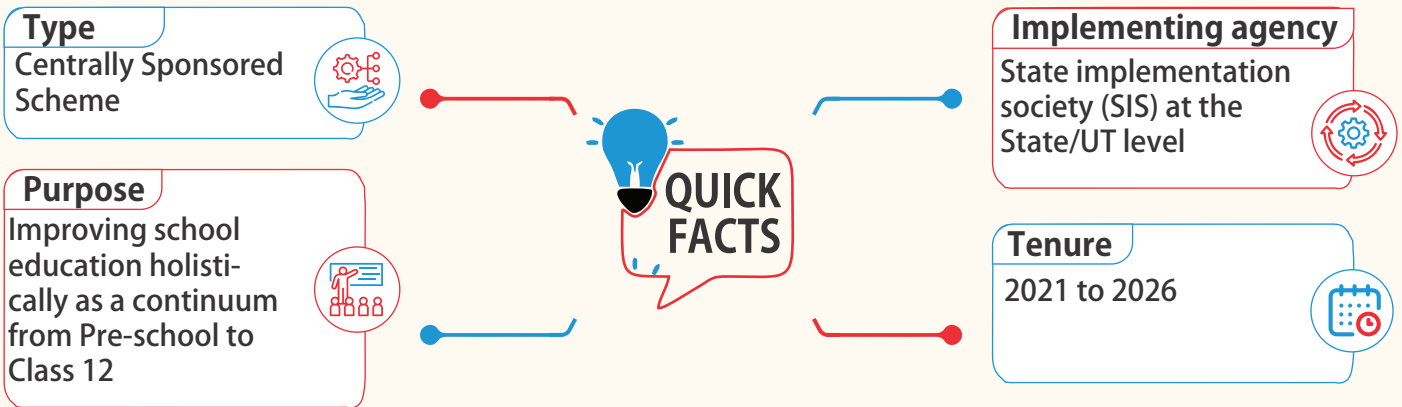
## 9.1. Schemes In News

### 9.1.1. Samagra Siksha- an Integrated Scheme for School Education



#### Why in news?

Teachers under the Samagra Shiksha programme have identified more out-of-school students in 2022 than in the previous two years.



#### Objectives

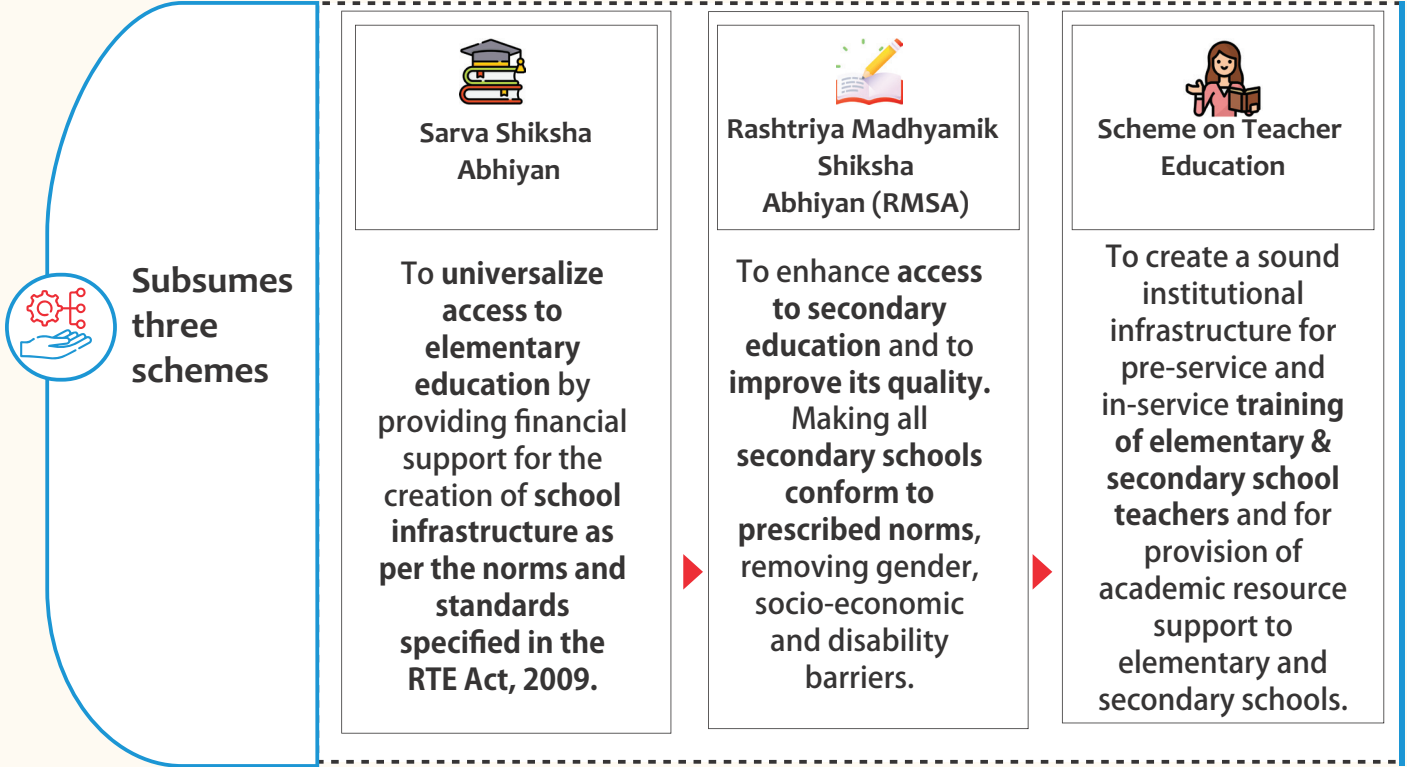
- Universal Access, Equity and Quality**, promoting Vocationalisation of Education and strengthening of Teacher Education Institutions (TEIs).
- Support States** in implementation of Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009.



#### Salient features

**Background** Samagra Shiksha is an overarching programme for the school education sector extending from pre-school to class 12.

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**ICT and smart class**

To impart **computer literacy and computer-enabled learning** to children through interactive multimedia, digital books, virtual labs etc.




**Shiksha ShabdKosh**

A document on **glossary of various terminologies in School Education.**



**Samagra Shiksha Framework**

Provides **Key Performance Indicators (KPI)** for each component and physical and financial details of implementation of each component of Samagra Shiksha.



**Amendment in RTE Act, 2009**

Amended for **pupil teacher ratio for special educators** in general schools.


- o **At primary level:** One special education teacher for every ten pupils with disabilities
- o **At upper primary level:** One special education teacher for every fifteen pupils with disabilities enrolled

## Initiatives to align with NEP 2020




**SARATHAQ**  
(Students' and Teachers' Holistic Advancement through Quality Education)

The NEP Implementation Plan for school education.



**NIPUN BHARAT**  
(National Initiative for Proficiency in Reading with Understanding and Numeracy)

For ensuring that every child necessarily attains foundational literacy and numeracy in Grade 3 by 2026-27.



**Foundational Learning Study (FLS)**

Conducted by the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) to assess the learning level of Class 3 students in Foundational Literacy and Numeracy.




**Vidya Pravesh**

A 3 Months Play Based 'School Preparation Module' developed by the NCERT.




**Vidyanjali 2.0**

A web portal, through which community/volunteer can connect the Government and Government aided schools of their choice for sharing knowledge, skills and contributing in the form of assets/material/equipment.



**Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas (KGBVs)**

To provide residential and schooling facilities upto Class-XII including Incinerator and sanitary pad vending machines in all girls' hostels.



**Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Avasiya Vidyalayas**

In hilly terrain, small and sparsely populated areas for children without adult protection who are in need of shelter and care.



**NISHTHA  
4.0 (ECCE)**

An online teacher training programme for Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE).

**9.2. Other Schemes/Initiatives in News**



**PM eVIDYA**



**Aim:** Unifies all efforts related to digital/online/on-air education to enable multi-mode access for imparting education by using technology to minimise learning losses.



**Use of ICT under PM eVIDYA,** particularly during the COVID-19 pandemic, wins UNESCO's recognition (UNESCO's King Hamad Bin Isa Al-Khalifa Prize).



**PM SHRI Schools (PM ScHools for Rising India)**



**Type:** Centrally Sponsored Scheme



**Centrally  
Sponsored Scheme**



**State-of-the-art schools** will be developed to prepare students for future.



Promote understanding of various dimensions of **Quality of school education** and inform Policy, Practice and Implementation.



PM SHRI Schools will emerge as **exemplar Schools** over a period of time.



**Vidya Sameeksha Kendra (VSK)**



**Ministry plans** for nationwide replication of Gujarat Education Department's VSK.



VSK helps track daily **online attendance of teachers and students,** periodic assessments of learning outcomes of students, etc.



**National surveillance system** will be known as NDEAR (National Digital Education Architecture) VSK.



## Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) initiative



**Aim:** To spread rich heritage and traditional knowledge in field of Arts and literature, Agriculture, Basic Sciences, etc.



An innovative cell under Ministry of Education at All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE).



Established to promote interdisciplinary research on all aspects of IKS, preserve and disseminate IKS for further research and societal applications.



Raja mantri chor sipahi, posham pa, gilli danda etc. are among 75 indigenous games that will be introduced in schools under IKS initiative.



## Nav Bharat Saaksharta karyakram (New India literacy programme or NILP)



Centrally Sponsored Scheme



Recently, the 1st Foundational Literacy and Numeracy Assessment Test (FLNAT) under the NILP was held.



**Type:** Centrally Sponsored Scheme



The scheme is in alignment with the recommendations of National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.



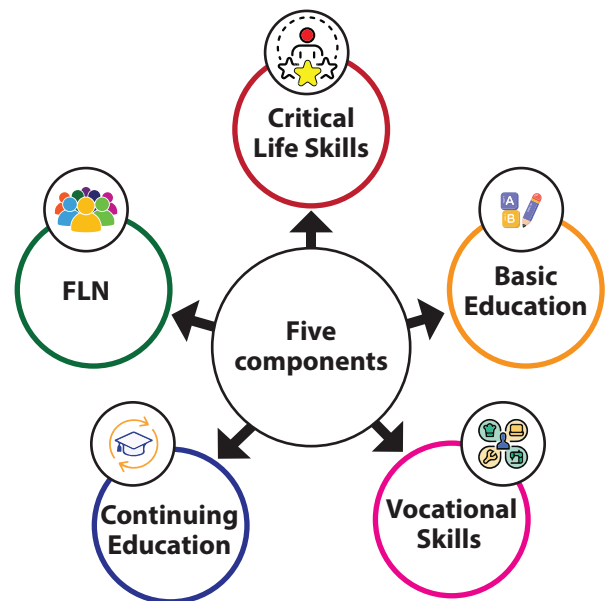
The scheme targets all non-literates of age 15 years and above in the country, with more focus on females and educationally backward states.



**Implemented through:** Volunteer teachers and students of schools and Higher Education Institutions and Teacher Education Institution.



**Target:** For FYs 2022-27 is 5 crore learners (1.00 crore per year) by using "Online Teaching, Learning and Assessment System (OTLAS)" in collaboration with National Informatics Centre, NCERT and NIOS.





## Institute of Eminence (IoE) scheme



Recently the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Education, Women, Children, Youth and Sports suggested for accelerating granting of IoE status.



A recognition scheme initiated by University Grants Commission (UGC) in 2017.

▶ Under it, 20 institutions - 10 public and 10 private institutions would be selected for IoE status.

▶ So far, 8 public and 4 private institutes have been granted IoE status.



**Aim:** To empower HEIs and to help them become world-class teaching and research institutions.

### Advantages to IoEs compared to other Universities



**Free from most UGC regulations** which are binding on other universities



Can **recruit foreign faculty up to 25% of faculty strength** and **admit 30% foreign students on merit**



Have **flexibility of course structure** and not required to adhere to UGC mandated curriculum



Shall be **free to enter into academic collaborations** with other institutions of India



## Pradhan Mantri Poshan Shakti Nirman (PM POSHAN)

▶ This scheme was earlier known as Mid-Day Meal Scheme



**Type:** Centrally Sponsored Scheme.



**Centrally Sponsored Scheme**



**Purpose:** To address hunger and education problems for majority of children in India



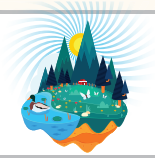
**Tenure:** 2021-22 to 2025-26



**Eligibility:** All school children studying in Classes I-VIII of Government, Government-Aided schools and children studying in Bal Vatika (just before class I) in Government primary schools.



# 10. Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change



## 10.1. Other Schemes/Initiatives in News



### Nagar Van Yojana (NVY)



**Aim:** To foster balanced regional development across all districts of country.



**Funding:** Fully funded under CAMPA (Compensatory Afforestation Fund Act, 2016) funds.



**Launched in 2020, on World Environment Day (5th June).**



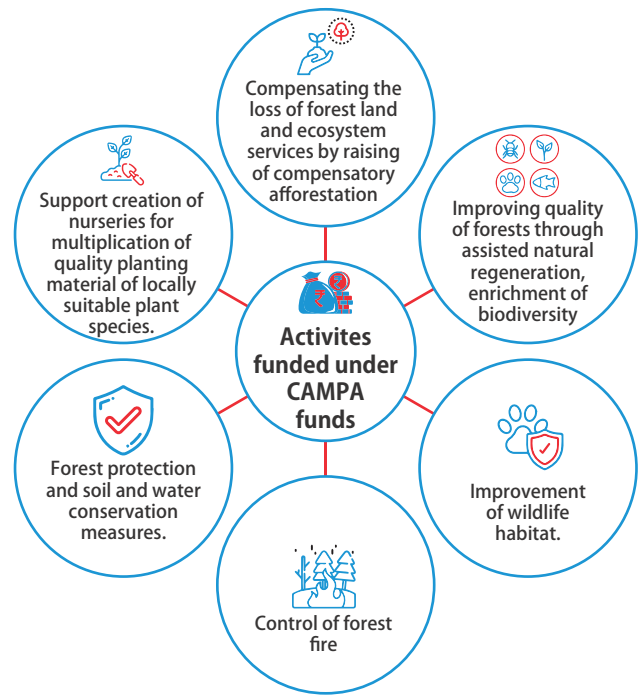
**Provides for developing 400 Nagar Vans and 200 Nagar Vatikas in the country during the period of 2020-21 to 2024-25.**



**Forests will come up either on existing forest land or on any other vacant land offered by urban local bodies.**



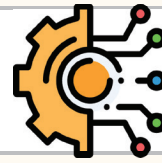
**Such Van Udyan will be maintained by the State Government.**



### Gramin Krishi Mausam Sewa project (GKMS)

- **Aim:** Contribute to weather information based crop/livestock management strategies and operations.
- **Implementing agencies:** India Meteorological Department (IMD), Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) and other institutions is rendering District/Block level Agrometeorological Advisory Services (AAS)
- **Medium range weather forecast at district and block level is generated and based on the forecast, Agromet Advisories are prepared and communicated.**

# 11. Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology



## 11.1. Schemes In News

### 11.1.1. Digital India Programme



#### Why in news?

Digital India week was launched to celebrate the anniversary of Digital India.

#### Purpose

To transform India into a digitally empowered society and knowledge economy



#### Nature

Umbrella programme that clubs together various e-governance initiatives across Ministries and Departments



#### QUICK FACTS

#### Public Private Partnerships (PPP)

PPPs are preferred wherever feasible to implement e-Governance projects.



#### Implementation

By the entire Government with overall coordination by the MeITY



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#### Objectives

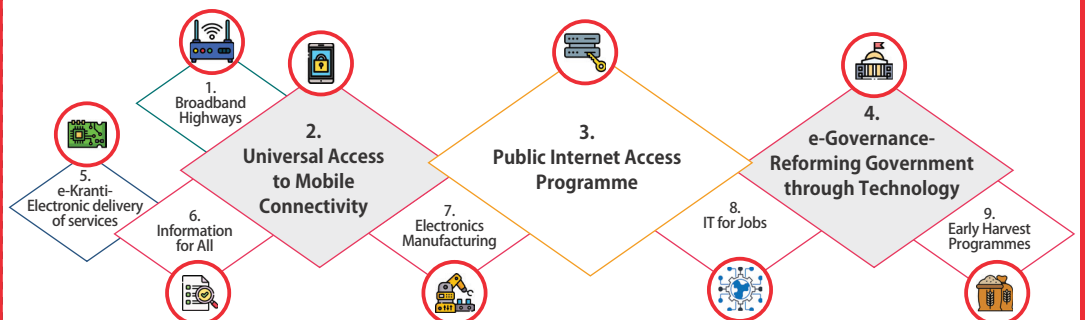
To establish a secure and stable digital infrastructure, deliver digital services, ensure that every citizen has access to the Internet



#### Salient features

#### How Digital India will be realized: Pillars of Digital India

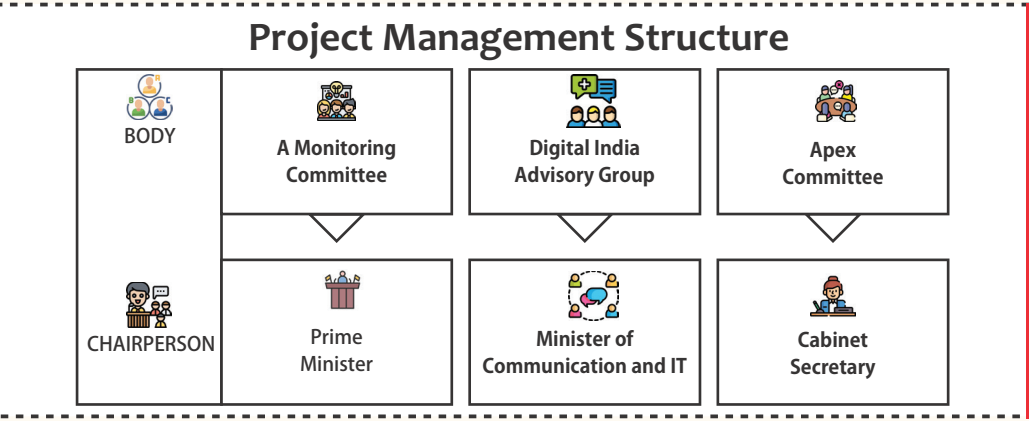
Thrust to the nine pillars of growth areas



**Some of the key agencies enabling DI initiatives**

- ▶ Controller of Certifying Authorities (CCA)
- ▶ Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC)
- ▶ Centre for Railway Information Systems (CRIS)
- ▶ Common Services Center (CSC)
- ▶ Small Farmers Agribusiness Consortium (SFAC)

**Programme management structure**



**Some of the Key initiatives**

 Aadhaar identity platform	 Bharat Broadband Network Limited (BBNL)	 Centre of Excellence for IoT	 CERT-In
 DigiSevak	 DigiLocker	 Cyber Swachhta Kendra	 Common Service Centres (CSCs)

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**11.2. Other Schemes/Initiatives in News**



**Government e-Marketplace (GeM) portal**

- Aim:** To create an open and transparent procurement platform for government buyers.
- Developed by the Directorate General of Supplies and Disposals with technical support by Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.
- Government buyers** are mandated to purchase through GeM.
- Private buyers cannot buy on the platform, but they can sell products to government bodies through the portal.
- The mandate of GeM has been expanded to allow procurement by Cooperatives as buyers on the platform.
- Suppliers (sellers)** under the GeM can be government or private.



## Responsible AI for Youth 2022



**Aim:** Building AI readiness among the youth of our country.



**Launched by:** National E-Governance Division of MeitY and Intel India



**Beneficiaries:** All school students studying in classes 8-12 across India.



**Foster a deeper understanding of AI-tech and encourage youngsters to develop meaningful AI-based social impact solutions based on various themes like Agriculture, Healthcare, Education etc.**



**Taking this further, National e-Governance Division and Intel India have launched 'Youth for Unnati & Vikas with AI'.**



## Digital India GENESIS (Gen-next Support for Innovative Startups)



**Aim:** To dynamically scale up and sustain the tech ecosystem.



**A national Deep-tech Startup Platform by MeitY with an outlay of 750+ crores.**



**Envisages impacting and consolidating 10,000+ tech start-ups over the course of the next 5 years, especially from Tier-II & Tier III cities.**



**Startups will be equipped with the right tools and backed by a conducive infrastructure for starting and scaling up.**



## India Stack: indiastack.global



**A global repository of key projects implemented under India Stack like Aadhaar, UPI, Digilocker etc.**



**It will help position India as leader in building Digital Transformation projects at a population scale.**



**India Stack:** It is the moniker for a set of open APIs and digital public goods that aim to unlock the economic primitives of identity, data, and payments at population scale.



## Modified Electronics Manufacturing Clusters (EMC 2.0) Scheme



**Aim:** Providing support for creation of world class infrastructure for attracting major global electronics manufacturers along with their supply chain to set up units in the country.



**This Scheme will fortify the linkage between domestic and international market by strengthening supply chain responsiveness, consolidation of suppliers, decreased time-to-market, lower logistics costs, etc.**



**The EMC 2.0 Scheme provides financial assistance for setting up of both EMC projects and Common Facility Centres (CFCs) across the country.**



## Other Schemes



**MyScheme:** It aims to offer a one-stop search and discovery portal where users can find schemes that they are eligible for and acts as a service discovery platform facilitating access to Government Schemes.



**Meri Pehchaan- National Single Sign On for One Citizen Login (NSSO),** a user authentication service in which a single set of credentials provide access to multiple online applications or services.



**Chips to Startup (C2S) Programme** aims to train specialized manpower in the area of design of semiconductor chips at Bachelors, Masters and Research levels.

“ The Secret To Getting Ahead Is Getting Started ”



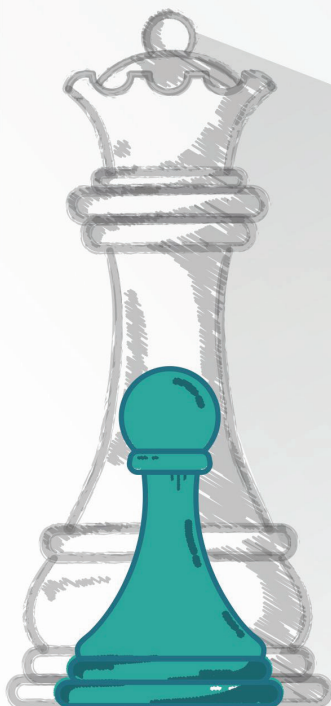
## ALTERNATIVE CLASSROOM PROGRAM *for*

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# 12. Ministry of Finance



## 12.1. Newly launched scheme



### Mahila Samman Savings Certificates (MSSC)

- ▶ Scheme was announced in 2023-24 Union Budget.
- ▶ Aim: Promoting financial inclusion and empowering women, including girls.

### Key features of scheme



Account can be opened for an individual girl or woman



Deposit facility is available for a tenor of two years

**7.5%**

Interest per annum, compounded quarterly interest, making it an attractive investment option for women

Partial withdrawal of up to 40% - after the completion of one year

- Minimum Deposit Rs.1000/-
- Maximum Deposit Rs. 2 lakh

\***Premature closure of the account is allowed** at any time after six months of opening but with the interest rate reduced by 2%.

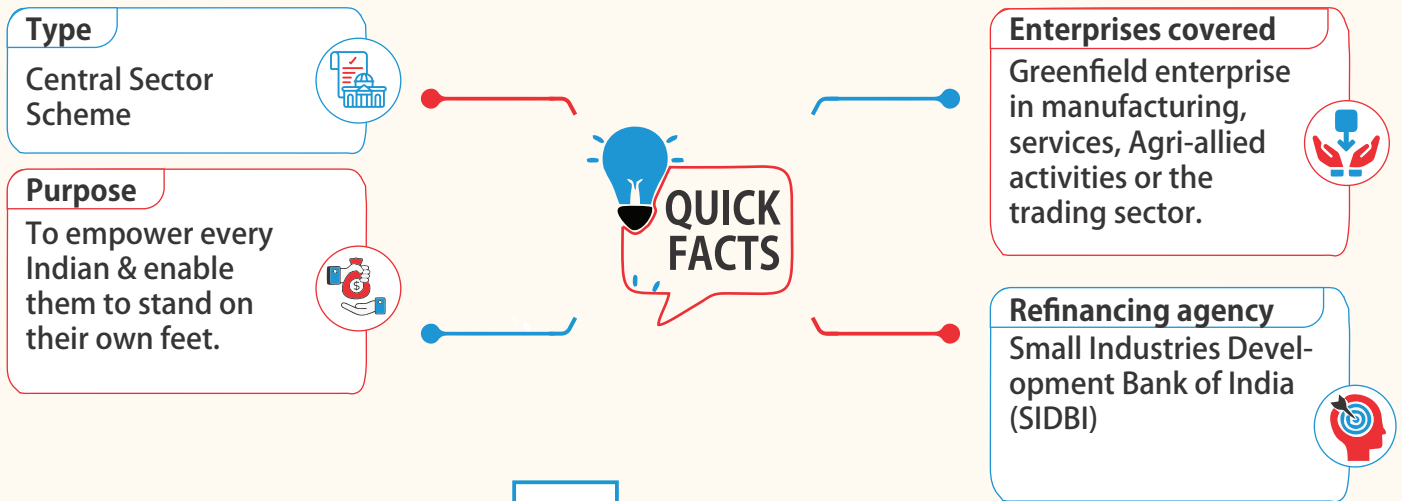
## 12.2. Schemes in news

### 12.2.1. Stand-up India Scheme



### Why in news?

The scheme recently completed 7 years.



**Objectives**

To facilitate bank loans between Rs.10 lakh and Rs. 1 Crore to at least one SC or ST borrower and at least one woman borrower per bank branch for setting up a greenfield enterprise.

**Salient features**

**Eligibility and exclusion**

- 1 SC, ST or Woman Above 18 years of age.
- 2 Loans available for setting up Green Field Projects.
- 3 At least 51% stake should be held by an SC, ST or Woman entrepreneur for non-individual enterprise
- 4 Borrowers should not be in default to any bank or financial institution.

**Collateral free coverage**

- ▶ To extend Collateral free coverage the government has set up **Credit Guarantee Fund for Stand Up India (CGFSI)**.
- ▶ However, Government does not allocate funds for loans under the Scheme.

**Loan extending entities**

All the branches of the Scheduled Commercial Banks as per commercial parameters.

**Loan security**

Besides **primary security**, the loan may be secured by collateral security or guarantee of CGFSI as decided by the banks.

**Rate of Interest (RoI)**

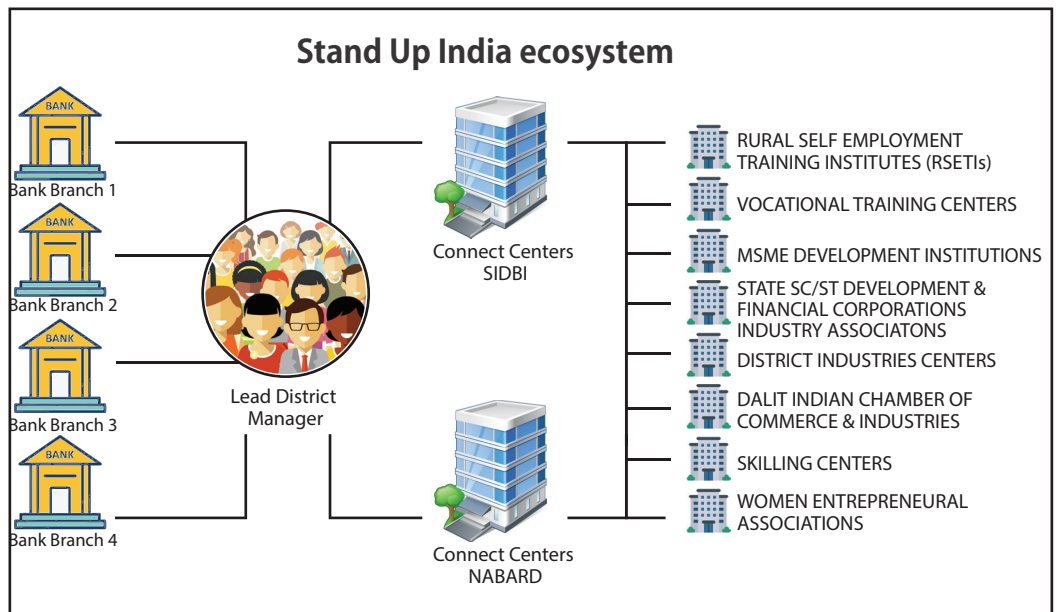
**Lowest applicable rate of the bank** for that category (rating category) not to exceed Bank's base rate (MCLR) +3%+ tenor premium.

**Loan repayment**

Repayable in **7 years** with a maximum moratorium period of **18 months**.

**Stand-up Connect Centres**

Offices of **SIDBI** and **NABARD** designated as Stand-up Connect Centres, for extending handholding support to the potential borrowers.

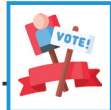


**Convergence with other schemes**

This scheme also provides for **convergence with Central/State Government scheme**.



## 12.3. Other Schemes/Initiatives in News



### Electoral Bond scheme

- ▶ Electoral Bond is a bearer instrument in the nature of a Promissory Note and an interest free banking instrument.
- ▶ Do not carry the name of payee.
- ▶ Introduced in Union Budget 2017-18.



#### Issuance

- ▶ Issued/purchased for **any value**, in multiples of **1,000, 10,000, 1,00,000, 10,00,000 and 1,00,00,000** from **specified branches of State Bank of India**
- ▶ Sold for **10 days** in **January, April, July and October**



#### Eligibility

- ▶ **Buyers: Citizen of India or a body incorporated in India** is eligible to purchase bond
- ▶ **Political parties:** Registered under section 29A of **Representation of People Act, 1951** and which **secured not less than 1% of the votes polled in last general election** to the House of the People or the Legislative Assembly of the State.



#### Obligations for recipient political parties








- ▶ To be encashed only through a Bank account with the Authorized Bank.
- ▶ Donations through Electoral Bonds to be **redeemed within 15 days**.
- ▶ Bonds not redeemed in 15 days shall be deposited by authorised bank with **Prime Minister's National Relief Fund (PMNRF)**



### Old Pension Scheme (OPS)

- ▶ In many states, government employees are demanding for restoration of OPS.
- ▶ Under OPS, Pension to government employees at Centre and states was fixed at **50% of last drawn basic pay** and Employees were **not required to contribute** to their pensions.
- ▶ Under NPS, now called National Pension System, in addition to government, a **matching contribution from employee** was made a feature.
- ▶ NPS is mandatorily applicable on **Central Government employees** (except Armed Forces) recruited on or after **01.01. 2004**.

### Difference between NPS and OPS











 <b>Basis of Difference</b>	 <b>New Pension system (NPS)</b>	 <b>Old Pension System (OPS)</b>
 <b>Nature</b>	NPS is <b>defined contribution pension</b> where employees contribute towards NPS during their year of employment	OPS is a <b>defined benefit pension</b> for government employees on the basis of their <b>last drawn salary</b> .
 <b>Eligibility</b>	<b>All Indian citizens between 18 and 65 years.</b>	<b>Government employees only.</b>
 <b>Risk</b>	It <b>involves risk</b> as the NPS amount is <b>invested in market-linked securities</b> .	<b>No Risk involved</b>
 <b>Pension Amount on retirement</b>	<b>60%</b> of pension fund is <b>tax-free</b> when redeemed, while the remainder is taxable and remains <b>invested in annuities</b> .	It provides a <b>fixed monthly pension</b> of <b>50%</b> of the <b>last drawn salary</b> .



### Scheme for Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment

- ▶ An amount of Rs 1 lakh crore has been allocated to the scheme.
- ▶ Under this Scheme, financial assistance is provided to the States Governments in the form of 50-year interest free loan for capital investment projects.
- ▶ The loan provided under the scheme is over and above the normal borrowing ceiling allowed to the states for the year 2022-23.
- ▶ This allocation will be used for PM Gati Shakti related and other productive capital investment of the States including components for:
  - ▶ Supplemental funding for priority segments of PM Gram Sadak Yojana, including support for the States' share,
  - ▶ Digitization of the economy, including digital payments and completion of OFC network, and
  - ▶ Reforms related to building byelaws, town planning schemes, transit-oriented development, and transferable development rights.






 **Insurance schemes**

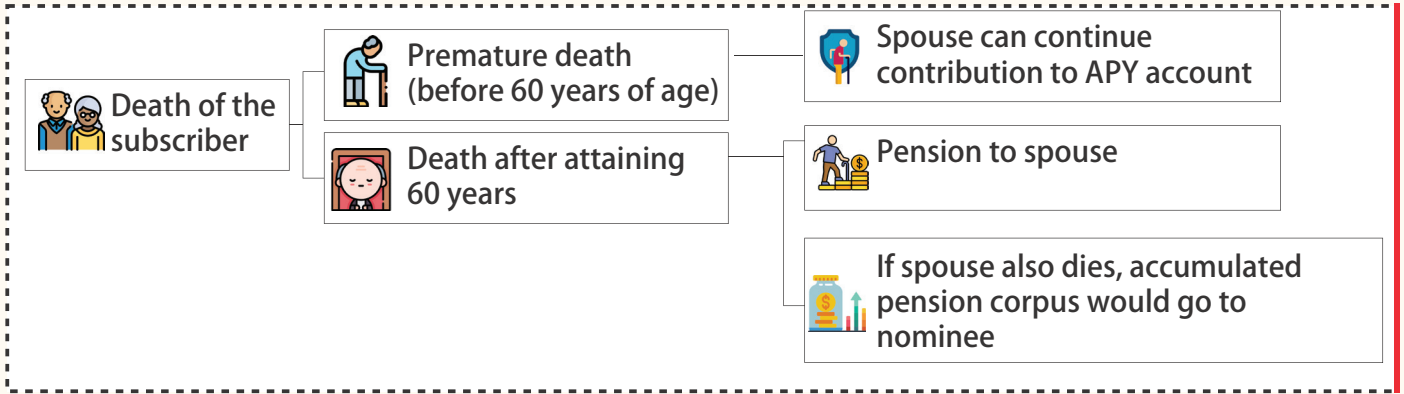
 <b>Specification</b>	<b>Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY)</b>  <b>Central Sector Scheme</b>	<b>Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY)</b>  <b>Central Sector Scheme</b>
 <b>Nature</b>	<b>Life insurance scheme (life cover up to age 55).</b>	<b>Insurance against accidents</b>
 <b>Eligibility</b>	<b>Citizens (including NRIs) in the age group of 18 to 50 years.</b>	<b>Citizens (including NRIs) in the age group 18 to 70 years.</b>
 <b>Risk covered</b>	<b>Death due to any reason, after the first 45 days of enrolment.</b>	<b>Accidental death and disabilities</b>
 <b>Coverage</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rs. 2 lakh (term insurance), renewable from year to year</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rs 2 lakh for accidental death or total permanent disability</li> <li>Rs 1 lakh for partial permanent disability.</li> </ul>
 <b>Conditions</b>	<b>A bank or post office account, and consent to enable auto-debit of premium.</b>	
 <b>Implementing agencies</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Life Insurance Corporation</li> <li>All other life insurers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Public Sector General Insurance Companies (PSGICs)</li> <li>Other general insurance companies</li> </ul>
 <b>Premium rate</b>	<b>₹436 per annum</b>	<b>₹ 20 per annum</b>

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 **Atal Pension Yojana (APY)**





 **Central Sector Scheme**

 <b>Aim</b>	 <b>Implementing agency</b>	 <b>Eligibility</b>	 <b>Benefits</b>	 <b>Voluntarily Exit</b>
<b>To provide minimum guaranteed pension for the people in the unorganized sector</b>	<b>Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) under the National Pension System (NPS)</b>	<b>APY is open to all bank account holders in the age group of 18 to 40 years</b>	<b>Guaranteed minimum monthly pension of Rs. 1000 or its multiple upto Rs. 5000 (based on the contributions) at the age of 60 years.</b>	<b>Subscriber could exit from the scheme subject to certain condition.</b>



**Atmanirbhar Bharat Rozgar Yojana (ABRY)**

GOVERNMENT SCHEMES IN NEWS

 Aim	 Applicability	 Incentive for encouraging hiring	 Implementing Agency
<p>Reduce the financial burden of the employers of various sectors/industries and encourages them to hire more workers.</p>	<p>Every establishment registered with EPFO and their new employees (earning wage less than Rs. 15,000/- per month) for hiring between October 2020 to June 2021 or those who lost jobs between March 2020 to September 2020</p>	<p>Centre is crediting for provident fund for a period of two years both the employees' share and employers share' (12% of wages each) of contribution payable or only the employees' share, depending on employment strength of the EPFO registered establishments.</p>	<p>Employees Provident Fund Organization (EPFO)</p>



# 13. Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying

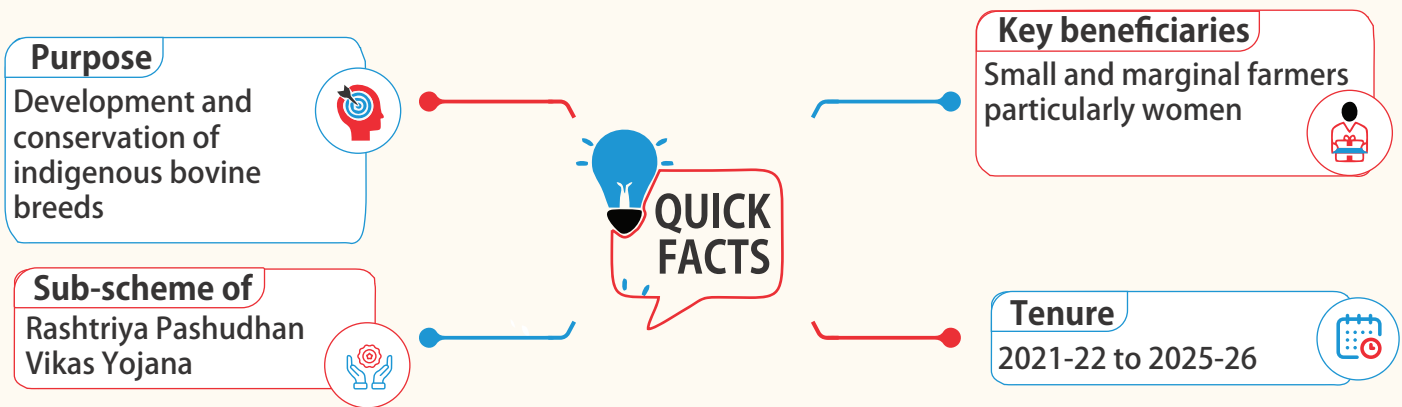
## 13.1. Scheme In News

### 13.1.1. Rashtriya Gokul Mission (RGM)



#### Why in news?

The guidelines of the scheme has been revised.

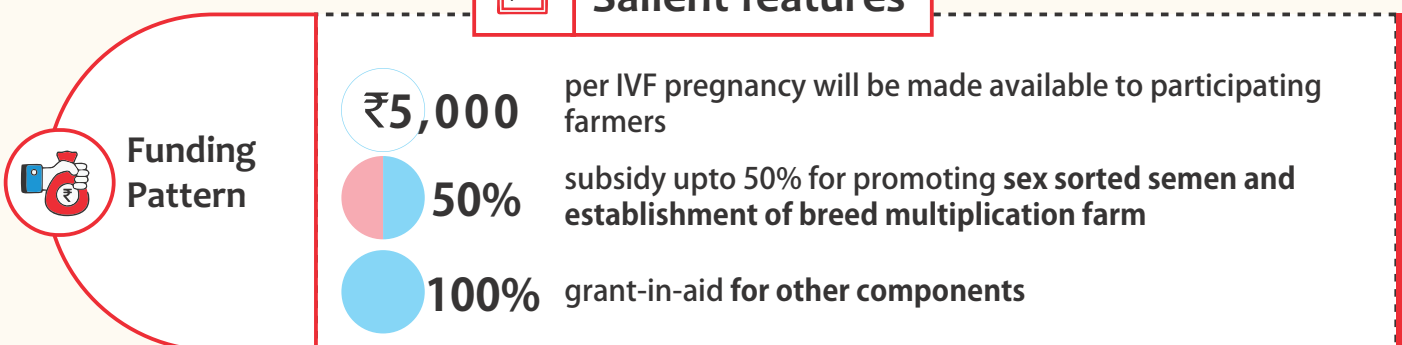









#### Objectives




- To enhance productivity of bovines in a sustainable manner using advance technologies.
- To propagate use of high genetic merit bulls for breeding purposes.
- To enhance Artificial insemination (AI) coverage and delivery of AI services at farmers doorstep.
- To promote indigenous cattle & buffalo rearing and conservation in a scientific and holistic manner.





#### Salient features



 <h3>Key components</h3>	<b>Availability of High genetic Merit Germplasm</b> 	<b>Extension of AI coverage</b> 	<b>Development and Conservation of indigenous Breeds</b> 	<b>Skill Development</b> 	<b>Farmers Awareness</b> 	<b>Other Activities related to cattle and buffalo Development</b> 
	Bull Production Programme Support to semen stations Implementation of IVF technology Breed Multiplication Farms	Establishment of Multi-Purpose AI technicians in Rural India (MAITRIs) Nationwide AI programme (NAIP) Using sex sorted semen Implementation of National Digital Livestock Mission (Livestack)	Assistance to Gaushalas, Gosadans and Pinjarapoles Operation of Rashtriya Kamdhenu Aayog	For training of professionals in IVF technology, other advanced reproductive techniques and training of AI technicians/professionals, etc.	Scheme for organising farmers training programme, award to farmers, best AI technicians, dairy cooperatives, fertility camps, etc.	Research Development and Innovation in Bovine Breeding and any other activity for cattle and buffalo development

 <h3>Implementing Agencies (IAs)</h3>	<b>State level</b> 	<b>Central Level</b> 
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Livestock Development Board</li> <li>▶ Milk Federations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Frozen Semen Production and Training Institute</li> <li>▶ Cattle Breeding Farms</li> <li>▶ Central Herd Registration Scheme</li> <li>▶ National Dairy Development Board</li> <li>▶ ICAR and its Institutes</li> <li>▶ Central Universities/ Government Veterinary Universities</li> </ul>

 **Release of funds** RGM funds will be released **directly to IA.**

 **State Ranking** To enhance the **competitive spirit of good performance** among the States and Union Territories

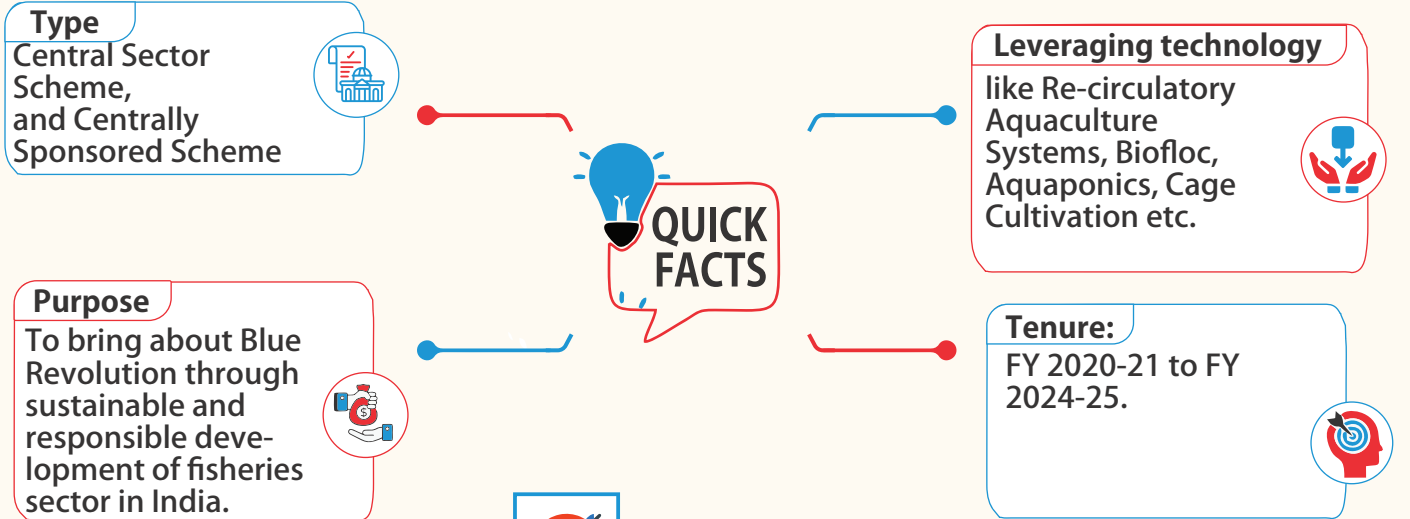
 **Participative monitoring** Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) will be integrated for monitoring

### 13.1.2. Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY)



#### Why in news?

Government may revise provisions of the scheme to suit fishermen's needs.

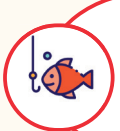


#### Objectives

Harnessing fisheries potential, improving infrastructure and regulation, enhancing Farmer's income and consolidating the achievements of Blue Revolution.



#### Salient features



**Intended Beneficiaries**

Fishers, Fish workers, SCs/STs/Women/Differently abled persons, Fisheries cooperatives/Federations, etc.

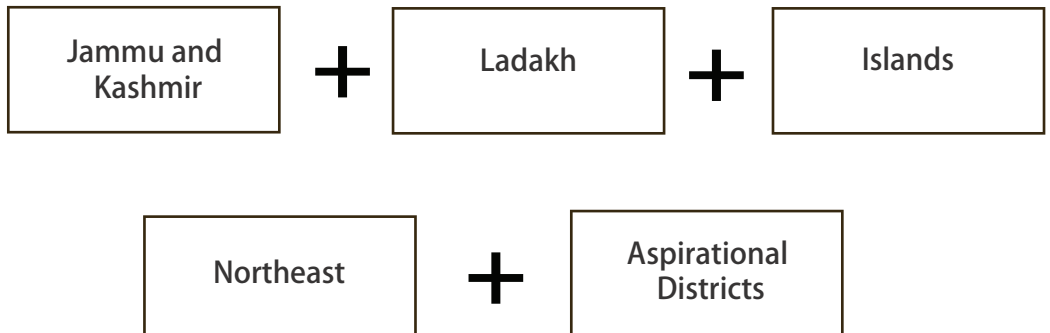


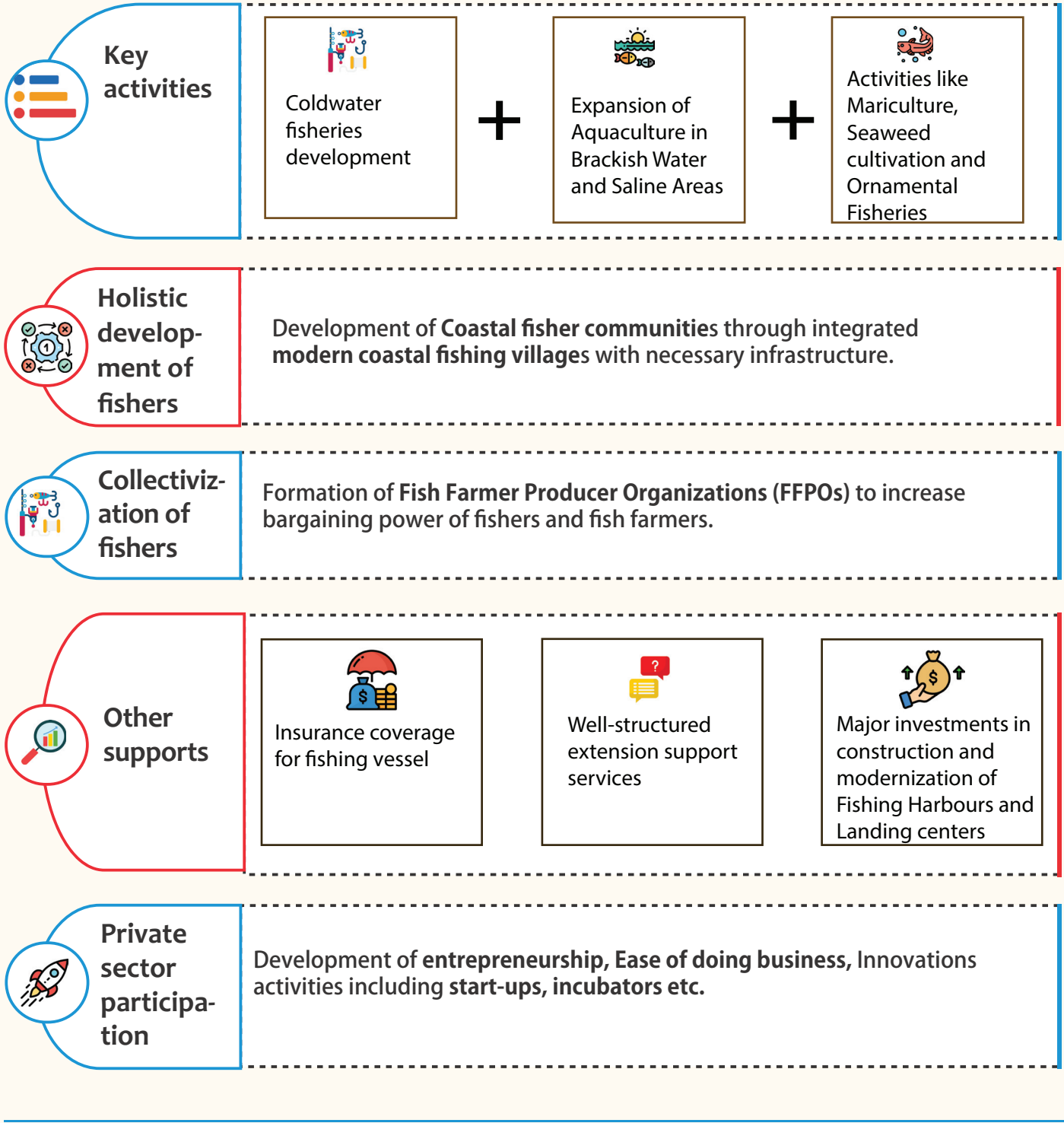
**Cluster or area-based approach'**

Requisite forward and backward linkages and end to end solutions.



**Focused regions**







# 14. Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI)



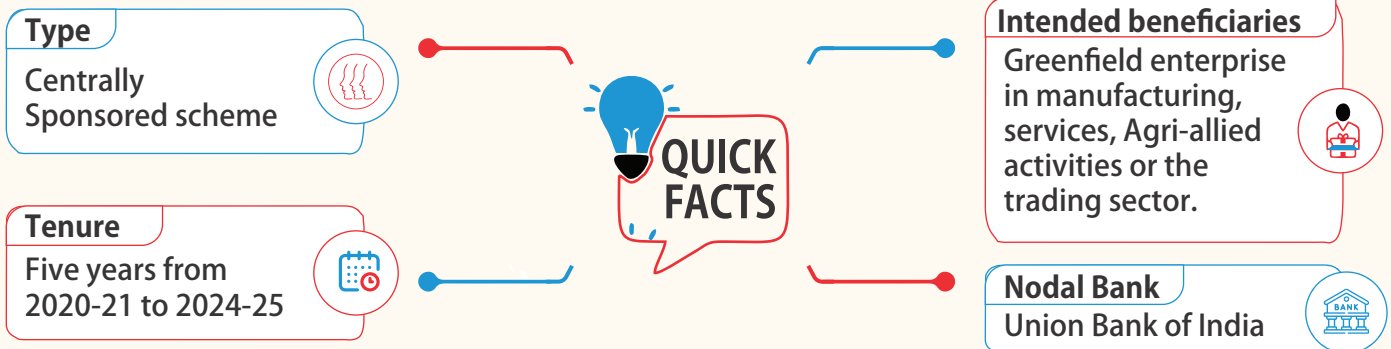
## 14.1. Scheme In News

### 14.1.1. Pradhan Mantri Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PMFME)



#### Why in news?

Recently the scheme completed two years.



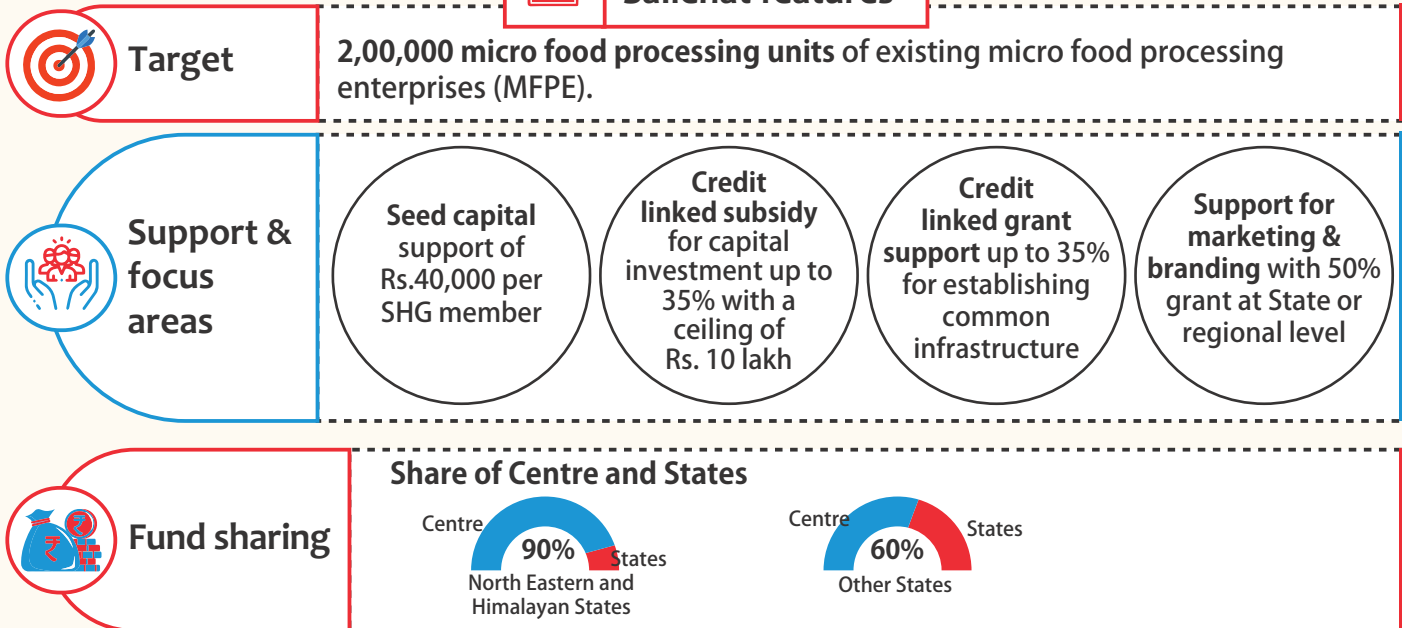
#### Objectives




To provide financial, technical and business support for upgradation of existing micro food processing enterprises



#### Salient features







**One District One Product (ODODP)**

- ▶ The States would identify **food product (including perishable produce) for a district** keeping in view the existing clusters and availability of raw material.
- ▶ **Support for common infrastructure and branding & marketing.**


**Focus areas**




Waste to wealth products



Minor forest products




Aspirational Districts



**Capacity building and research**

- ▶ **Training of units, product development, appropriate packaging and machinery for micro units.**
- ▶ **By NIFTEM and IIFPT under MOFPI along with State Level Technical Institutions.**

	Aim	Launched by	Financial assistance portal
 <p><b>PMFME Scheme Seed Capital Module</b></p>	<p>To facilitate seed capital assistance (initial money required to start a new business) to members of urban Self-Help-Groups (SHG) working in the food processing sector in India</p>	<p>The MoFPI in association with Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) on Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM) MIS Portal</p>	<p>The seed capital portal can be accessed to avail the seed capital assistance of Rs.40,000 per SHG member under the PMFME Scheme.</p>

### 14.1.2. Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana (PMKSY)




#### NEWS Why in news?

Recently, the Ministry has informed the Parliament that it has approved 41 Mega Food Park (MFP) projects for assistance under PMKSY.

**Type**

Central Sector Scheme.



**QUICK FACTS**

**Umbrella Scheme**


Ongoing schemes and also new schemes of the Ministry are incorporated

**Purpose**

Creation of modern infrastructure with efficient supply chain management from farm gate to retail outlet.

**Potential benefits**

Doubling farmers' income, creating employment, reducing wastage of agricultural produce.

 **Objectives**

Creation of modern infrastructure for food processing, effective backward and forward linkages, and create robust supply chain infrastructure for perishables

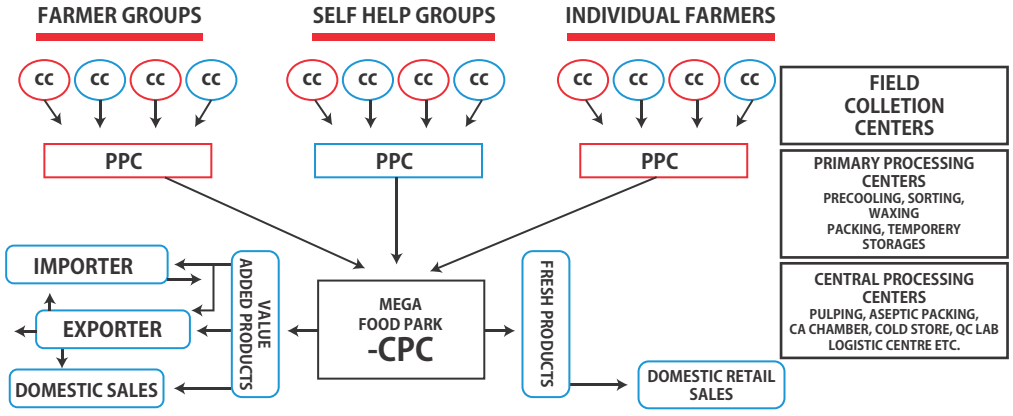
**Salient features**

**Component of schemes**

The first 4 are the ongoing schemes whereas the last three are new schemes launched under the PMKSY

**Mega Food Parks**

- Setting up of modern food processing units with well-established supply chain.
- Implemented by: a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV).



**Integrated Cold Chain, Value Addition and Preservation Infrastructure**

- To provide cold chain facilities without any break from the farm gate to the consumer.
- Project set up by Companies, Self Help Groups (SHGs), Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs), NGOs, etc.

**Creation/ Expansion of Food Processing/ Preservation Capacities (CEFPPC)**

- To create processing and preservation capacities and modernisation/ expansion of existing food processing units.
- The project is set up by Companies, Self Help Groups (SHGs), Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs), NGOs, etc.


**Food Safety & Quality Assurance Infrastructure**

- Setting Up/Up-gradation of Quality Control/Food Testing Laboratories.
- Hazard analysis and critical control points (HACCP)/ ISO Standards/Food Safety/Quality Management Systems.

**Infrastructure for Agro Processing Clusters**

- Development of modern infrastructure and common facilities to encourage group of entrepreneurs.

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**Scheme for Creation of Backward and Forward Linkages**

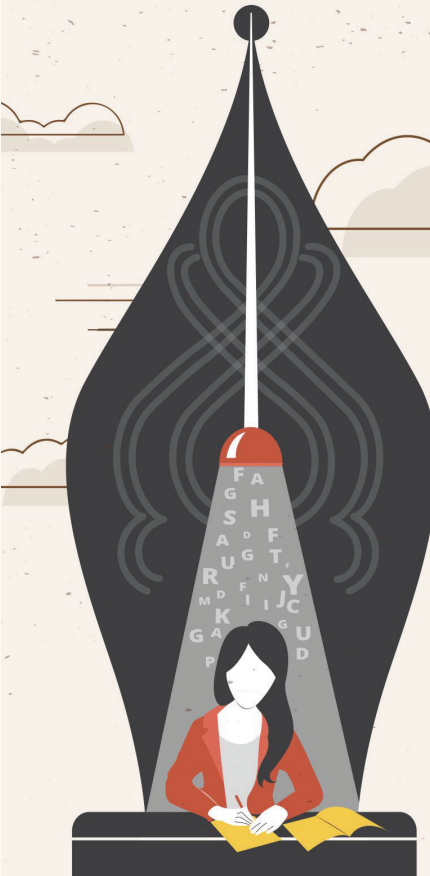
► For setting up of primary processing centers/ collection centers at farm gate and modern retail outlets at the front end along with connectivity through insulated/ refrigerated transport.



**Human Resources and Institutions**

► For demand driven Research & Development (R&D), promotional Activities (seminars, workshops, fairs and exhibitions), and sector specific skill development.

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# ESSAY

## ENRICHMENT PROGRAMME 2023

**18 JUNE | 5 PM**

- Introducing different stages from developing an idea into completing an essay
- Practical and efficient approach to learn different parts of essay
- Regular practice and brainstorming sessions
- Inter disciplinary approaches
- **LIVE / ONLINE** Classes Available



# 15. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare



## 15.1. Schemes in news

### 15.1.1. Pradhan Mantri-Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission (PM-ABHIM)



#### Why in news?

World Bank Signed a \$1 Billion Program to Support India's Health Sector for Pandemic Preparedness and Enhanced Health Service Delivery.

#### Type

Centrally Sponsored with some Central Sector components



#### Target

To build an IT enabled disease surveillance system



#### Purpose

To establish a health system which is responding effectively to the future pandemics/ disasters.



#### QUICK FACTS

#### Tenure

2021 to 2026



#### Objectives

Strengthening grass root public health institutions, Developing IT enabled surveillance system and Supporting research on infectious diseases.



#### Salient features

#### Key activities



Augment health facilities for treatment



Establish integrated public health labs for diagnosis of diseases



Expand existing research institutions that study pandemics

**Support by World bank**



**Public Health Systems for Pandemic Preparedness Program (PHSPP)**

To help India prepare India's surveillance system, enhance capacity to detect pathogens, build institutional capacity of core public health institutions



**Enhanced Health Service Delivery Program (EHSDP)**

To Strengthen service delivery through a redesigned primary health care model, National Quality Assurance Standards certification across Health and Wellness Centers to strength quality of care, Transform health sector governance and accountability

**Centrally Sponsored Components**



**AB- Health & Wellness Centres (AB-HWCs) in Urban areas** across the country



**AB-HWCs in rural area in 10 High Focus States** (Bihar, Jharkhand, Odisha, Punjab, Rajasthan, UP and West Bengal, Assam, Manipur and Meghalaya)



**Block Public Health Units (BPHU)** in 11 High Focus States/ UTs (Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Himachal Pradesh, UT - Jammu and Kashmir, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand)



**Integrated District Public Health Laboratories** in all districts

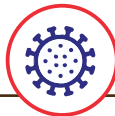


**Critical Care Hospital Blocks** in state government medical colleges / District Hospitals in all districts with a population more than 5 lakhs

**Central Sector Components**



Critical Care Hospital Blocks in 12 Central Institutions



Strengthening Disaster and Epidemic Preparedness



Strengthening surveillance of infectious diseases and outbreak response



Strengthening surveillance capacities at Points of Entry



Setting up of a National Institution for One Health, a Regional Research Platform for WHO South East Asia Region, Bio-Safety Level III Laboratories, etc

## 15.2. Other Schemes/Initiatives in News



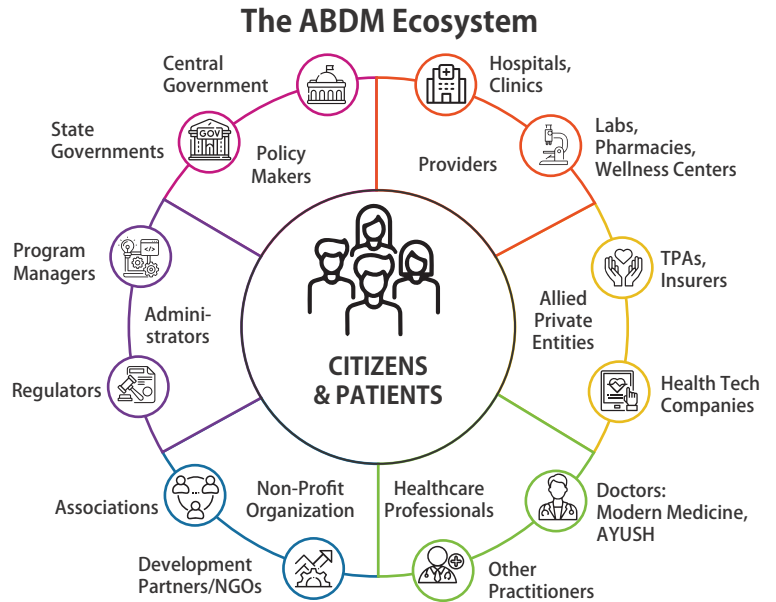
### Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM)



**Aim:** To support the integrated digital health infrastructure of the country to bridge the gaps in existing digital health solutions.



**Implementing Agency:** National Health Authority



### Building blocks of ABDM



#### Ayushman Bharat Health Account (ABHA) and ABHA App

- A 14-digit identification number, generated using an Aadhaar or mobile number.

- A hassle-free method of accessing and sharing your health records digitally.



#### Health Facility Registry

- A comprehensive repository of all the health facilities across different systems of medicine.

- Includes both public and private health facilities including hospitals, clinics, diagnostic, pharmacies, etc.



#### Healthcare Professionals Registry

- A comprehensive repository of all healthcare professionals involved.

- Available for both modern and traditional systems of medicine.



#### Unified Health Interface (UHI)

- Envisioned as an open protocol for various digital health services.

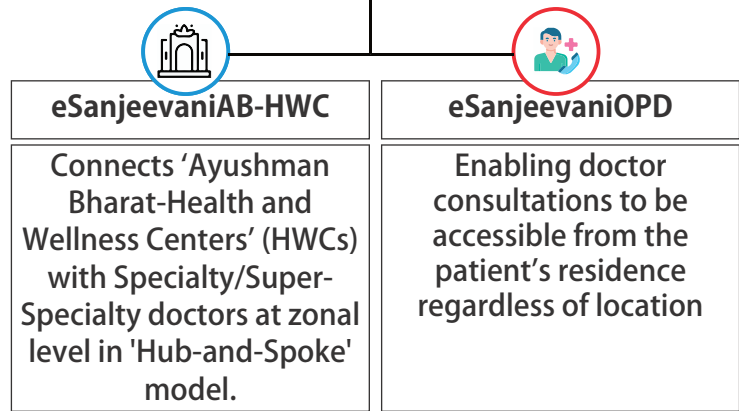
- UHI will enable services including appointment, teleconsultation, etc.



## eSanjeevani

- ▶ The National Health Authority (NHA) announced the **successful integration of eSanjeevani with ABDM.**
- ▶ A national telemedicine service that strives to provide an **alternative to conventional physical consultations** via digital platform.
- ▶ The integration allows the existing eSanjeevani users to easily create their **Ayushman Bharat Health Account (ABHA)** and use it to link and manage their existing health records.

### 2 Verticals of eSanjeevani



## National policy for Rare Diseases (NPRD), 2021

- ▶ **Six categories of Rare Diseases** such as Laron's syndrome, Wilson's disease and Hypophosphatic Rickets were added under National policy for Rare Diseases (NPRD), 2021.
- ▶ NPRD aims at **lowering incidence and prevalence of rare diseases** through a comprehensive preventive strategy.
- ▶ **Financial support under Rashtriya Arogya Nidhi** is provided by the Central Government for treatment of some of the rare diseases



## Rashtriya Arogya Nidhi (RAN)

- ▶ It is registered under the **Societies Registration Act, 1860**, as a Society.
- ▶ Under RAN **Revolving Funds** have been set up in 13 Central Government Hospitals/Institutions.
- ▶ Provides **financial assistance for treatment up to Rs. 2 lakh** to patients, living below poverty line and who are suffering from major life threatening diseases.
- ▶ In addition, **financial assistance is provided for individual cases** referred by Government hospitals/institutions, which do not have a Revolving Fund and for cases referred by 13 Government hospitals/institutions with Revolving Funds for assistance exceeding Rs. 2 lakh.



# 16. Ministry of Heavy Industries



## 16.1. Other schemes/initiatives in news



### Faster Adoption & Manufacturing of Electric (& Hybrid) Vehicles (FAME) Scheme



A parliamentary standing committee report found that FAME II subsidy for Electric Vehicles (EVs) were **only 52% of the target**.



FAME-II focuses on electrification of public & shared transportation.



Launched in 2019 and will continue till 2024.



#### Background

- ▶ FAME scheme was launched in 2015 under National Electric Mobility Mission Plan (NEMMP).
- ▶ Aim: To encourage electric and hybrid vehicle purchase by providing financial sup port.
- ▶ Tenure: Till 2019

#### National Electric Mobility Mission Plan launched in 2013



Aims to put 6-7 million e-vehicles on roads by 2020

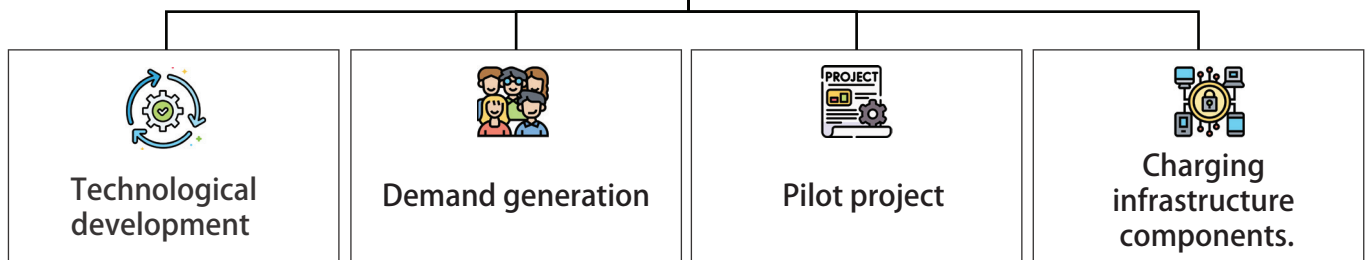


Govt committed to achieve 30% e-mobility by 2030



**Automotive Mission Plan**  
2026 estimates creation of additional 65 million jobs in auto sector

#### Key focus areas under FAME II



# 17. Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs



## 17.1. Schemes In News

### 17.1.1. Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-urban (PMAY-U)



Central Sector Scheme



Centrally Sponsored Scheme



#### Why in news?

Centre has approved continuation of PMAY-U scheme till 2024 for completion of already sanctioned houses under BLC, AHP & ISSR verticals.

#### Type

Centrally Sponsored & Central Sector Scheme



#### Tenure

2015 to 2024



#### Purpose

Houses to all eligible families/ beneficiaries



#### Exclusion

Beneficiary family should not own a pucca house in any part of the world



#### Objectives



Provide central assistance to implementing agencies for providing all weather pucca houses to all eligible families/ beneficiaries by 2024.

#### Salient features



#### BENEFICIARY

Economically weaker section (EWS)

Low-Income Groups (LIGs)

Middle Income Groups (MIGs)

Household Income (Rs. p.a.)

Up to Rs 3 lakh

Rs 3-6 lakh

Rs 6-18 lakh

A beneficiary family will comprise of husband, wife, unmarried sons and/or unmarried daughters.

#### Beneficiaries

#### Four verticals

Four verticals: Benefits could be availed only under one of the verticals

ISSR (In-Situ Slum Redevelopment)

CLSS (Credit Linked Subsidy Scheme)

AHP (Affordable Housing In Partnership)

BLC (Beneficiary-Led Construction)

Gol grant @ 1 Lakh per house


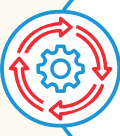



Benefits upto Rs 2.67 lakh through interest subsidy of 3%-6%

Grant @ of Rs 1.5 lakh per house

Grant @ of Rs 1.5 lakh per house

- EWS category of beneficiaries is eligible for assistance in all four verticals
- LIG and MIG categories are eligible only under CLSS
- Only CLSS is a Central Sector Scheme remaining are Centrally Sponsored.

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 <p><b>ARHCs implementation through two models</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Utilizing existing Government funded vacant houses to convert into ARHCs through Public Private Partnership or by Public Agencies.</li> <li>▶ Construction, Operation and Maintenance of ARHCs by Public/ Private Entities on their own vacant land.</li> </ul>
 <p><b>CLSS component implemented by</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ National Housing Bank (NHB)</li> <li>▶ Housing Urban Development Corporation (HUDCO)</li> </ul>
 <p><b>Women empowerment</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Only in cases when there is no adult female member in the family, the house can be in the name of male member of the household.</li> </ul>
 <p><b>Benefits under rural schemes</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ The beneficiaries in the permanent wait list of PMAY (G) will have the flexibility for opting for a house under PMAY(G) or PMAY(U).</li> <li>▶ The benefits of all existing and future rural schemes will not be denied to a beneficiary.</li> </ul>
 <p><b>Infrastructure status</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ 'Infrastructure status' for the affordable housing sector.</li> </ul>

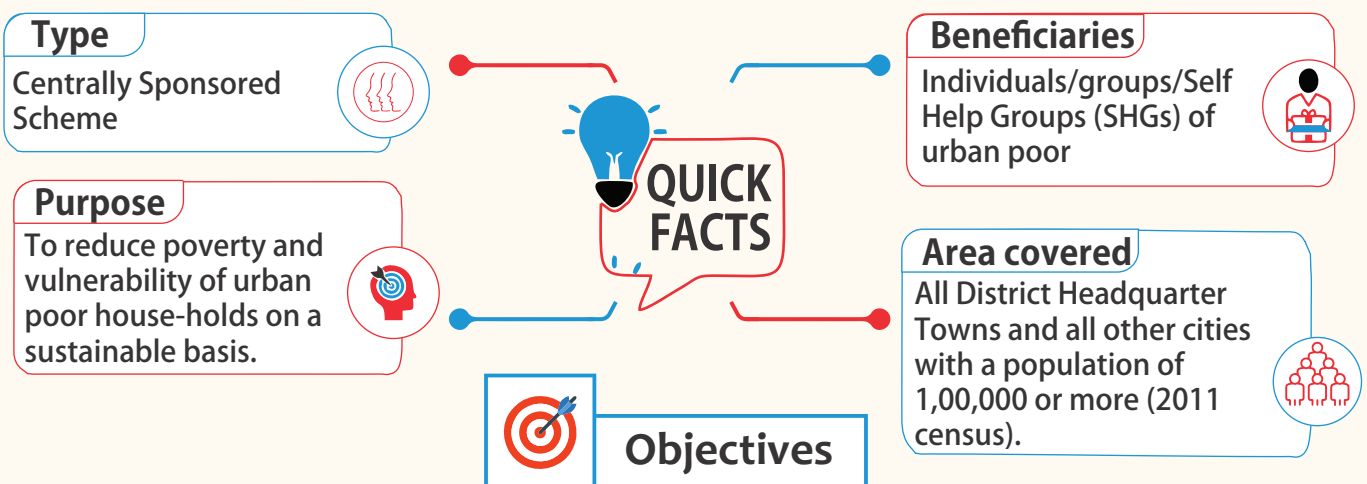
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### 17.1.2. Deen Dayal Antyodaya Yojana- Urban (National Urban Livelihoods Mission): DAY-NULM

 Centrally Sponsored Scheme

 **Why in news?**

Recently, Project National Initiative for Promotion of Upskilling of Nirman workers (NIPUN) was launched under the DAY-NULM.



 Enabling urban poor to access gainful self-employment and skilled wage employment opportunities through building strong grassroots level institutions for the poor.



## Salient features

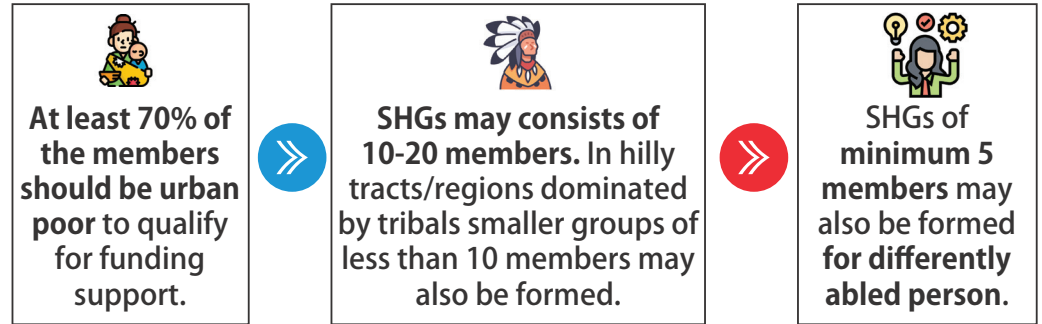


### Social Mobilisation

At least one member from each urban poor household, preferably a woman, should be brought under the Self-Help Group (SHG) network in a time-bound manner.



### SHGs

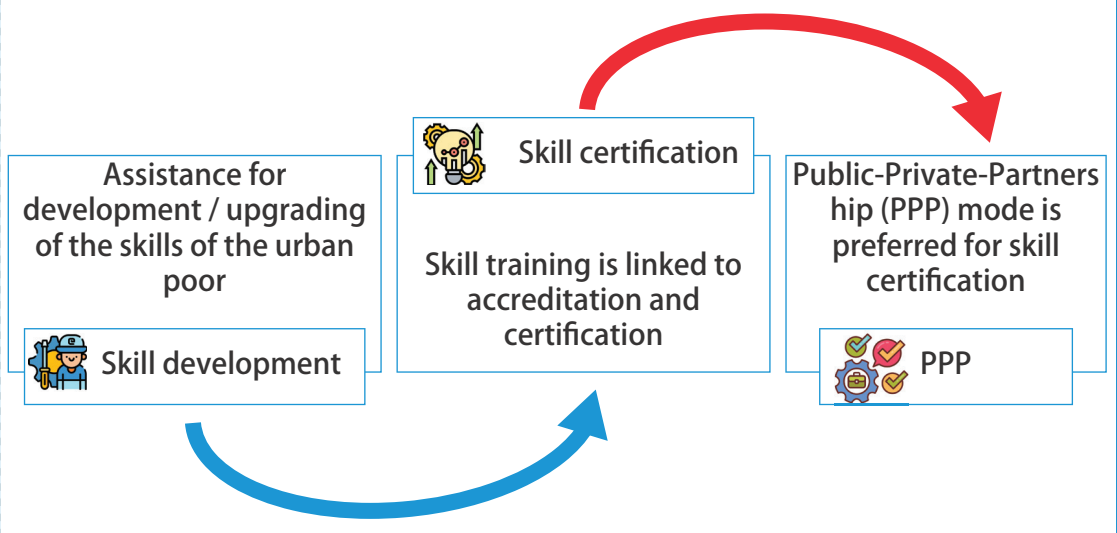


### Capacity Building and Training

To transform the role of the Ministry and the concerned State Agencies into providers of high quality technical assistance.



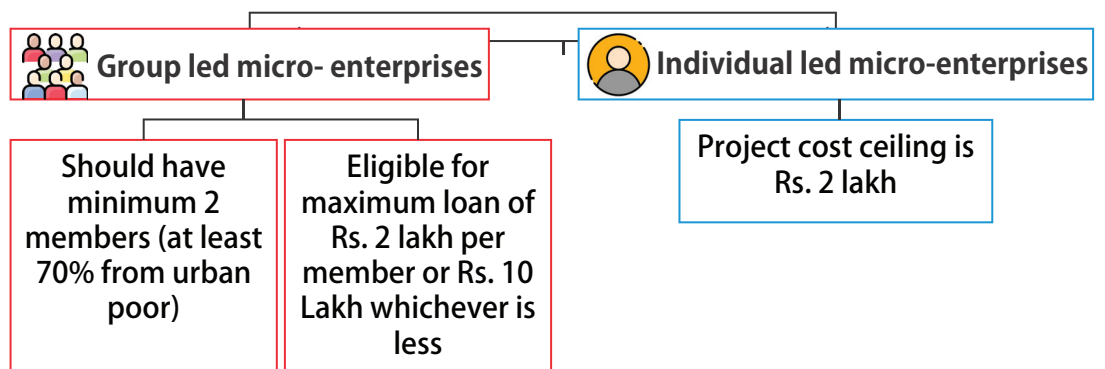
### Employment through Skills Training and Placement (EST&P)



### Self-Employment Programme (SEP)

- Setting up of both individual and group micro enterprises is supported.
- Credit Card for enterprise development: To cover beneficiaries with credit cards for working capital and other purposes.

#### Eligibility for Financial support



### SHG - Bank Linkage

- ▶ Interest Subsidy over and above 7% rate of interest is applicable to all SHGs accessing bank loan.
- ▶ Additional 3% interest subvention to all women SHGs who repay their loan in time in all the cities.

### Support to Urban Street Vendors

Skilling

Micro-enterprise development

Credit enablement

Pro-vending urban planning

Social security options for vulnerable (women, SCs/STs, etc.)

### Scheme of Shelter for Urban Homeless (SUH)

- ▶ Permanent all-weather 24 x 7 shelters for the urban homeless.

### Promoting innovative and Special Projects

- ▶ Centrally administered and **no state share provision** is needed.

**Aim**

- Catalysing sustainable approaches to urban livelihoods through Public, Private, Community Partnership (P-P-C-P)
- Demonstrating a promising methodology or making a distinct impact on the urban poverty situation through scalable initiatives

### About project NIPUN

- Aim:** To train over 1 lakh construction workers and provide them with work opportunities in foreign countries also.
- Implementing agency:** National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC)
- International Placements** through industries/ builders/ contractors.

**2 ways of skilling**

Training through Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) at construction sites

Training through Fresh Skilling by Plumbing and Infrastructure Sector Skill Council (SSC)

It is a component of Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana Scheme (PMKVY) of the MSDE

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## 17.1.3. Swachh Bharat Mission Urban 2.0 (SMG 2.0)

**Centrally Sponsored Scheme**

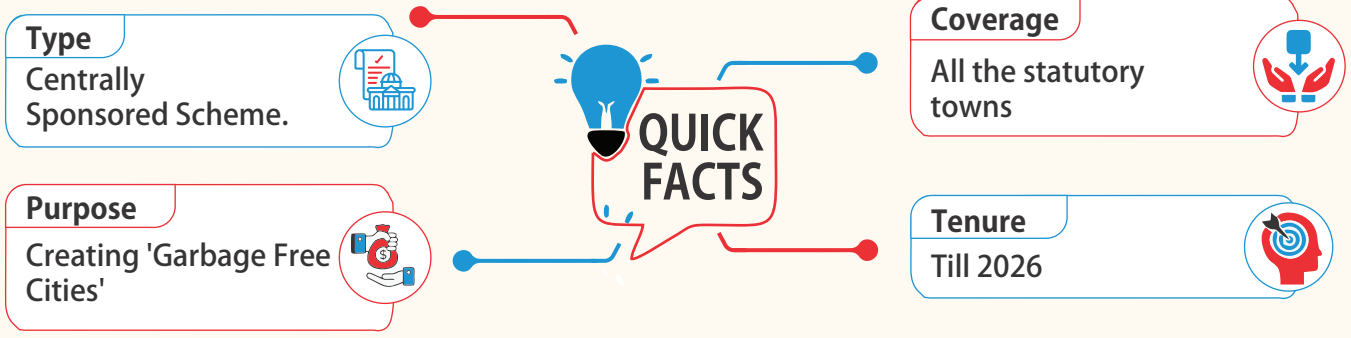
### Why in news?

Swachhotsav 2023 was celebrated to galvanise participation and leadership of women to realize the goal of 'Garbage Free Cities'.

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**Objectives**

Ensuring cleanliness and hygiene in public places, reducing air pollution, holistic Sanitation, treatment of used water before discharge, Capacity building, awareness and Jan Andolan.

**Salient features**

**Back-ground**

- SBM-U was launched on 2nd October 2014 for five years (2014-2019) to make India Open Defecation Free or ODF (i.e not a single person is found defecating in the open).
- As the vision of an ODF India was realized, the mission was extended for institutionalizing 'swachh' behavior and making it sustainable.

**Outcomes envisaged**

<p><b>Star rating for statutory towns</b></p>	<p><b>All statutory towns become at least ODF+</b></p>	<p><b>All statutory towns with less than 1 lakh population become at least ODF++</b></p>	<p><b>At least 50% of all statutory towns with less than 1 lakh population become Water+.</b></p>
<p>All statutory towns are certified at least 3-star Garbage Free, or higher</p>	<p>Toilets with water, maintenance and hygiene</p>	<p>Toilets with sludge and septage management</p>	<p>Ensure that no untreated waste (used) water is discharged into the open environment or water bodies</p>

**GFC-Star rating protocol**

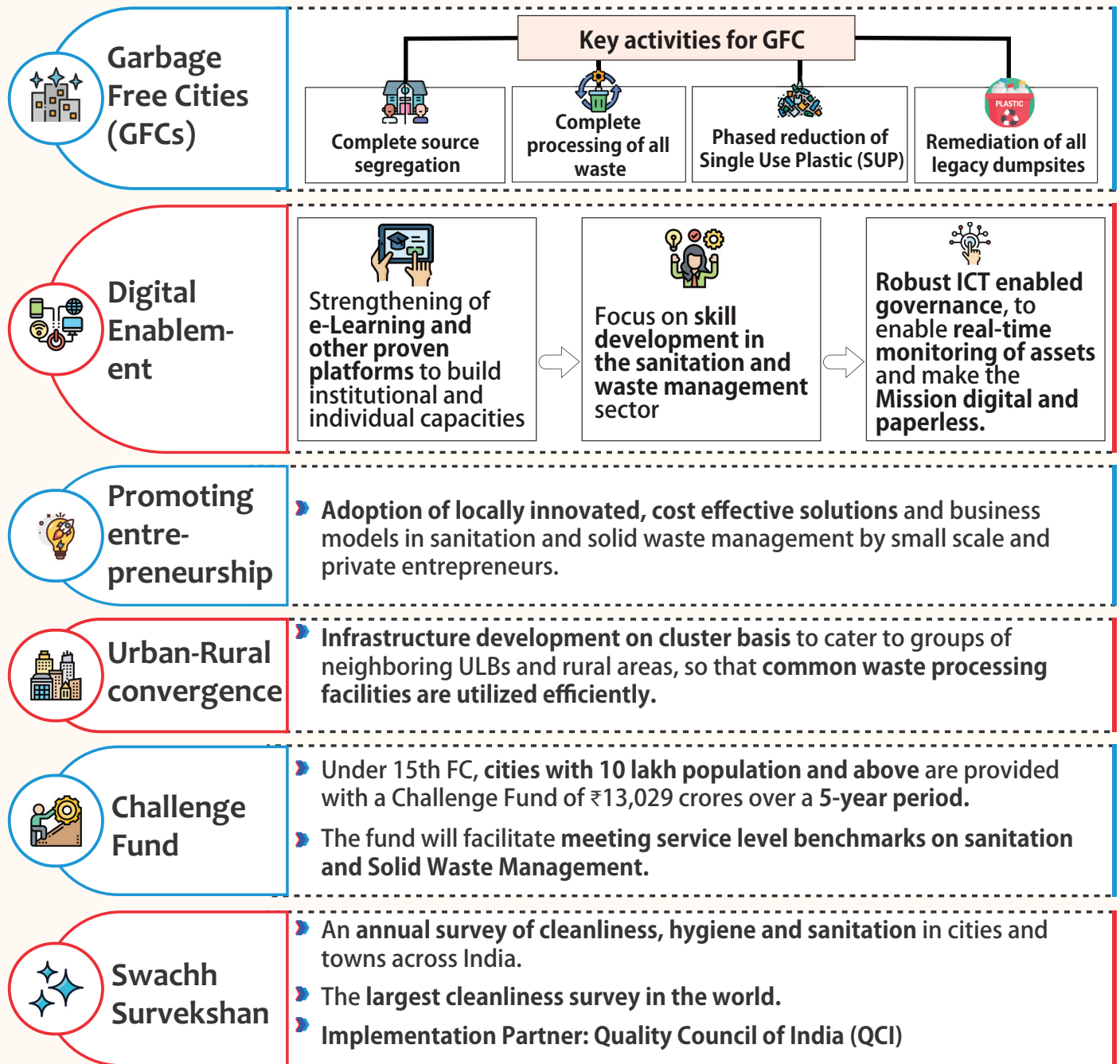
- Launched to encourage a competitive, mission-mode spirit among Urban Local Bodies (ULBs).
- Release of government funds has been made conditional subject to ULBs achieving at least 1-star certification

**Star Rating Process Flow**

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    A --> C[3 Star]
    A --> D[5 Star]
    A --> E[7 Star]
    B --> F[Declaration/Certification by State]
    C --> F
    D --> F
    E --> F
    F --> G[Third party assessment]
    G --> H[Certification by MoHUA]
    
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### 17.1.4. Smart Cities Mission (SCM)

 Centrally Sponsored Scheme

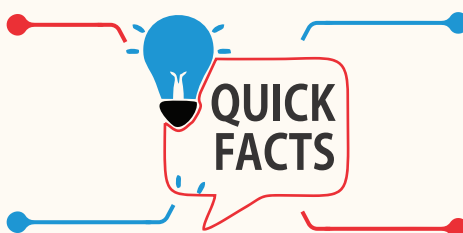


#### Why in news?

Some of the cities in SCM asked for more time to complete projects.

**Type**  
Centrally Sponsored Scheme.

**Purpose**  
To develop 100 smart cities and make them citizen friendly



**Implementing Agency**  
Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV)

**Tenure**  
Till 2023



## Objectives

To promote cities with core infrastructure and give a decent quality of life to its citizens, a clean and sustainable environment through the application of 'Smart' solutions.



## Salient features

### Smart cities

<p><b>Definition</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ No standard definition of a smart city.</li> <li>▶ Home to more than one-third of the country's population.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Selection</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Selected based on equitable criteria that gives equal weightage to <b>urban population and the number of statutory towns in the State/UT.</b></li> </ul>
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### Fundamental principles

Concept of smart city is based on 6 fundamental principles

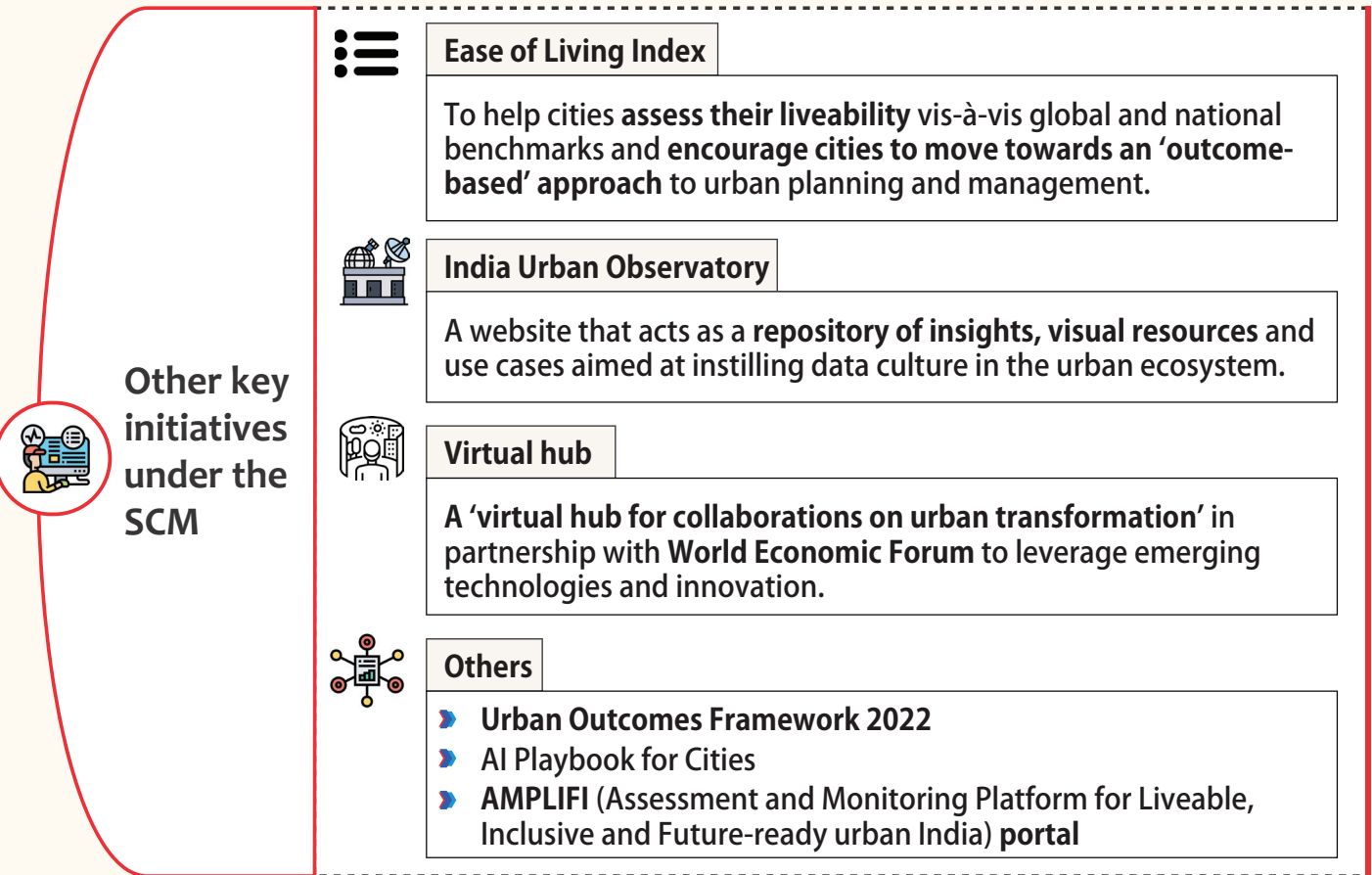
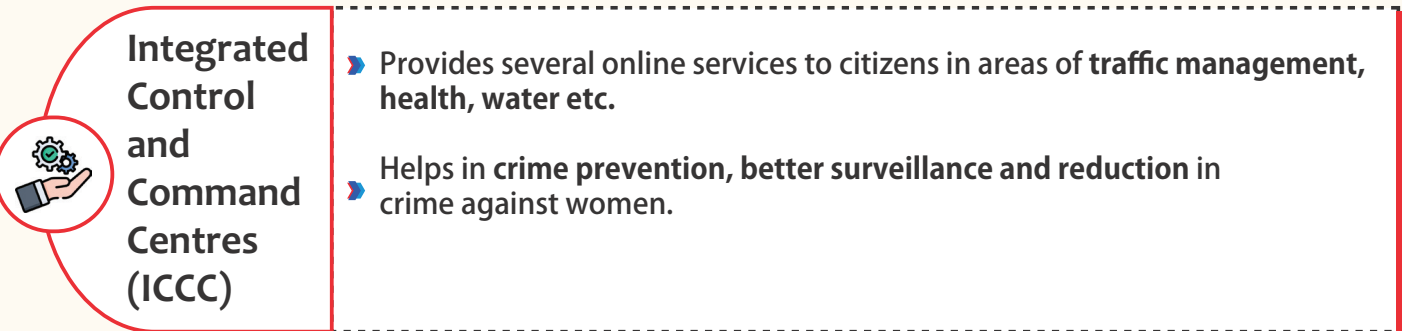
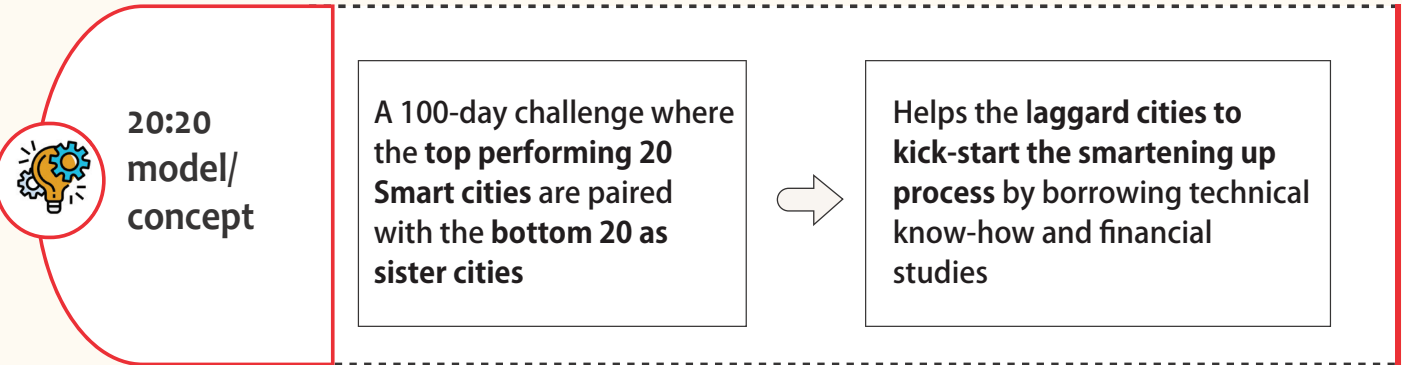
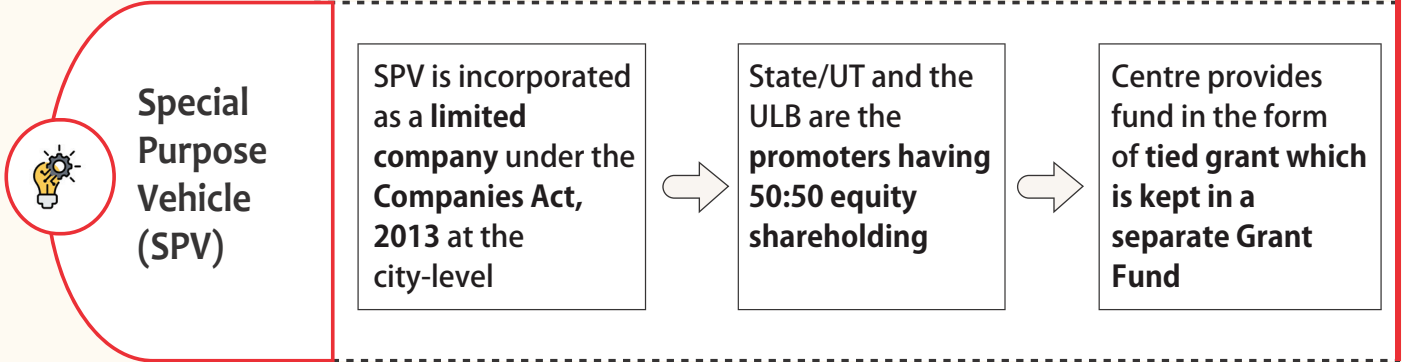
<p><b>Community at the core</b></p> <p>Communities at the core of planning and implementation</p>	<p><b>More from Less</b></p> <p>Ability to generate greater outcomes with the use of lesser resources</p>	<p><b>Corporative &amp; Competitive Federalism</b></p> <p>Cities selected through competition, flexibility to implement projects</p>	<p><b>Integration, Innovation Sustainability</b></p> <p>Innovating methods: Integrated and sustainable solutions</p>	<p><b>Technology as means, not the goal</b></p> <p>Careful selection of technology, relevant to the context of cities</p>	<p><b>Convergence</b></p> <p>Sectorial and Financial Convergence</p>
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### Smart solution

Key smart solutions

<p><b>E governance and citizen services</b></p>	E governance and citizen services, electronic service delivery, video crime monitoring, etc.
<p><b>Waste management</b></p>	Waste to energy and fuel, waste to Compost, recycling & reduction of Construction and demolition waste.
<p><b>Water management</b></p>	Smart meters and management, leakage identification, prevention, etc.
<p><b>Energy management</b></p>	Renewable energy, smart meters and management, green building and energy efficiency
<p><b>Urban mobility</b></p>	Smart parking, intelligent traffic management, integrated multi-modal transport
<p><b>Others</b></p>	Tele medicine and tele education, incubation and trade facilitation centre, skill development centre





## 17.2. Other Schemes/Initiatives in News



### Swachh Teerth

- ▶ The MoHUA has asked Uttarakhand, Jammu & Kashmir and Odisha to take steps to ensure that Kedarnath Yatra, Amarnath Yatra, and Rath Yatra (respectively) are conducted with high levels of cleanliness.

#### Recommended steps

- ▶ Provide for sufficient numbers of clean public toilets for both men and women throughout the approach roads to the Shrines
- ▶ All eateries will need to be sensitized about garbage collection
- ▶ In-situ processing of the food waste
- ▶ Large scale people participation to ensure cleanliness



### SVANidhi se Samriddhi programme



Recently, the scheme has been expanded to cover 126 more cities.



**Aim:** To provide social security benefits to street vendors for their holistic development and socio-economic upliftment.

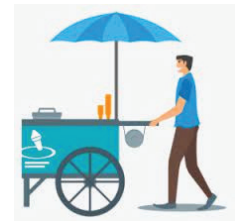


An additional program of PM SVANidhi (Prime Minister Street Vendors AtmaNirbhar-Nidhi), launched in 2021 in 125 cities in Phase 1.



**Quality Council of India (QCI)** is the implementing partner for the programme

Empowering Street Vendors with **PM SVANidhi Scheme**



#### Salient Features



**Loan tenure of 1 year** on working capital



**Interest Subsidy at 7% p.a.** on timely repayment, paid quarterly



**Monthly cash-back incentive up to 100** on digital transactions



**Higher loan eligibility** on timely/early repayment of the first loan



**Covers urban local bodies** across the country

# 18. Ministry of Jal Shakti



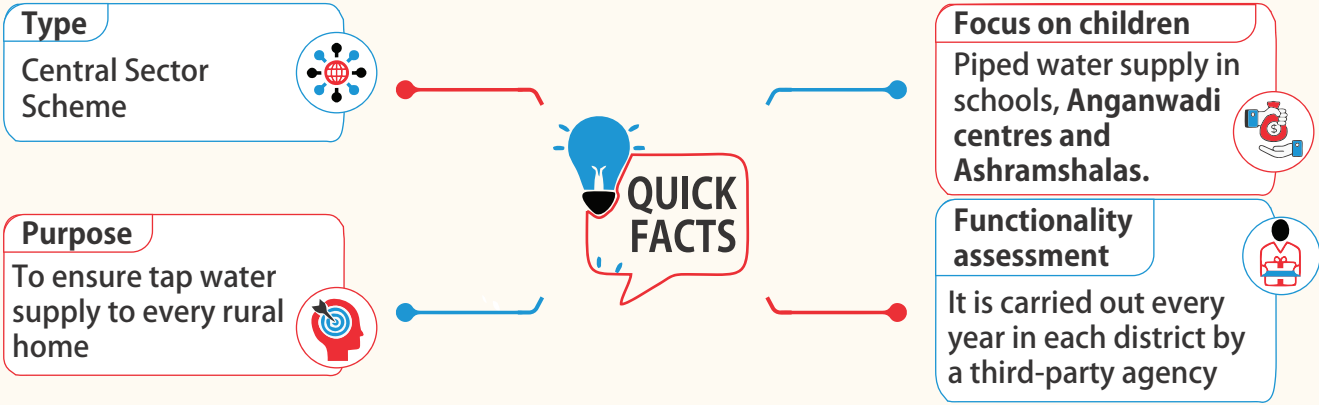
## 18.1. Schemes In News

### 18.1.1. Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM): Har Ghar Jal



#### Why in news?

India has reached the milestone of providing tap water to 50% of rural households under JJM.

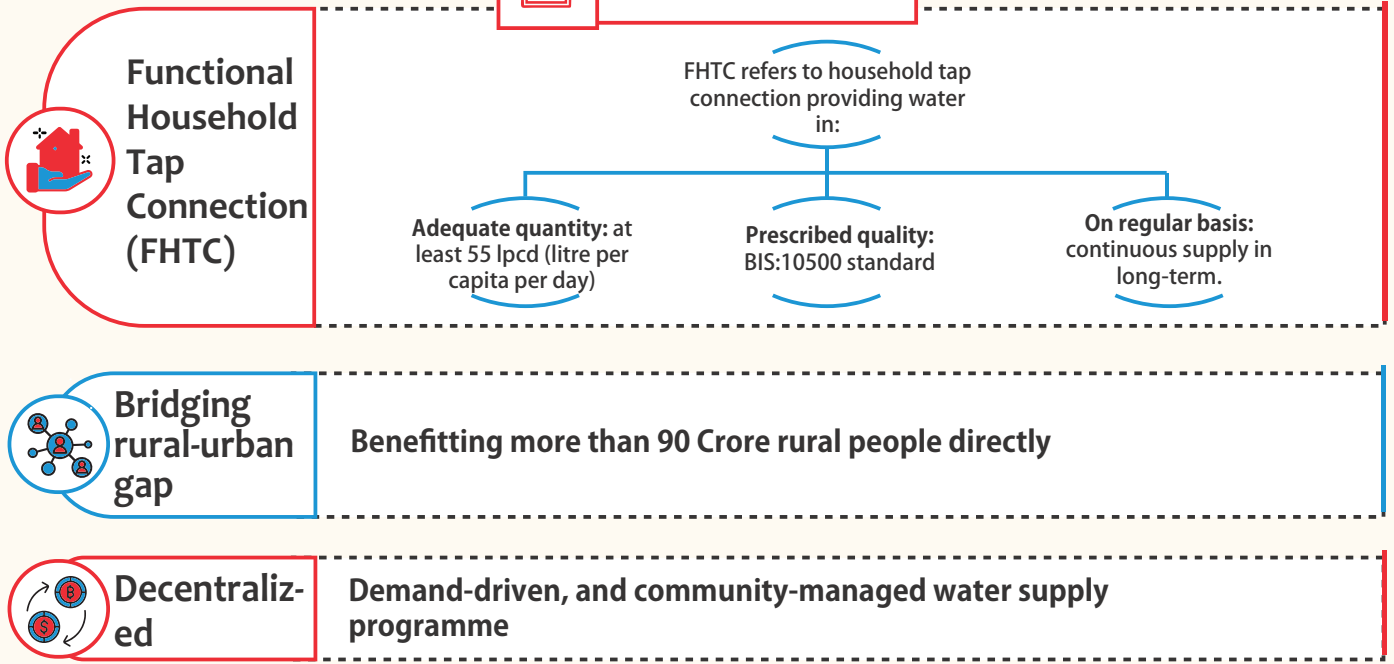


#### Objectives

to provide Functional Household Tap Connection (FHTC) to every rural household by 2024.



#### Salient features



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**Focus on 'service delivery'**

Focus on assured supply of potable water to every home rather than mere creation of water supply infrastructure.

**Village Action Plan (VAP)**

- VAP for long-term drinking water security.
- Dovetailing all available resources of different programmes at village level

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      A[Focus of VAP] --- B[Drinking water sources]
      A --- C[Grey water reuse]
      A --- D[Water supply systems]
      A --- E[Operation & maintenance]
    
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**Priority areas**

Priority to areas where **Groundwater has geo-genic contaminants** (contaminants originating in the soil) like Arsenic, Fluoride, Iron, salinity, heavy metals, etc.

**JalShakti Abhiyan**

A mission-mode water conservation campaign.

**Pani Samiti**

- Village Water & Sanitation Committee/ Pani Samiti in every village
- Minimum 50% members are to be women and proportionate representation of weaker sections of society.

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      A[Responsibilities of Pani Samitis] --- B[Mapping of existing water sources]
      A --- C[Undertake water conservation]
      A --- D[Test water quality at regular intervals]
      A --- E[Maintain the infrastructure created]
      A --- F[Initiate dialogue with the community to pay water user charges]
    
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**Empowering women**

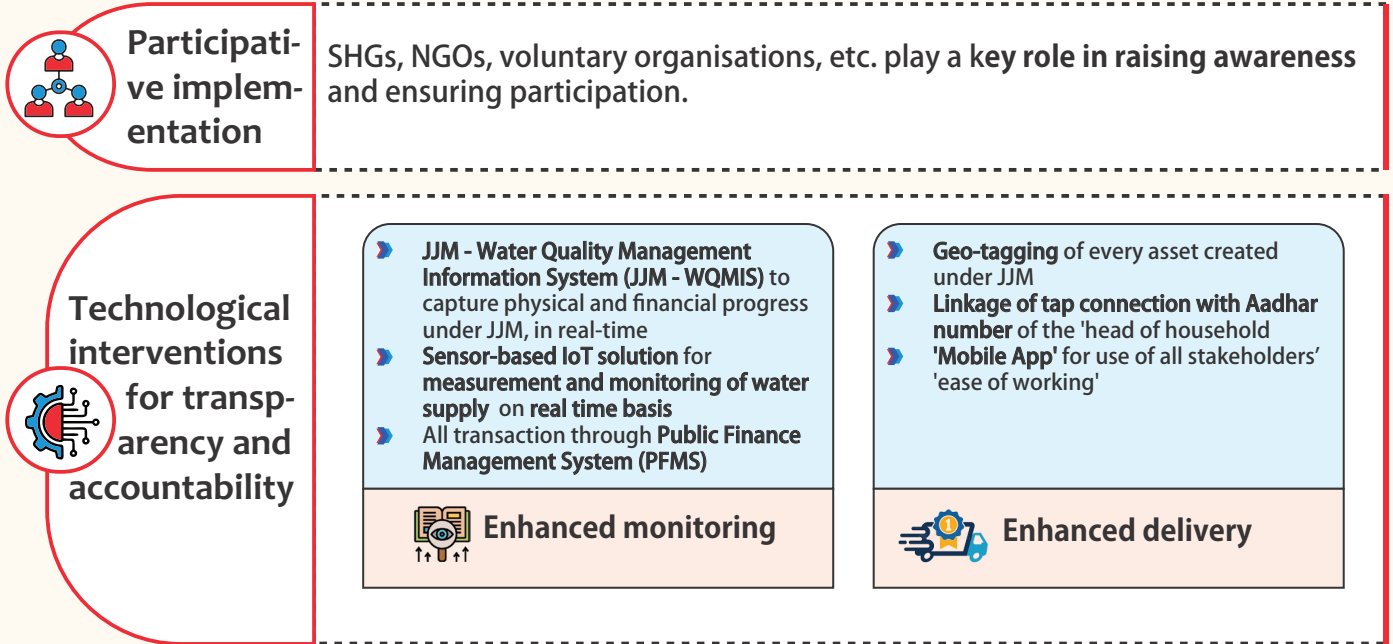
Build the capacity of women, in sectors which were otherwise considered male bastions like working as masons, mechanics, plumbers, etc.

**Community surveillance**

- At least five persons in every village, preferably women, are to be trained using Field Test Kits (FTKs) for testing of water quality at village level.
- Drinking water quality testing laboratories are opened to general public where they can get the water samples tested.

**Incentive to States/ UTs**

Performance grant to States/ UTs is provided based on functionality assessment survey.



### 18.1.2. Namami Gange Yojana

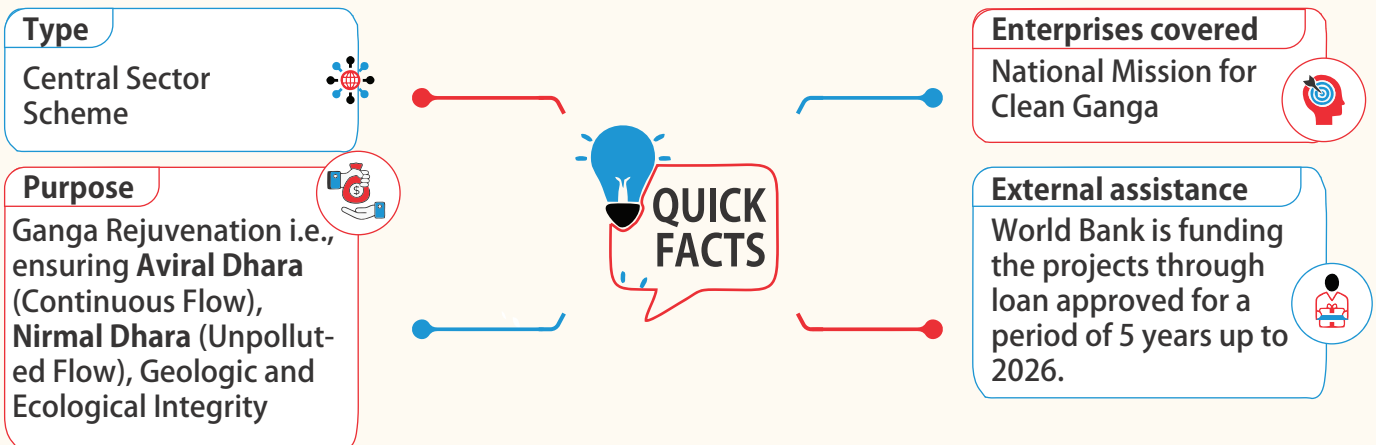


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#### Why in news?

National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) laid down 1,300 km of sewage pipes across six states (Delhi, Bihar, Jharkhand, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal) to clean Ganga.



#### Objectives

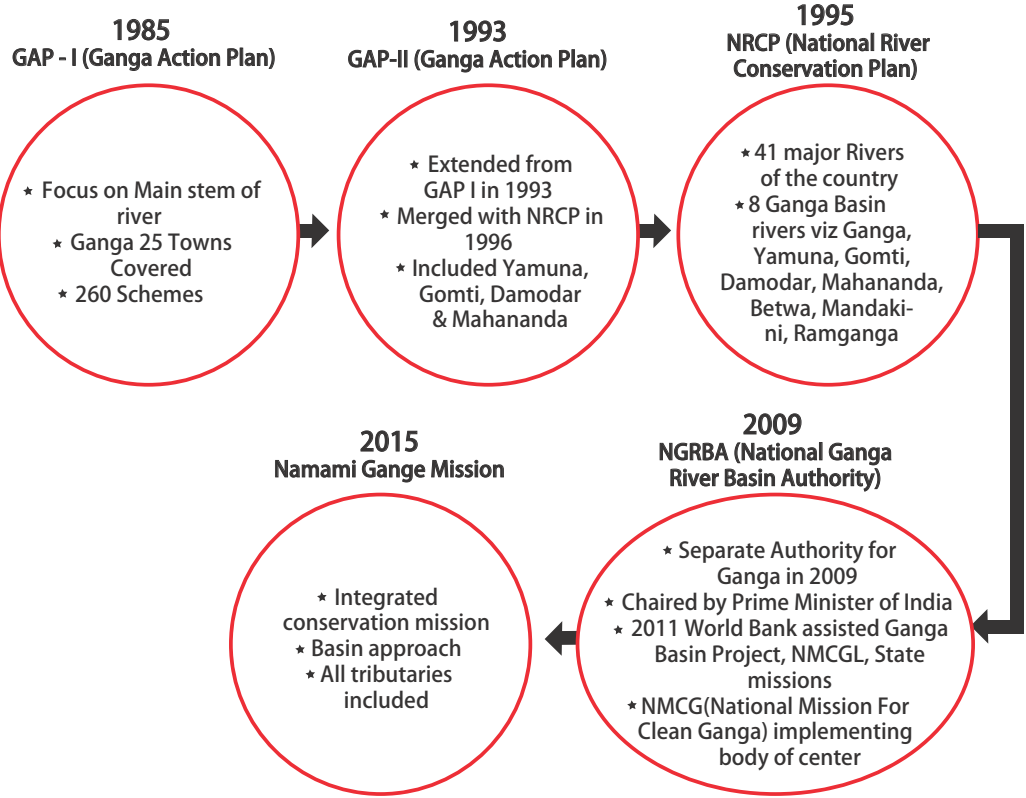


Effective abatement of pollution, conservation and rejuvenation of National River Ganga.

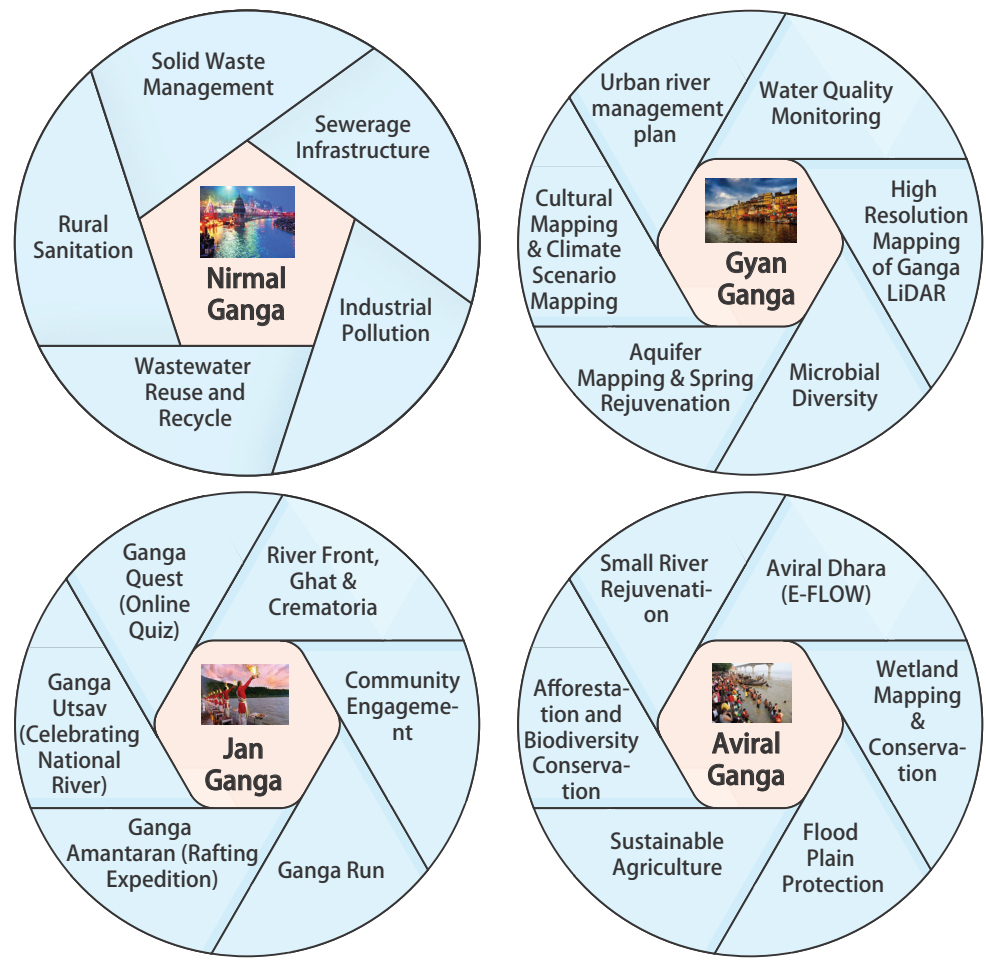
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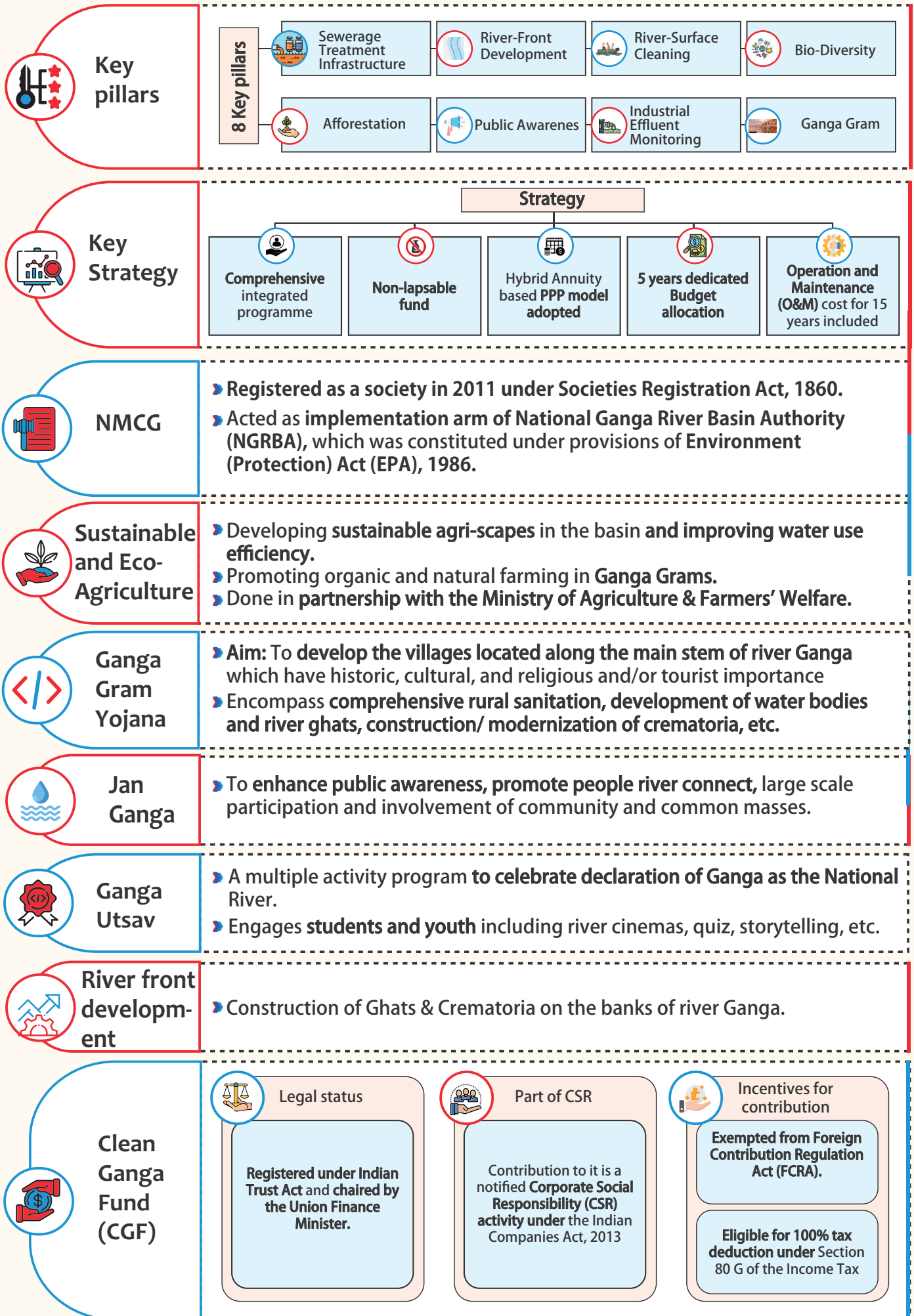


**Background**



**Ganga rejuvenation**





### Centre for Ganga River Basin Management and Studies (cGanga)



Acts in the capacity of a comprehensive think-tank to the NMCG

<p>Established at the Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur (IITK) in 2016.</p>	<p>Works for data collection, the creation and dissemination of knowledge and information for the sustainable development of Ganga River Basin.</p>	<p>As part of Ganga objective, 3-day India Water Impact summit is organized every year.</p>
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### Geographical Mapping



- ▶ Survey of India facilitates the **Ganga Rejuvenation** task by using **LiDAR** (Light Detection & Ranging) & **GIS** technology.
- ▶ Mapping of about 45,000 sq km area covering **5 major states** namely **Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Jharkhand, Bihar, and West Bengal.**

### Cultural Mapping



Documentation of **Tangible, Intangible and Built Heritage** along River Ganga in partnership with **INTACH.**

### Microbial Mapping



GIS-based Mapping of **Microbial Diversity** across the Ganges for **Ecosystem Services.**

### Urban River Management Plan (URMP)



- ▶ Developed by **National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA)** and **NMCG.**
- ▶ To **maintain the wholesomeness** of the urban rivers in the Ganga river basin.

### Rural sanitation



- ▶ All 4465 Ganga bank villages declared **Open Defecation Free (ODF).**
- ▶ Need based **Liquid Waste Management** in Ganga villages.

### Arth Ganga



- ▶ **Aim:** To garner people's participation for Ganga conservation by **promoting sustainable development.**
- ▶ Seeks to **use economics** to bridge people with the river.
- ▶ It will ensure contribution of about **3% to the GDP** from Ganga Basin.

#### 6 verticals of Artha Ganga

<p><b>Zero Budget Natural Farming:</b> Chemical-free farming on 10 km on either side of the river, and implementation of <b>GOBARdhan</b> scheme.</p>	<p><b>Monetization and Reuse of Sludge &amp; Wastewater:</b> To reuse treated water for irrigation, industries and revenue generation for <b>ULBs.</b></p>	<p><b>Livelihood Generation Opportunities,</b> by creating haats where people can sell local products, medicinal plants and ayurveda.</p>	<p>Increase public participation by increasing synergies between the stakeholders involved with the river.</p>	<p>Promote the cultural heritage and tourism through boat tourism, adventure sports and by conducting yoga activities</p>	<p>Promote institutional building by empowering local administration for improved water governance.</p>
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# 19. Ministry of Labour and Employment



## 19.1. Schemes in News

### 19.1.1. National Child Labour Project (NCLP) Scheme



#### Why in news?

Recently, the Parliament Standing Committee on Labour was informed that Centre has no new data on child labour.

#### Type

Central Sector Scheme



#### Target group

Children below 14 years of age and adolescents below 18 years of age



#### Purpose

Rehabilitation of child labour



#### QUICK FACTS

#### Implementation

Through District Project Societies (DPS)



#### Objectives



To eliminate all forms of child labour, raising awareness and creation of a Child Labour Monitoring, Tracking and Reporting System.



#### Salient features

#### Background

The NCLP scheme was merged with the Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) Scheme from 2021.  
NOTE: For details on SSA Scheme refer to the Ministry of Education.

#### Rehabilitation

The payment of stipend to the children is made on modular basis for a minimum of three months through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT).



2 ways of rehabilitation



Children of the age between 5 to 8 years



Rescued and linked to the formal education system



Children in the age group of 9-14 years



Rescued and put into NCLP Special Training Centres for a bridge education, vocational training, etc and then mainstreamed into formal education system.

**District Project Societies (DPS)**

- ▶ Set up under the **Collector/ District Magistrate**
- ▶ Conduct **survey to identify children** working in hazardous occupations and processes.
- ▶ Also, oversee the implementation of the project.

**PENCiL (Platform for Effective Enforcement for No Child Labour) portal**







▶ A dedicated portal for better monitoring of the scheme.



**Features**

- Register/Lodge New Complaint
- Report A Child
- Track Complaint Status
- Check Circulars & Important Orders
- Info about the Child Labour Policy/NCLP Scheme

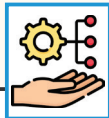
**Related information**

 International conventions ratified by India	 Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Amendment Act 2016 prohibits the engagement of children:
 ILO Convention 182 on the Worst Forms of Child Labour	 in all occupation for child under 14 years of age
 ILO Convention 138 on the Minimum Age of Employment	 in hazardous occupations of adolescents under 18 years of age



# 20. Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMES)

## 20.1. Newly Launched Scheme



### MSME Competitive (LEAN) Scheme



**Aim:** To create awareness about LEAN Manufacturing practices and incentivize them to attain LEAN levels.  
Lean manufacturing focuses on minimizing waste while simultaneously maximizing productivity.



All MSMEs registered with the UDYAM registration portal will be eligible to participate.



Also open to SFURTI and Cluster Development Program Schemes

#### Application of Lean Manufacturing (LM) techniques



Reducing waste



Increasing productivity



Introducing innovative practices for improving overall competitiveness



Inculcating good management systems;



Imbibing a culture of continuous improvement

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## 20.2. Schemes in News

### 20.2.1. Micro & Small Enterprises Cluster Development Programme (MSE-CDP)



#### Why in news?

Recently, government has modified the scheme.

#### Beneficiaries

Existing Entrepreneurs (in form of a SPV)



#### Purpose

Enhancing the competitiveness and productivity of Micro & Small Enterprises (MSEs)



#### QUICK FACTS

#### Funding

The Government funding is shared between Centre and State





#### Tenure


FY 2021-22 to FY



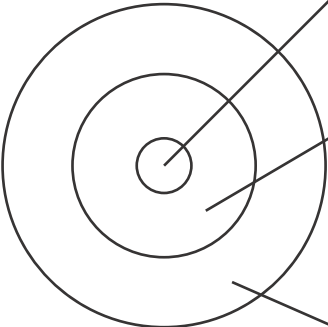
## Objectives

-  To support the sustainability, growth, and build capacity of MSEs
-  To set up **Common Facility Centres** (for testing, training, raw material depot, effluent treatment, complementing production processes, etc.)


## Salient features




### Characteristics of the Cluster



- ▶ A group of enterprises located within an identifiable and contiguous area (to a large extent) or a value chain.
- ▶ May go beyond a geographical area and producing same / similar products / complementary products/ services, which can be linked together by common physical infrastructure facilities.
- ▶ Must address their common challenges



### Two components




2 components

Common Facility Centers (CFCs)

Creation of tangible "assets" as CFCs in Industrial Estate

Infrastructure Development (ID)

Development of infrastructure in new/existing notified Industrial Estate



### Recent modification

- ▶ There is no cap on different project cost however Central Government assistance would be limited to the upper threshold only.

Project	Common Facility Centers (CFCs)		Infrastructure Development	
	Threshold	Central Government Contribution	Threshold	Central Government Contribution
Threshold	5-10 crore	70% of the project cost	10-30 crore	60% of the project cost
Central Government Contribution	5-15 crore for new project	60% of the project cost	5-15 for upgradation	60% of the project cost

- ▶ Additional 10% assistance under each category for NE & Hill States, Island territories, Aspirational Districts.
- ▶ There is inclusion of LWE affected districts and clusters with more than 50%
  - ▶ Micro village or
  - ▶ Women owned or
  - ▶ SC/ST owned units

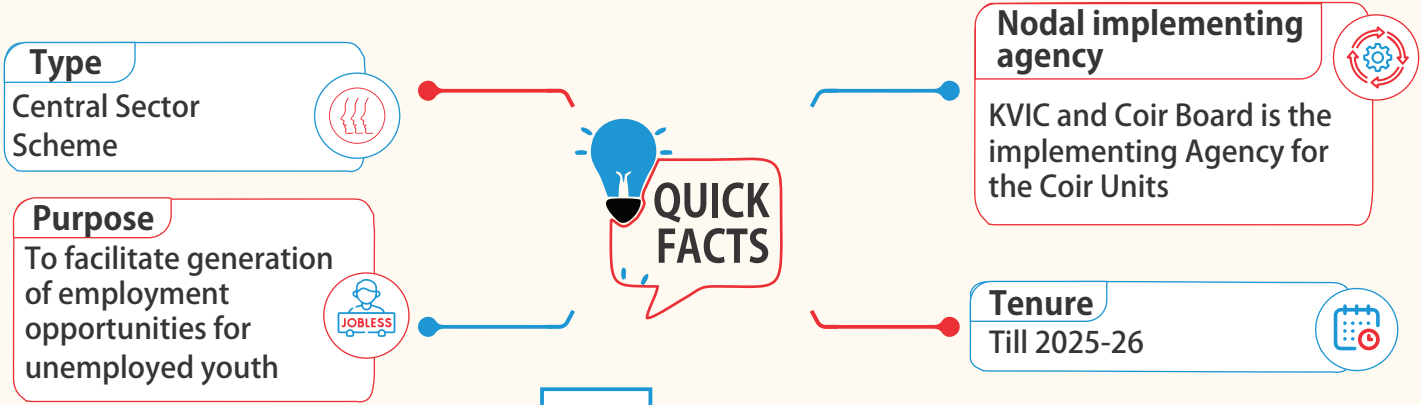
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## 20.2.2. PM Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP)



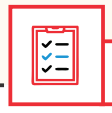
### Why in news?

The scheme was recently extended till FY26 with Rs 13,554 crore outlay to create 40 lakh jobs.



### Objectives

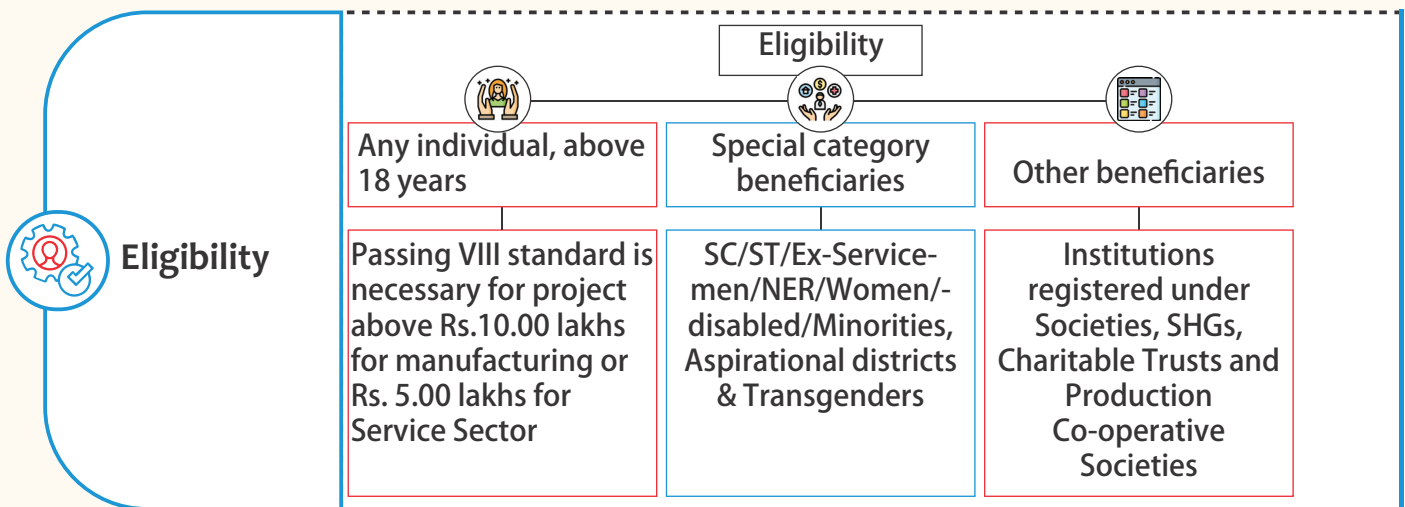
Providing financial assistance to self-employment ventures to generate sustainable employment opportunities for unemployed youth and traditional artisans in rural and urban areas.



### Salient features

**Schemes subsumed**


- Prime Minister's Rojgar Yojana (PMRY)
- Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP)



**Subsidy Entitlement and Bank Finance**

	Bank Finance	Subsidy from KVIC		Promoter's Contribution
		Urban area	Rural area	
General Category beneficiary/institution	90%	15%	25%	10%
Special Category beneficiary/institution	95%	25%	35%	5%

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**Nature of assistance**

**Applicability**

Applicable to all new viable (technically and economically) micro enterprises in rural as well as urban areas


**Maximum project cost admissible**

Rs 50 lakhs in manufacturing sector and Rs 20 lakhs in service sector.

Balance amount of the total project cost will be provided by Banks as term loan.

**Family members covered**

Only one person from a family is eligible for obtaining financial assistance.



**Digitisation**


➤ **Online processing of applications and allocation of Margin Money directly by the financing branches.**


## 20.3. Modified/Restructured schemes


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### Revamped Credit Guarantee Scheme for Micro & Small Enterprises (CGTMSE)

 **Background:** CGTMSE was launched in 2005




 **Aim:** To make available collateral-free loans to MSMEs and motivate first generation entrepreneurs towards self-employment.

 **Benefit:** Makes available collateral-free credit to the MSEs (both the existing and the new enterprises) through Lending Institutions.

 **Lending institutions:** Commercial banks, Regional Rural Banks, Scheduled Urban Co-operative Banks, Non Scheduled Urban Co-operative Banks, etc.


 **Implementing Authority-** Credit Guarantee Fund Trust, established by the Ministry of MSME and Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI).


Revamped Provisions








 <b>Reduction of Annual guarantee</b>	 <b>Enhanced limit for guarantees</b>	 <b>Ease of Claim Settlement</b>
Fee for loans upto Rs. 1 crore is reduced from 2% per annum to as low as 0.37% per annum	Ceiling for guarantee has been enhanced from Rs. 2 crore to Rs. 5 crore	For outstanding upto Rs. 10 lakh, initiation of legal proceedings will no longer be required

NEWS


### Revamped Zero Defect Zero Effect (ZED) Certification Scheme

 **Background:** The ZED Certification Scheme was launched in 2016 to make manufacturers more environment conscious.


 **Aim:** To make Indian companies globally competitive and help them get easier access to capital.

<h3>ZED CERTIFICATION SUBSIDY</h3> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p><b>80%</b> Micro Enterprises</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p><b>60%</b> Small Enterprises</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p><b>50%</b> Medium Enterprises</p> </div> </div>			<h1>10%</h1> <p><b>Additional Subsidy on ZED Certification</b> MSMEs Owned by Women/SC/ST Entrepreneurs or MSMEs in NER/Himalayan/LWE/Island territories/aspirational districts.</p>		
 <p>additional subsidy for MSMEs which are also a part of the SFURTI OR Micro &amp; Small Enterprises - Cluster Development Programme (MSE-CDP)</p>		 <p>Rs. 5 lakh (per MSME) to be made available for handholding and consultancy support for MSMEs under ZED Certification</p>		  <p>Register with ZED now and get rewarded</p>	






## 20.4. Other Schemes/Initiatives In News



### Raising and accelerating MSME Performance



**Central Sector Scheme**

-  **Type:** Central Sector Scheme
-  **Tenure:** 2021-22 to 2025-26
-  **Funding:** World Bank and Govt. of India.
-  **Focus on children:** Building the Ministry of MSME's capacity at the national level and scale up implementation capacity and firm coverage in the states of Gujarat, Maharashtra, Punjab, Rajasthan and Tamil Nadu.
-  **Environment and Social Assessment (ESSA)** is mandatory to verify compliances to Environmental and Social standards by the last mile enterprises covered under the various programmes of the Ministry.
-  **Complement the Aatmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan** by fostering innovation, encouraging ideation, etc.



## Capacity Building of First-Time MSE Exporters (CBFTE) scheme



**Aim:** To encourage MSMEs to offer products and services of international standards.



**Implementing agency:** Export Credit Guarantee Corporation of India (ECGC)



**Eligibility:** Micro and Small Enterprise (MSE) exporters engaged in the Manufacturing Sector with:

- ▶ valid Udyam Registration
- ▶ Import Export Code No. must not be older than 3 years
- ▶ Proof of premium payment

GOVERNMENT SCHEMES IN NEWS



## Promotion of MSMEs in North Eastern Region (NER) and Sikkim



**Type:** Central Sector Scheme

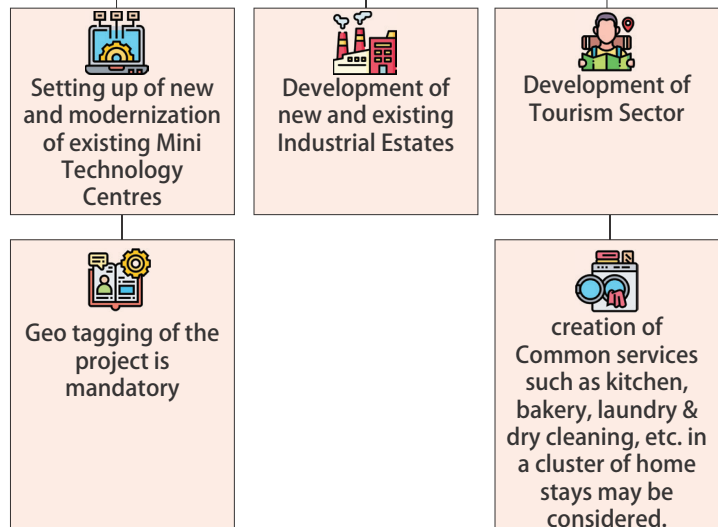


**Tenure:** 2021-22 to 2025-26



**Aim:** Financial support for enhancing the productivity, competitiveness, and capacity building of MSMEs in the NER and Sikkim.

### Components





# 21. Ministry of Minority Affairs



## 21.1. Schemes In News

### 21.1.1. Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram (PMJVK)



#### Why in news?

Telangana State has benefitted from the education projects under the Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram (PMJVK).

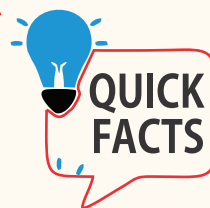
#### Type

Centrally Sponsored Scheme



#### Purpose

To develop infrastructure projects, which are community assets, in the identified areas with development deficits.



#### Beneficiaries

Notified minority communities i.e., Muslims, Christians, Buddhists, Sikhs, Jains, and Parsis



#### Tenure

2021-22 to 2025-26



#### Objectives

Reducing development deficit in the identified Minority concentration areas and providing basic amenities for improving quality of life.



#### Salient features



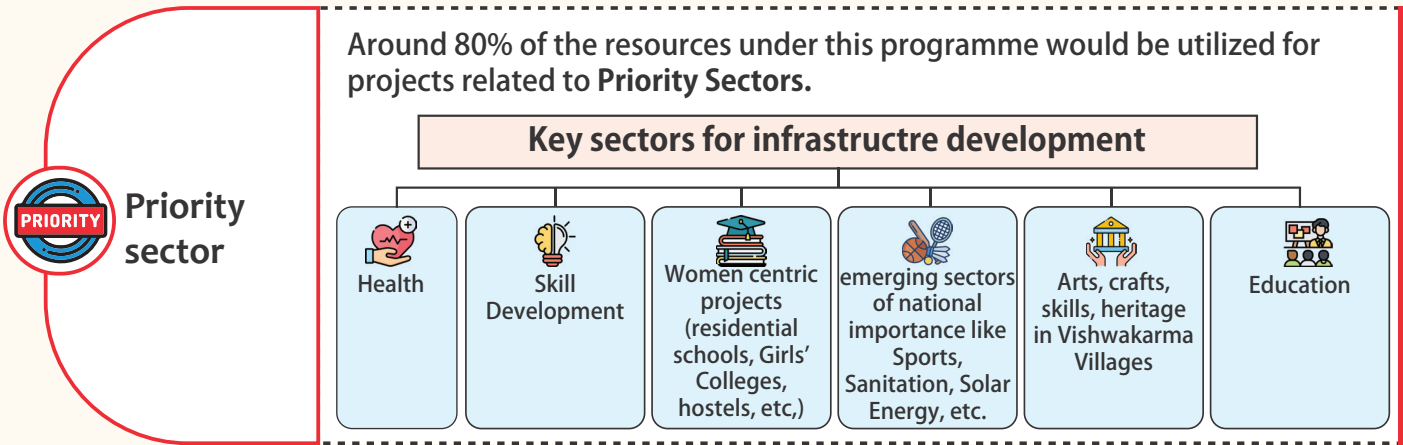
#### Coverage

All the districts where the concentration of minority population is more than 25% in the catchment area (15 KM radius).



#### Financial assistance

- ▶ Financial assistance for infrastructural development for community assets only, especially in the priority sectors.
- ▶ Land is to be provided free of cost by the State Government/ UT Administration / Central Government Organisation.
- ▶ The concerned organisation has to bear the recurring / maintenance expenditure.



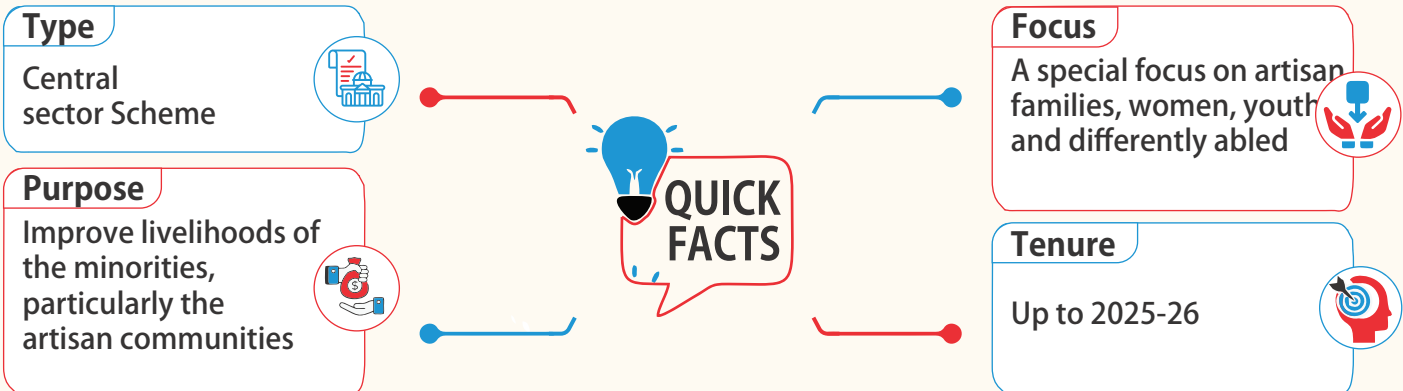
GOVERNMENT SCHEMES IN NEWS

## 21.1.2. PRADHAN MANTRI VIRASAT KA SAMVARDHAN (PM VIKAS) SCHEME



### NEWS Why in news?

Recently, the scheme has been approved by the Cabinet.



### Objectives

To build capacity of minority and artisan communities, promote cultural heritage, empower women of minority and artisan communities and livelihood opportunities.



**Salient features**



**Minorities**

- ▶ Minorities are Muslims, Christians, Buddhists, Sikhs, Jains, and Parsis as notified under the National Commission for Minorities Act 1992.

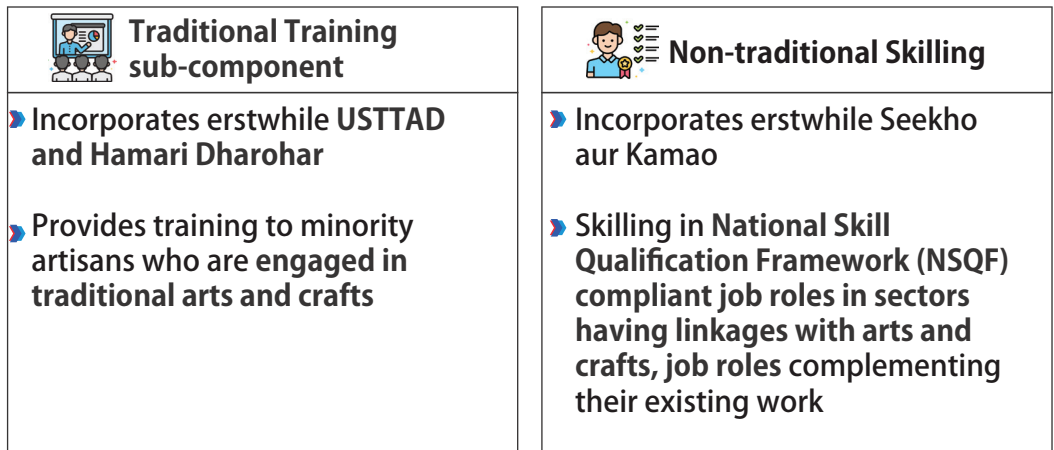


**Umbrella scheme**

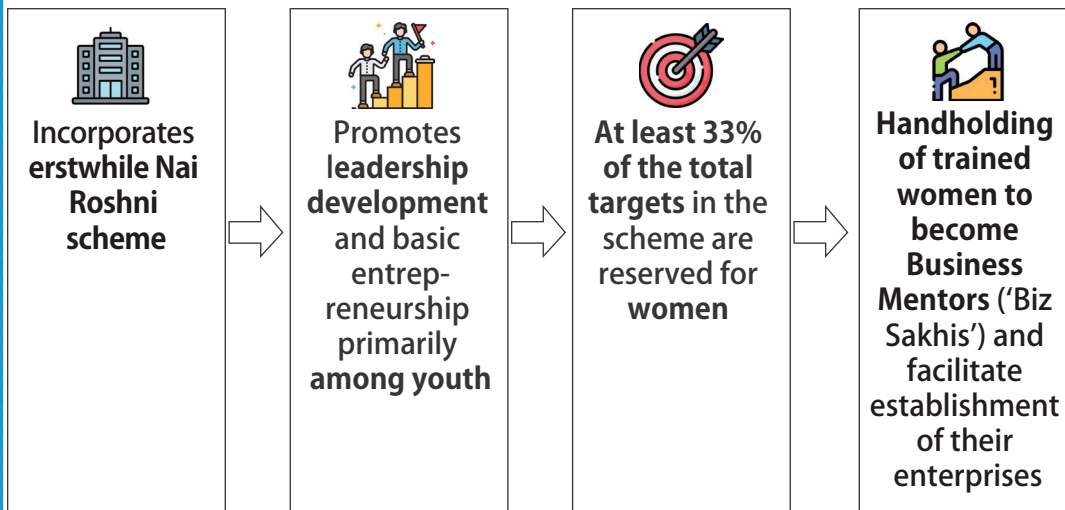
**Erstwhile schemes converged**



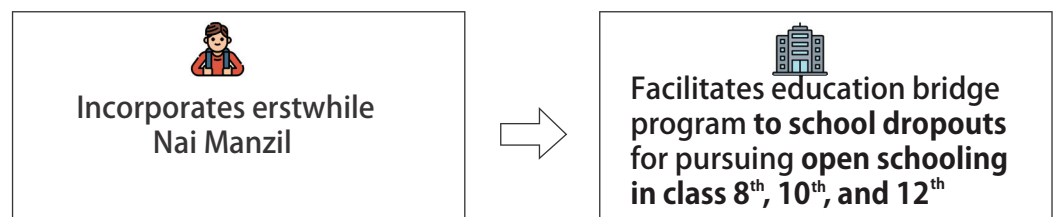
**Skilling and Training**



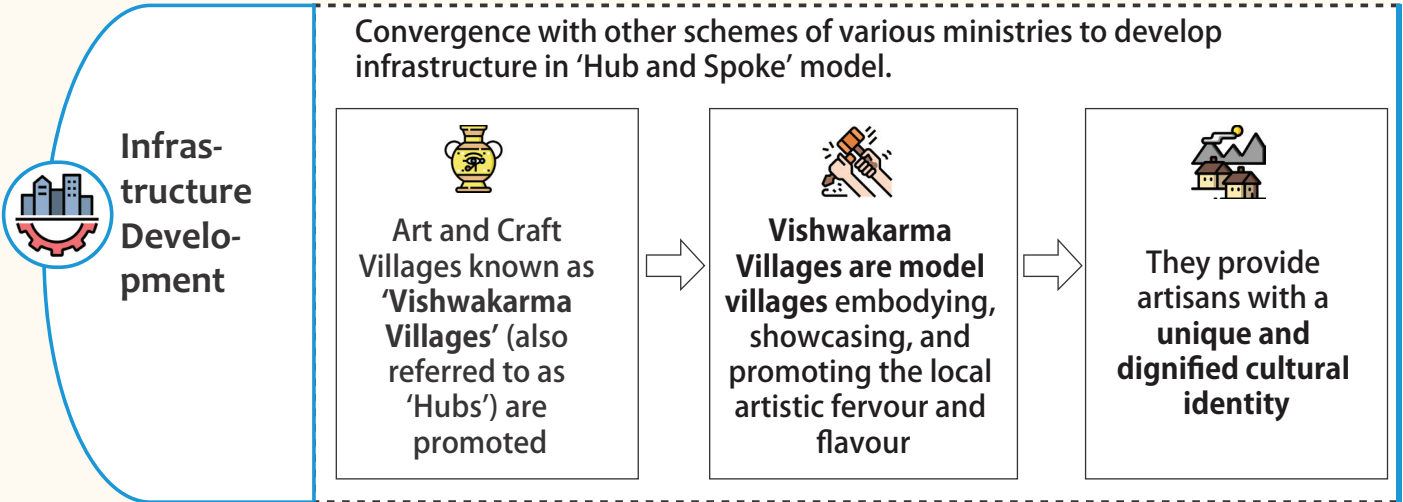
**Leadership and Entrepreneurship**




**Education bridge program**





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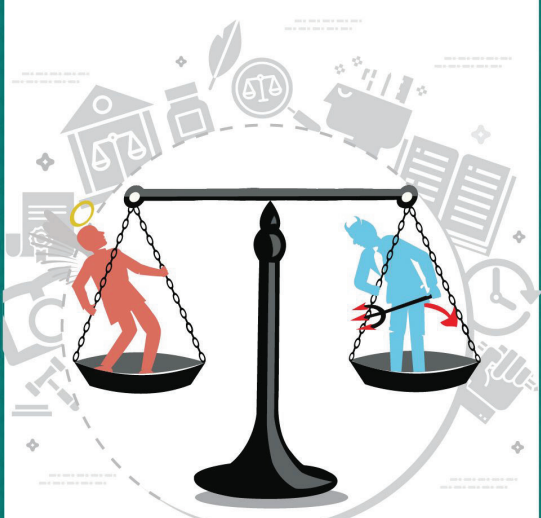
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# 22. Ministry of Panchayati Raj



## 22.1. Other schemes/initiatives in news

### Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA)





 Recently, the Cabinet approved continuation of this scheme till 2026.

 **Type:** Centrally Sponsored Scheme

 **Aim:** To develop governance capabilities of Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs).

 **Coverage:** All States and UTs and also includes institutions of rural local government in non-Part IX areas, where Panchayats do not exist.

 **Priority given to subjects of national importance to deliver on localization of SDGs principally for nine themes.**

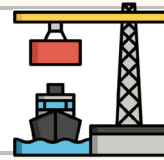
 It seeks to address critical gaps that hinder the success of Panchayats by enhancing their capacities and effectiveness, and promote devolution of powers and responsibilities.

#### 9 THEMES

-  Poverty free and enhanced livelihood in villages
-  Healthy Village
-  Child Friendly Village
-  Water Sufficient Village
-  Clean and Green Village
-  Self-Sufficient Infrastructure in Village
-  Socially Secured Village
-  Village with Good Governance
-  Engendered Development in Village

**NOTE:** This scheme is different from Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (Extended) of Ministry of rural development, a campaign conducted to transform the way services are provided by the Government.

# 23. Ministry of Ports, Shipping And Waterways



## 23.1. Schemes In News

### 23.1.1. Sagarmala



#### Why in news?

Sagarmala Young Professional (SYP) Scheme has been launched under the Sagarmala programme.

#### Purpose

To reduce the logistics cost for EXIM and domestic trade with minimal infrastructure investment



#### Funding

Equity support through Special Purpose Vehicles (SPVs) and Budget support



#### QUICK FACTS

#### Implementation of the projects

Projects will be taken up through private or PPP mode.



#### National sagarmala apex committee

Chaired by Minister of Shipping and provides policy directions and reviews the implementation.



#### Objectives



Accelerating economic development by harnessing the potential of India's 7,500 km long coastline and 14,500 km of potentially navigable waterways.



#### Salient features



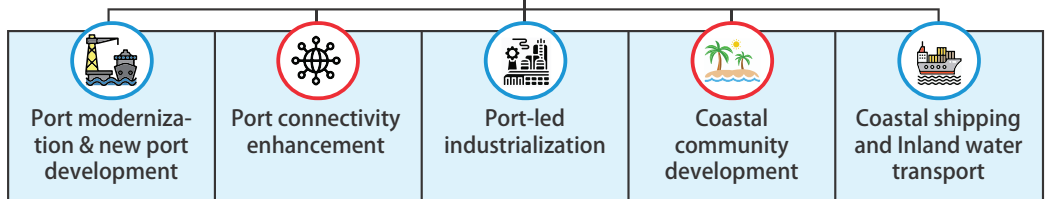
#### Background

Sagarmala programme is in consonance with National Perspective Plan (NPP) for the holistic development of the Indian Coastline which was launched in 2016.



#### Port led development

#### Projects under the scheme have been categorized into five pillars



#### Port modernization & new port development

A roadmap has been prepared for increasing the Indian port capacity to 3300+ MMTPA by 2025 to cater to the growing traffic.

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**Port connectivity enhancement**  
To provide enhanced connectivity between the ports and the domestic production/consumption centers (located mainly in hinterland).

**Port-led industrialization**

- ▶ Coastal Economic Zones (CEZs)
- ▶ Coastal Economic Units (CEUs)
- ▶ Port-Linked Industrial & Maritime Clusters
- ▶ Smart Industrial Port Cities

**Coastal community development**  
Through Marine sector related activities like fisheries, maritime tourism and corresponding skill development.

**Coastal shipping and Inland water transport**  
Infrastructure at ports and supporting infrastructure using rail/road and waterways to facilitate coastal movement.

**Sagarmala Development Company Limited**  
Set up under the Companies Act, 2013 to assist the State level/zone level Special Purpose Vehicles (SPVs).

**Modern governance of major ports**

- ▶ Greater autonomy in decision making.
- ▶ 'Landlord Model' of development
- ▶ World class port infrastructure

**Key achievements so far**

<p><b>Enhanced security</b></p> <p>Biometric Seafarers Identification Document (BSID) with biometric chip inside security based identity card.</p>	<p><b>Enhanced connectivity</b></p> <p>On NW-1, two Multi Modal Transport (MMTs) have been constructed at Varanasi and Sahibganj</p> <p>One more MMT at Haldia is nearing completion.</p>	<p><b>Enhanced capacity</b></p> <p>New major port: 'In-principle' approval for setting up of a Major Port at Vadhavan in Dahanu, Maharashtra to be developed on 'Landlord model'</p> <p>Cargo handling capacity is enhanced to 2500 MMTPA</p>
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**Sagarmala  
Young Professional  
(SYP)  
Scheme**

- ▶ **Aim: To engage talented, forward-thinking and dynamic young professionals in various divisions of the Ministry.**
- ▶ **Initially, around 25 young professionals will be hired for 2 years (extendable to 2 more years) to deliver high-quality inputs in areas such as infrastructure, data analysis, project management, etc.**

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# 24. Ministry of Power



## 24.1. Schemes In News

### 24.1.1. Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS)



#### Why in news?

38 DISCOMs have qualified under the scheme.

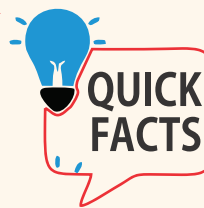
#### Purpose

To improve operational efficiencies and financial sustainability of DISCOMS



#### Beneficiaries

All State-owned DISCOMs are eligible for financial assistance under RDSS.



#### Tenure

Five years (FY 2021- 22 to FY 2025-26)



#### Nodal implementing agency

REC Limited and Power Finance Corporation (PFC) Ltd.



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#### Objectives

To provide financial assistance to DISCOMs for modernization and strengthening of distribution infrastructure, aiming at improvement of the reliability and quality of supply to end consumers.



#### Salient features

**Re-  
sult-linked  
financial  
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to DIS-  
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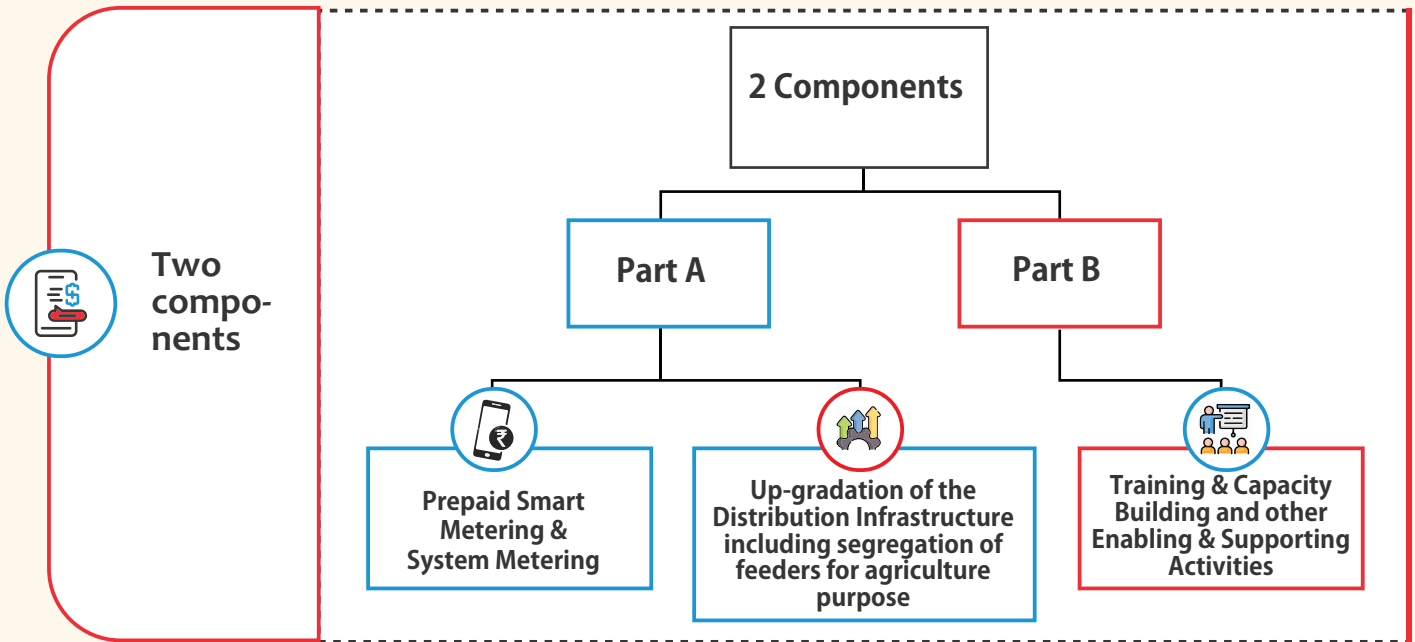


The assistance will be based on meeting pre-qualifying criteria as well as upon achievement of basic minimum benchmarks by DISCOMs.

**Financial  
Inclusion**



Promotes financial literacy among the poor and provides catalytic capital to the SHGs and their federations.



**Two components**

GOVERNMENT SCHEMES IN NEWS

**Grant for Prepaid Smart metering**

- ▶ Grant of Rs 900 or 15% of the cost per consumer meter whichever is lower
- ▶ For special category states, Grant would be Rs 1350 or 22.5% of the cost per consumer, whichever is lower.

**NOTE:** All Special Category States including North-Eastern States of Sikkim and States/Union Territories of Jammu & Kashmir, Ladakh, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, and Lakshadweep will be treated as Special Category States.

**Consumer empowerment**

By way of prepaid Smart metering to be implemented in **Public-Private-Partnership (PPP)** mode.

**Solarization of agricultural feeders**

For improving electricity supply for the farmers and for **providing daytime electricity to them.**

**Leveraging Artificial Intelligence**

- ▶ To analyze data generated through IT/OT devices including System Meters, prepaid Smart meters.
- ▶ To enable DISCOMs to take informed decisions on loss reduction, demand forecasting

## 24.2. Other Schemes/Initiatives in news



### Scheme for Setting up Manufacturing Zone for Power and Renewable Energy (RE) Equipment

▶ The scheme is jointly proposed by the Ministry of Power and Ministry of New and Renewable energy.



**Aim:** Establishment of 3 Manufacturing Zones (2 Brownfield and 1 Greenfield Manufacturing Zone in a coastal area) for Power sector and renewable energy equipment in the country by 2026-27.



Private companies would be invited to set up manufacturing zones.



State government must have 26% stake in the joint venture with private companies.



The grant in aid will be provided for creation of Common Infrastructure Facility (CIF)/ or Common Testing facility or (CTF).



The identified location would be away from the eco-sensitive zone of protected areas.



**Monitoring:** Scheme Steering Committee (SSC) and a Project Management Agency (PMA)



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# 25. Ministry of Road Transport & Highways



## 25.1. Schemes In News

### 25.1.1. Bharatmala Pariyojana Programme

#### NEWS Why in news?

According to the ICRA, completion of Bharatmala Pariyojana programme may get delayed by 6 years.

#### Purpose

Optimizing efficiency of freight and passenger movement across the country



#### Implementing agencies

NHAI, NHIDCL, State PWDs, State Road Development Corporations



#### QUICK FACTS

#### Promoting PPP

Toll-Operate-Transfer (ToT) model shall be used to monetize all roads constructed through EPC route.



#### Monitoring

PIB will review the progress of this program once in six months to avoid cost and time overruns.



#### Objectives

Optimal resource allocation for a holistic highway development/improvement initiative.

#### Salient features

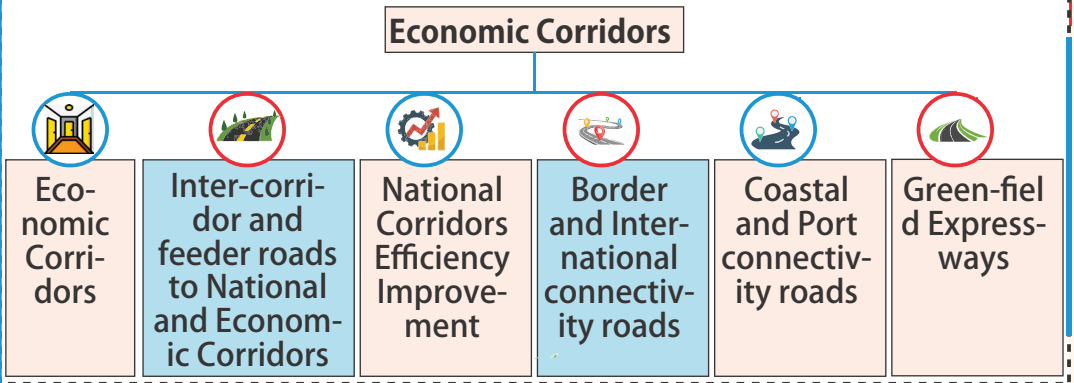
**Umbrella programme**

An umbrella program for the highways sector that focuses on optimizing efficiency of freight and passenger movement across the country by bridging critical infrastructure gaps.

**Focus of the programme**

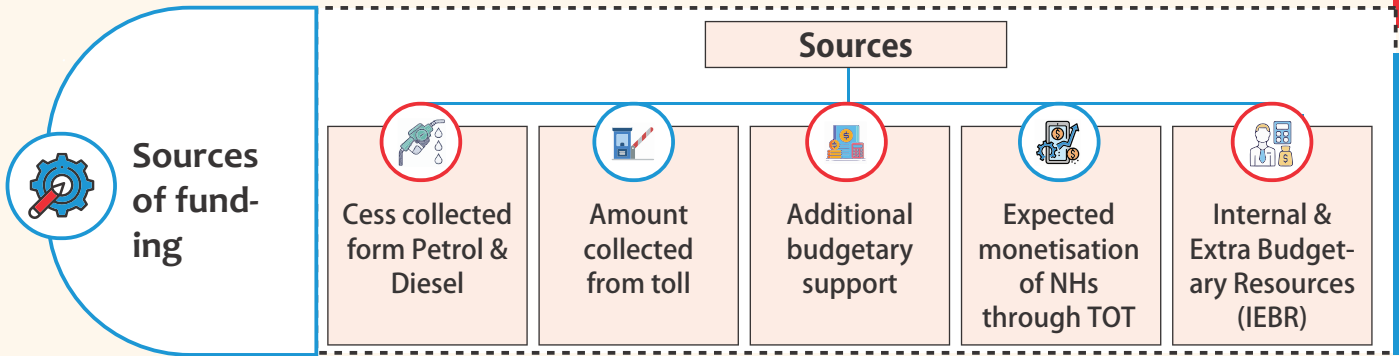
- Enhanced effectiveness of already built infrastructure.
- Multi-modal integration
- Bridging infrastructure gaps for seamless movement
- Integrating National and Economic Corridors

**Components**



GOVERNMENT SCHEMES IN NEWS

**Project Duration** The project shall be completed in a period of 5 years from the date of sanction.



**Grand Challenge Mechanism**

- ▶ 10% funds will be kept earmarked to take up projects under the 'Grand Challenge' mechanism.
- ▶ The mechanism facilitates taking up projects on fast track basis where sufficient and timely land is made available by the State Governments.
- ▶ A maximum of two stretches of roads not exceeding 100 kms are to be allowed from any one State in a particular financial year.

**Construction of road not part of Bharatmala Pariyojana Phase-I**

Such projects may be taken up for consideration only if the State Agency is ready to bear at least 50% cost of the land acquisition.

**Online Systems for Monitoring and Process Automation**

- Project Monitoring Information System (PM IS)** for tracking of the status of all projects, preparation of reports, etc.
- Bhoomi Raashi system** for preparation and submission of Land Acquisition related notifications.
- Bidder Information Management System (BIMS)** to be used by all implementation agencies for maintenance of technical information.
- Performance Management System "Lakshya"** to be used by NHA for setting construction and award targets for all technical officers.
- A comprehensive ERP system** is being set up across MoRTH, NHA and NHIDCL, to integrate all the individual systems/tools,

# 26. Ministry of Rural Development



## 26.1. Schemes In News

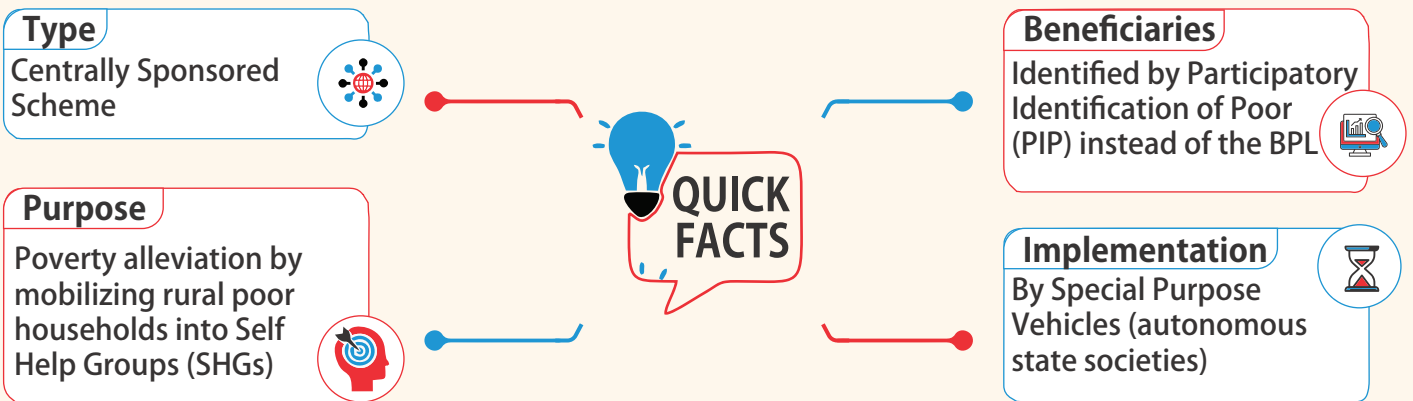
### 26.1.1. Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana- National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM)



#### Why in news?

Recently, the campaign 'Sangathan se samridhhi - leaving no rural woman behind' was launched to mobilize 10 crore rural women into self help group, under the flagship scheme DAY-NRLM.

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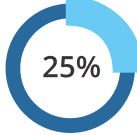



#### Objectives

- To promote sustainable livelihoods for the poor such that they come out of poverty.
- To facilitate their access to formal credit, access to entitlements and public services and support for diversification and strengthening of livelihoods.












#### Salient features

- Social mobilisation:**
  - One member (preferably a woman) from each rural poor household would be brought under the SHG network.
  - Women SHG groups would have bank linkage arrangements.
- Financial Inclusion:**
  - Promotes financial literacy among the poor and provides catalytic capital to the SHGs and their federations.

 <p><b>Community Funds as Resources in Perpetuity</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Revolving Fund (RF) and Community Investment Fund (CIF) as resources in perpetuity to the institutions of the poor.</li> <li>▶ To strengthen their institutional and financial management capacity and build their track record to attract mainstream bank finance</li> </ul>
 <p><b>Skill development</b></p>	 <p>25% of NRLM Funds are earmarked Aajeevika Skill Development Programme (ASDP)</p>
 <p><b>Training institutes in Delhi</b></p>	<p>Encourages public sector banks to set up Rural Self Employment Training Institutes (RSETIs) in all districts on the lines of Rural Development Self Employment Institute (RUDSETI) model</p>
 <p><b>MahilaKisan Sashaktikaran Pariyojana (MKSP)</b></p>	<p>MKSP promotes scaling-up successful, small scale projects that enhance women's participation and productivity in agriculture and allied activities</p>
 <p><b>National Rural Livelihoods Project (NRLP)</b></p>	<p>A sub-set of NRLM to create 'proof of concept', build capacities of the Centre and States in 13 high poverty states accounting for about 90% of the rural poor in the country.</p>

**Other initiatives under NRLM**

 <p><b>National Rural Economic Transformation Project (NRETP)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> Aim: To scale-up initiatives on digital finance and livelihood interventions.</li> <li> International Funding: By the World Bank.</li> </ul>
 <p><b>SAKSHAM Centres</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> Aim: To provide financial literacy &amp; facilitate delivery of financial services (savings, credit, insurance, pensions etc.) to SHG members and rural poor</li> </ul>
 <p><b>Aajeevika Grameen Express Yojana (AGEY)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> Aim: To provide connectivity to rural areas through vehicles operated by SHG members.</li> <li> SHG members are provided interest free loans by the Community Based Organisations (CBOs) for operating vehicles on the identified routes based on financial viability.</li> <li> State Rural Livelihoods Missions (SRLMs) identify routes where roads have been constructed under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) but has poor transport services.</li> </ul>

## 26.1.2. Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee (MGNREG) Scheme (Or Act, 2005)



### Why in news?

57.8% of the workers who used the scheme in the year 2022-2023 were women, their highest level of participation since 2012-13.

#### Type

Centrally Sponsored Scheme



#### Beneficiaries

All Household members aged more than 18 years and residing in rural areas.



#### Purpose

Making supplementary livelihood in rural areas through unskilled manual work a legal right



### QUICK FACTS

#### Implementation

Social Audit has to be done by the Gram Sabha



### Objectives

To enhance livelihood security in rural areas by providing at least 100 days of guaranteed wage employment in a financial year to every household whose adult member volunteer to do unskilled manual work.



### Salient features

#### Aim







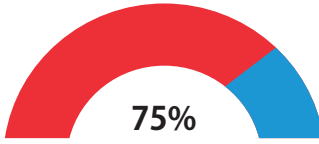


#### Components

Employment	Quality Assets	Social inclusion	Strengthening Panchayati Raj Institutions	Effecting Transparency & Accountability
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#### Demand driven, people centred

<b>Guaranteed employment</b> At least one hundred days of unskilled manual work a in a financial year to every household in rural areas as per demand.	<b>Unemployment allowance</b> In case employment is not granted within 15 days of demand.	<b>Additional employment</b> Additional 50 days of unskilled wage employment in a financial year in drought/natural calamity notified	<b>Discretion to states</b> State Governments may make provisions for providing additional days beyond the period guaranteed under the Act from their own funds.
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 <p><b>Accident compensation</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Provides for accident compensation claim in case of accidents at work site.</li> <li>▶ Provides Ex-Gratia Payments for permanent disability or death as a result of accident at a work site.</li> </ul>
 <p><b>Women empowerment</b></p>	<p>At least one-third beneficiaries shall be women.</p>
 <p><b>Non-negotiable provisions</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Wage to material ratio at 60:40 at GP level.</li> <li>▶ Work execution only by manual labour without engaging any contractors or machinery (except as permitted).</li> <li>▶ Equal wages to all based on the quantity of work done.</li> </ul>
 <p><b>Coverage</b></p>	<p>Entire country with the exception of districts that have hundred per cent urban populations.</p>
 <p><b>Fund sharing</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Share of Centre</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p><b>100%</b></p> <p>For unskilled labour cost</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p><b>75%</b></p> <p>For the material cost of the work</p> </div> </div>
 <p><b>Wage payments</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Wage payments are exclusively made in the account of the wage seekers directly ensuring better transparency.</li> <li>▶ Payment of wages should be made within 15 days after completion of work.</li> </ul>
 <p><b>Job cards to rural household</b></p>	<p>Any rural household seeking unskilled manual work could register its family in the Gram Panchayat (GP) and obtain a job card.</p>

**Entitlement to wage seeker**

**Key entitlements**

- Safe drinking water
- Resting facilities
- Availability of First aid box and medicines
- Child care for working women having children below 5 years\*

\*Minimum collectively 5 children should be there to avail the facility of child care

**Geotagging of assets created**

Geotagging through GeoMGNREGA of the MoRD in association with National Remote Sensing Centre (NRSC), ISRO and National Informatics Centre.

**Grievance redressal**

Special Provisions of Social Audit in the Act ensures effective transparency and accountability of the works.



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# 27. Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship



## 27.1. Other Schemes/Initiatives in News



### Sankalp (Skill Acquisition And Knowledge Awareness For Livelihood Promotion)

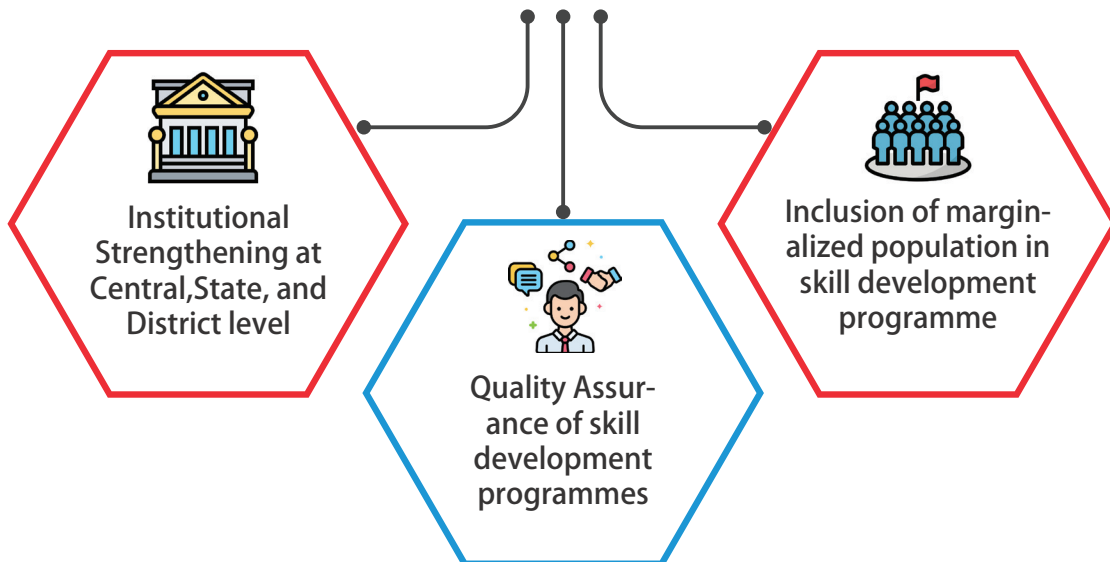


**Aim:** To improve short-term skill training qualitatively and quantitatively through strengthening institutions, bringing in better market connectivity and inclusion of marginalised sections of the society.



Loan assistance from the World Bank.

### Three key Result Areas

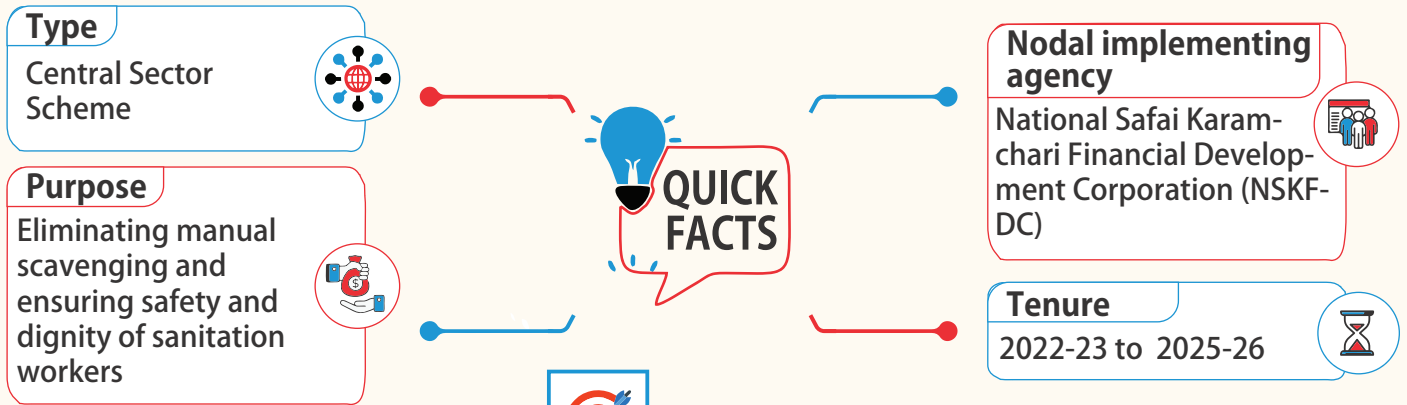


# 28. Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (MoSJE)



## 28.1. Newly Launched Scheme

### 28.1.1. National Action Plan For Mechanized Sanitation Ecosystem (NAMASTE)



### Objectives

- Zero fatalities in sanitation work in India
- All sanitation work is performed by skilled workers
- No sanitation workers come in direct contact with human faecal matter
- Sanitation workers are collectivized into SHGs and are empowered to run sanitation enterprises
- All Sewer and Septic tank sanitation workers (SSWs) have access to alternative livelihoods
- Strengthened supervisory and monitoring systems at national, state and ULB levels to ensure enforcement and monitoring of safe sanitation work
- Increased awareness amongst sanitation services seekers (individuals and institutions) to seek services from registered and skilled sanitation workers.

### Salient features

**Convergence of Programmes**

<p><b>Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Ensure that States formulate Action Plan for implementation of National Action Plan.</li> <li>➤ Financial assistance under AMRUT and Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban (SBM-U) to the urban local bodies</li> </ul>	<p><b>Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation (DoDWS)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Financial assistance under SBM-R to the Panchayat Raj institutions (PRIs) for upgradation of sanitation services and procurement of necessary equipment and trained manpower for the mechanized cleaning.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Ministry of Panchayati Raj</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Coordination with the PRIs</li> <li>➤ Awareness campaigns regarding the Act and Rules relating to hazardous cleaning and the helplines for accessing the services of SRUs.</li> </ul>
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**Eligible cities**

- ▶ All Cities and Towns with a population of over one lakh with notified Municipalities, including Cantonment Boards (Civilian areas).
- ▶ All Capital Cities/Towns of States/ Union Territories (UTs), not covered in 4(i).
- ▶ Ten Cities from hill states, islands and tourist destinations (not more than one from each State).

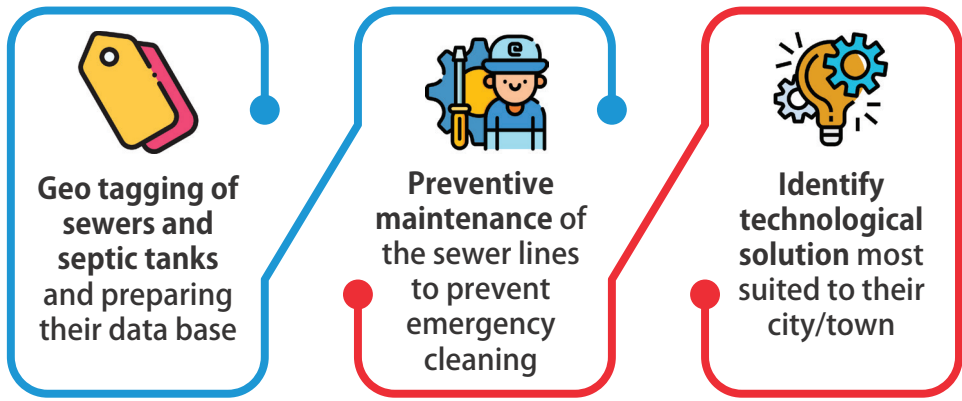
**Convergence with AMRUT cities**

- ▶ 500 cities (converging with AMRUT cities) will be taken up under this phase of NAMASTE.

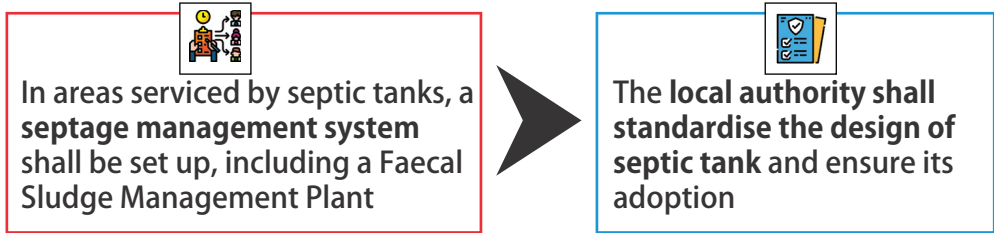
**Identification of Sewer/Septic Tank Workers (SSWs)**

- ▶ City NAMASTE Managers will identify the SSWs who are engaged in hazardous cleaning operations.
- ▶ Coverage under Ayushyaman Bharat- Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) and livelihood assistance including capital subsidy and interest subvention and coverage under social security schemes to identify SSWs.

**Responsibilities of local bodies**



**Non-sewered areas**



**Amendment in the legislation**

**Prevention Amendment to the Prohibition of Employment as Manual Scavengers and their Rehabilitation Act, 2013.**



**Implementing bodies**

  
**Responsible Sanitation Authority (RSA)**

**Headed by:** District Magistrate, or an officer not below the rank of Sub Divisional Magistrate nominated by him

- Function:**
- ▶ Legal authority for Sanitation Response Units (SRUs)
  - ▶ Issue of licences to Private Sanitation Service Organizations (PSSOs)
  - ▶ IEC campaigns for publicity of services available through the SRU

**Jurisdiction:** Urban and rural areas in the districts

  
**Sanitation Response Unit (SRU)**

**Constituted by:** RSA

- Function:**
- ▶ Each SRU shall have a panel of licensed PSSOs, adequate machinery and trained Sewer Entry Professionals (SEPs) for handling emergency blockages
  - ▶ **24X7 helpline number:** For lodging complaints

**Jurisdiction:** Major municipality

  
**Private Sanitation Service Organisations (PSSOs)**

- ▶ **Mechanised cleaning:** PSSOs shall employ only trained and certified personnel and necessary equipment.
- ▶ **Manual cleaning:** PSSOs shall prescribe safety gear for manual cleaning



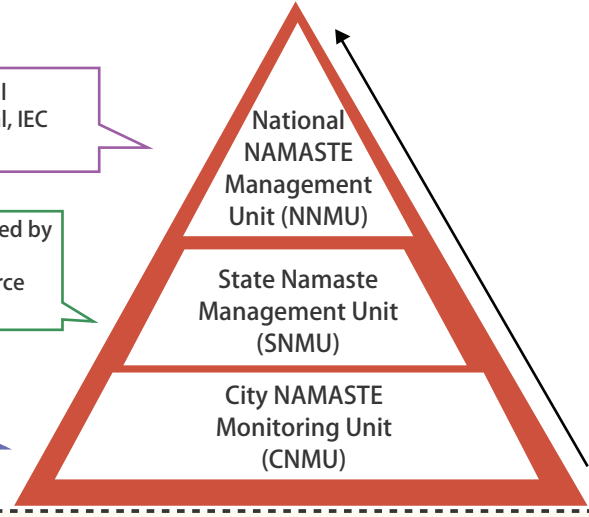
**NAMASTE Management Unit (NMU)**

**3 TIERED NMU**

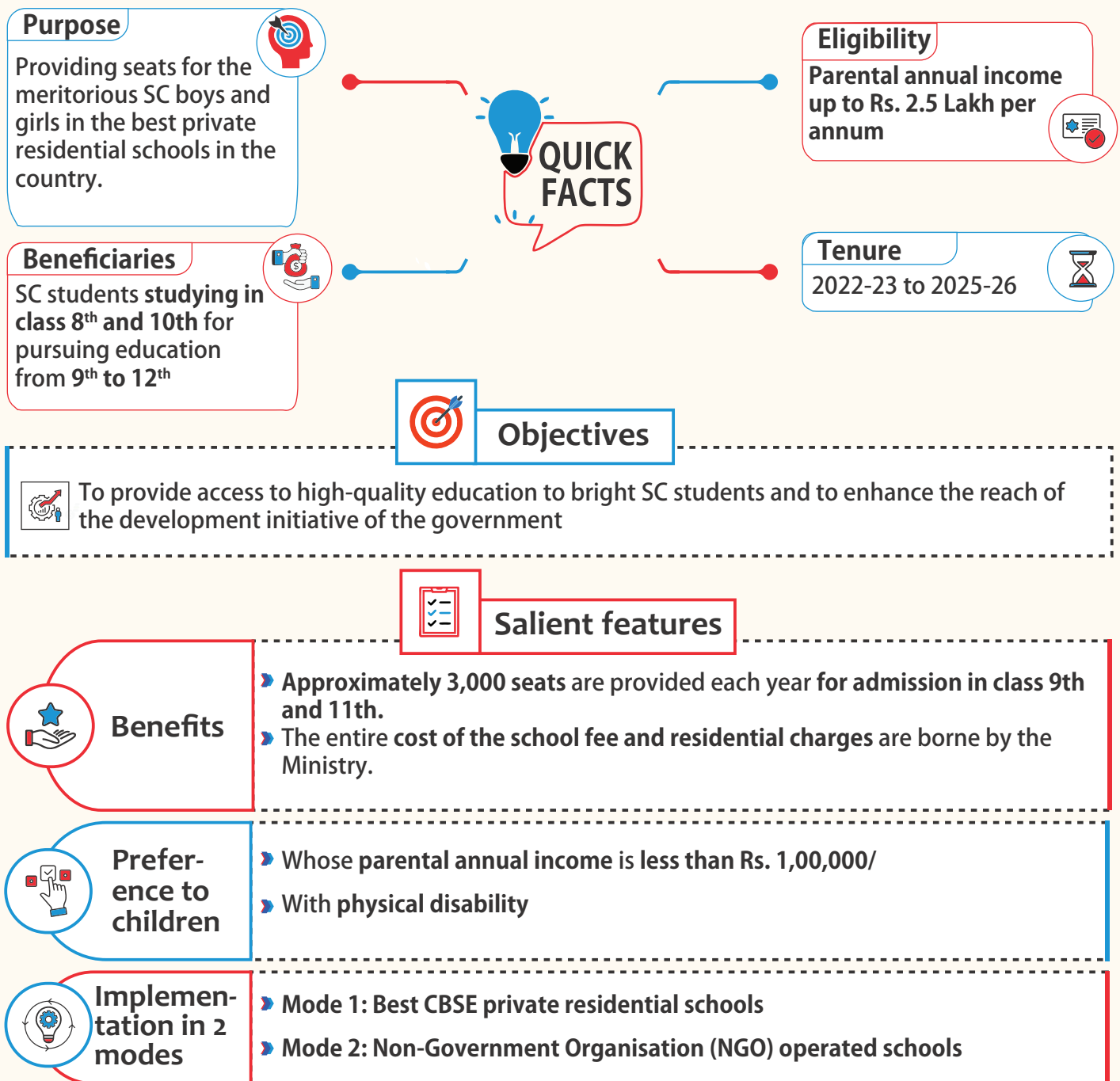
**Head:** Managing Director, NSKFDC Technical Support Unit (TSU): A team of IT Professional, IEC expert, Banking expert etc.

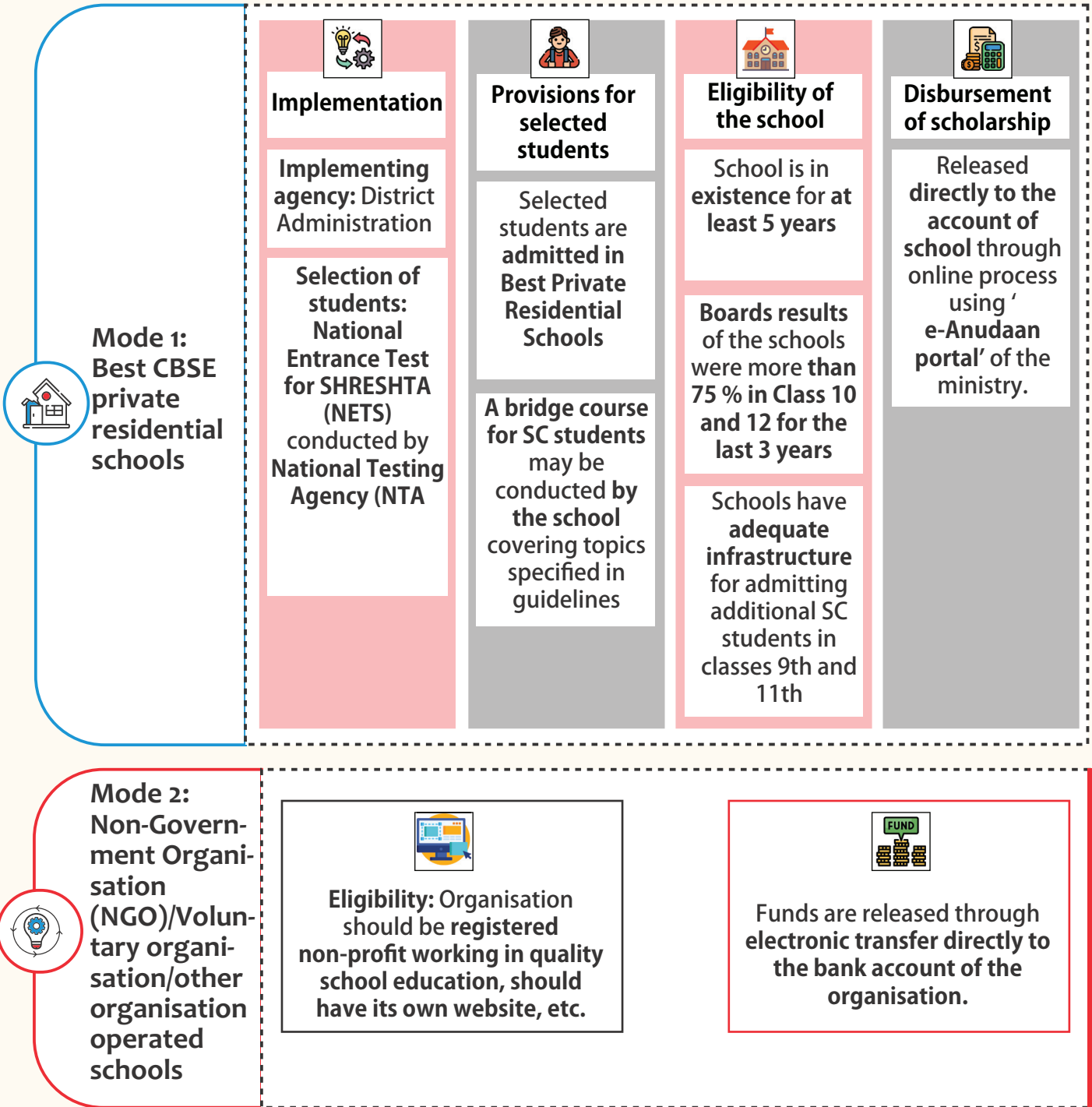
**Head:** State Namaste Director to be appointed by the State Government. To be assisted by Programme Management Unit (PMU) resource (Sta NAMASTE Manager)

**Head:** NAMASTE nodal officer of the city to be designated by the concerned ULB To be assisted by PMU resource (City NAMASTE Manager)



## 28.1.2. Scheme For Residential Education For Students In High Schools In Targeted Areas (SHRESTHA)





## 28.2. Schemes in News

### 28.2.1. SMILE: Support For Marginalised Individuals For Livelihood And Enterprise

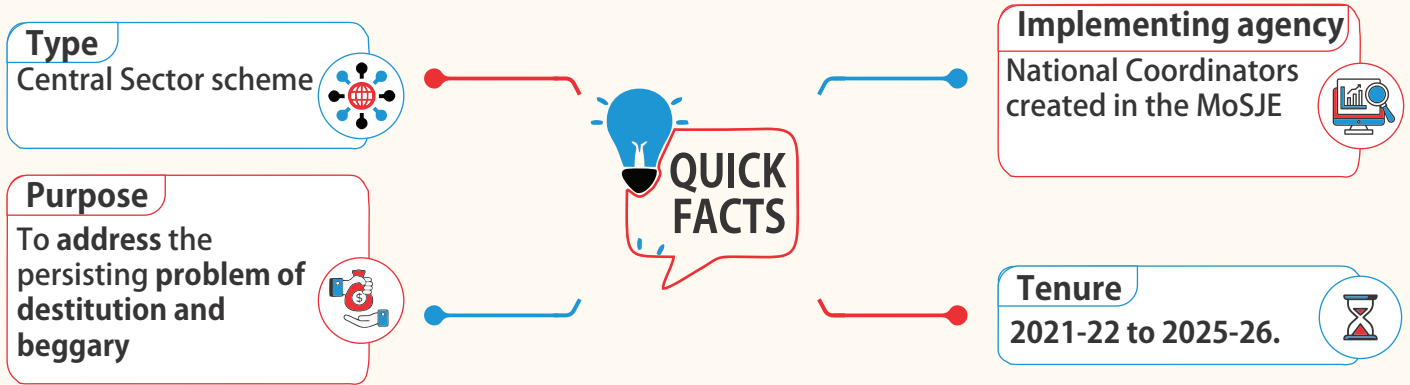


#### Why in News?



Centre has launched "SMILE-75 Initiative" under the SMILE: Support for Marginalised Individuals for Livelihood and Enterprise scheme..





**Objectives**

To provide welfare and rehabilitation to the Transgender community and the people engaged in the act of begging and make places begging-free.


**Salient features**

- Benefits**
  - This umbrella scheme provides for rehabilitation, counseling, education, skill development, etc for both transgender persons and beggars.
- Two sub-schemes**
  - Comprehensive Rehabilitation for Welfare of Transgender Persons
  - Comprehensive Rehabilitation of persons engaged in the act of Begging
- Comprehensive Rehabilitation for Welfare of Transgender Persons**
  - National Council for Transgender Persons shall advise on the formulation of policies, monitor and evaluation of policies, etc.
    - A Transgender Protection Cell under the charge of the District Magistrate in each district
    - A State Level Cell under the Director General of Police
  - Composite Medical Health package in convergence with Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY)
    - Package will support Gender-Reaffirmation surgeries through selected hospitals
  - Scholarships for Transgender Students for studying in IX and till post-graduation


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  - ▶ Skill Development and Livelihood under PM-DAKSH (scheme for skilling of marginalized persons)
  - ▶ Curriculum by National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) and Sector Skill Councils (SSCs)
  - ▶ Training by Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship (IIE) and National Institute for Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development (NIESBUD)
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  - ▶ GarimaGreh to provide food, clothing, recreational facilities, skill development, etc.
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  - ▶ E-Services (National Portal & Helpline and Advertisement).
  - ▶ Sensitization and Awareness Generation for Transgender persons welfare


**NOTE:** Samagra Shiksha scheme does not specifically indicate for providing scholarships for Transgender children. It focuses on need to address the education of Transgender children as they face stigma and discrimination




**Comprehensive Rehabilitation of persons engaged in the act of Begging**




**Addressing the causes of destitution and begging**



**Mobilization of the persons engaged in the act of Begging**



**Providing basic services such as shelter, rehabilitation, hygiene, food, clothing, etc.**



**Facilitate skill development training for the persons engaged in the act of Begging**

### 28.3. Other Schemes/initiatives In News



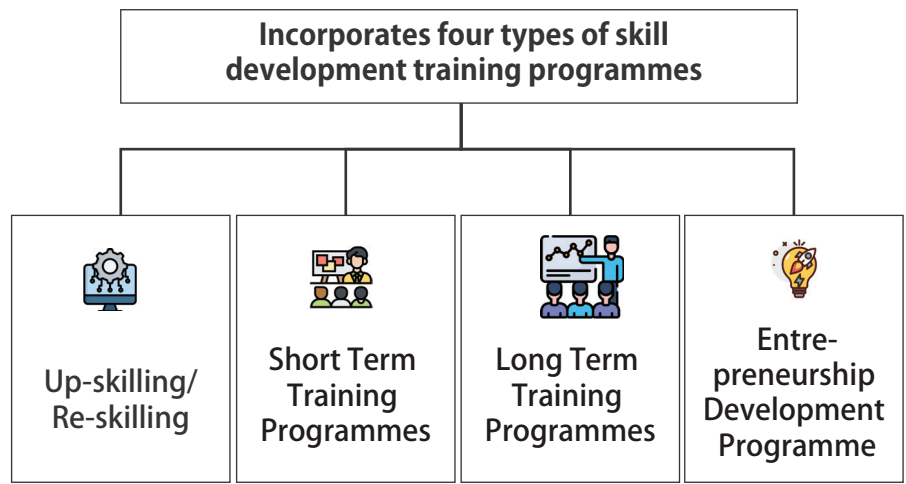
#### Senior Able Citizen for Re-employment in Dignity (SACRED) portal

- ▶ Portal is an employment marketplace.
- ▶ It brings together both Job providers & Job seekers that will help Senior citizen to get themselves registered for emerging workplace demands.




**Pradhan Mantri Dakshta Aur Kushalta Sampann Hitgrahi (PM-DAKSH)**

Recently, Government has announced that nearly two lakh 71 thousand persons will be trained over five years under the scheme.

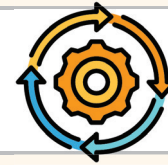
It was launched as a part of the National Action Plan for skilling of marginalized persons covering SCs, OBCs, EBCs, DNTs, Sanitation workers including waste pickers.



- ▶ Training is provided free of cost for the trainees, 100% grants by Government.
- ▶ Trained candidates will be provided placement after assessment and certification.

 <b>Stipend</b>	 <b>Wage Compensation</b>	 <b>Implementing bodies</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ <b>Stipend of Rs.1,000/- to Rs.1,500/- per month per trainee for trainees having 80% and above attendance in short term and long term training.</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ <b>Wage compensation @ Rs.3000/- per trainee (Rs. 2500/- as per PM-DAKSH and Rs.500/- as per Common Cost Norms) for trainees having 80% and above attendance in Reskilling/Up-skilling.</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ National Scheduled Castes Finance and Development Corporation</li> <li>▶ National Backward Classes Finance &amp; Development Corporation</li> <li>▶ National SafaiKaramcharis Finance &amp; Development Corporation</li> </ul>

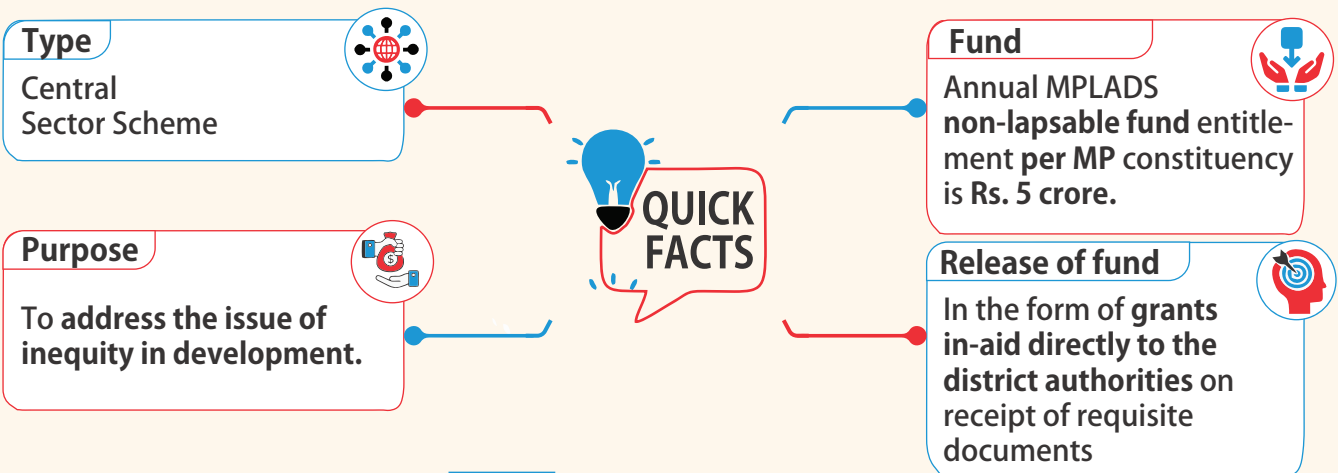
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# 29. Ministry Of Statistics And Programme Implementation

## 29.1. Modified/Restructured schemes

### 29.1.1. Member Of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS)



### Objectives

To enable the Members of Parliament to recommend works for creation of durable community assets like drinking water, sanitation, etc. based on locally felt needs.

### Salient features

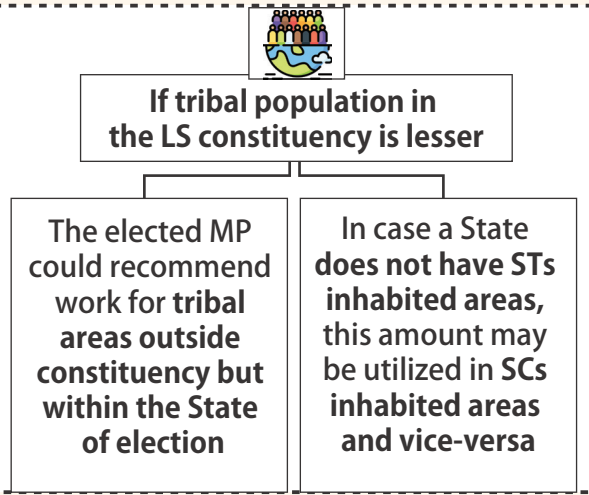
Work to be recommended

MPs	Can recommend
Members of Lok Sabha (LS)	within their Constituencies
Elected Members of Rajya Sabha (RS)	Within the State of Election (with select exceptions)
An elected MP can contribute MPLADS funds to a place outside that State/UT, or outside the constituency within the State (or both) for eligible works up to a maximum of Rs. 25 lakh.	
Nominated Members of LS & RS	Works anywhere in the country

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**Special provisions for Scheduled Castes (SCs) /Scheduled Tribes (STs)**

- ▶ At least 15% of the MPLADS entitlement should be recommended for the year for areas inhabited by SC population and 7.5% for areas inhabited by STs population
- ▶ At least 7.5% of the MPLADS entitlement should be recommended for the year for areas inhabited by ST population.

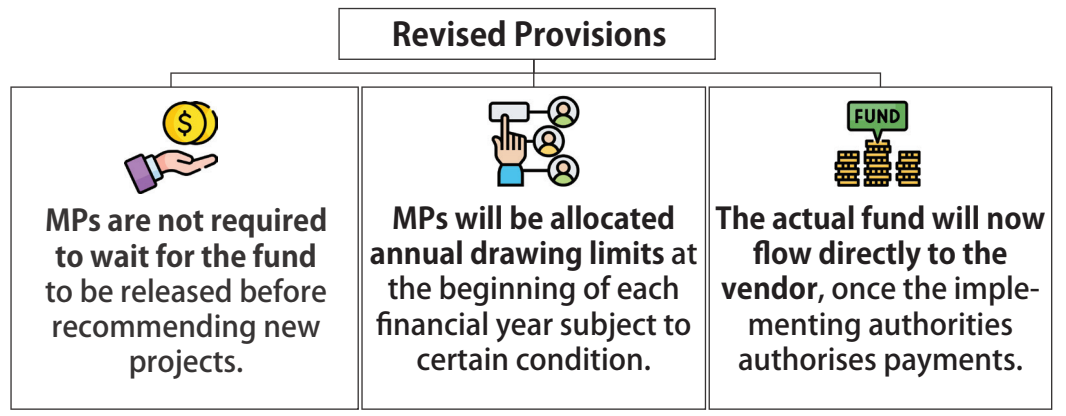


**“Calamity of severe nature” in any part of the country**

- ▶ An MP can recommend works up to a maximum of Rs.1 crore for the affected district.
- ▶ Whether a calamity is of severe nature or not, will be decided by the Government of India.

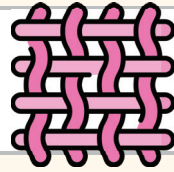
**Revised provisions**

- ▶ Broadens the scope of the Scheme.
- ▶ A new Web-Portal has been launched for ensuring real-time monitoring, greater transparency and accountability in fund flow.



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# 30. Ministry of Textiles



## 30.1. Schemes in news

### 30.1.1. PM MITRA (Pradhan Mantri Mega Integrated Textile Region and Apparel) Park



#### Why in news?

Seven PM Park sites have been approved to be set up one each in Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Gujarat, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra.

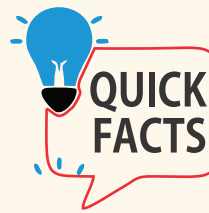
#### Type

Central Sector Scheme



#### Purpose

To attract investment, boost employment generation and position itself strongly in the global textile market



#### 5F Vision

Farm to Fibre to Factory to Fashion to Foreign



#### Tenure

Upto 2027-28



#### Objectives



Promote sustainable industrialization and foster innovation (SDG9), modern industrial infrastructure facility for entire value-chain to reduce logistic cost & improve competitiveness.



#### Salient features

##### Integrated textiles value chain

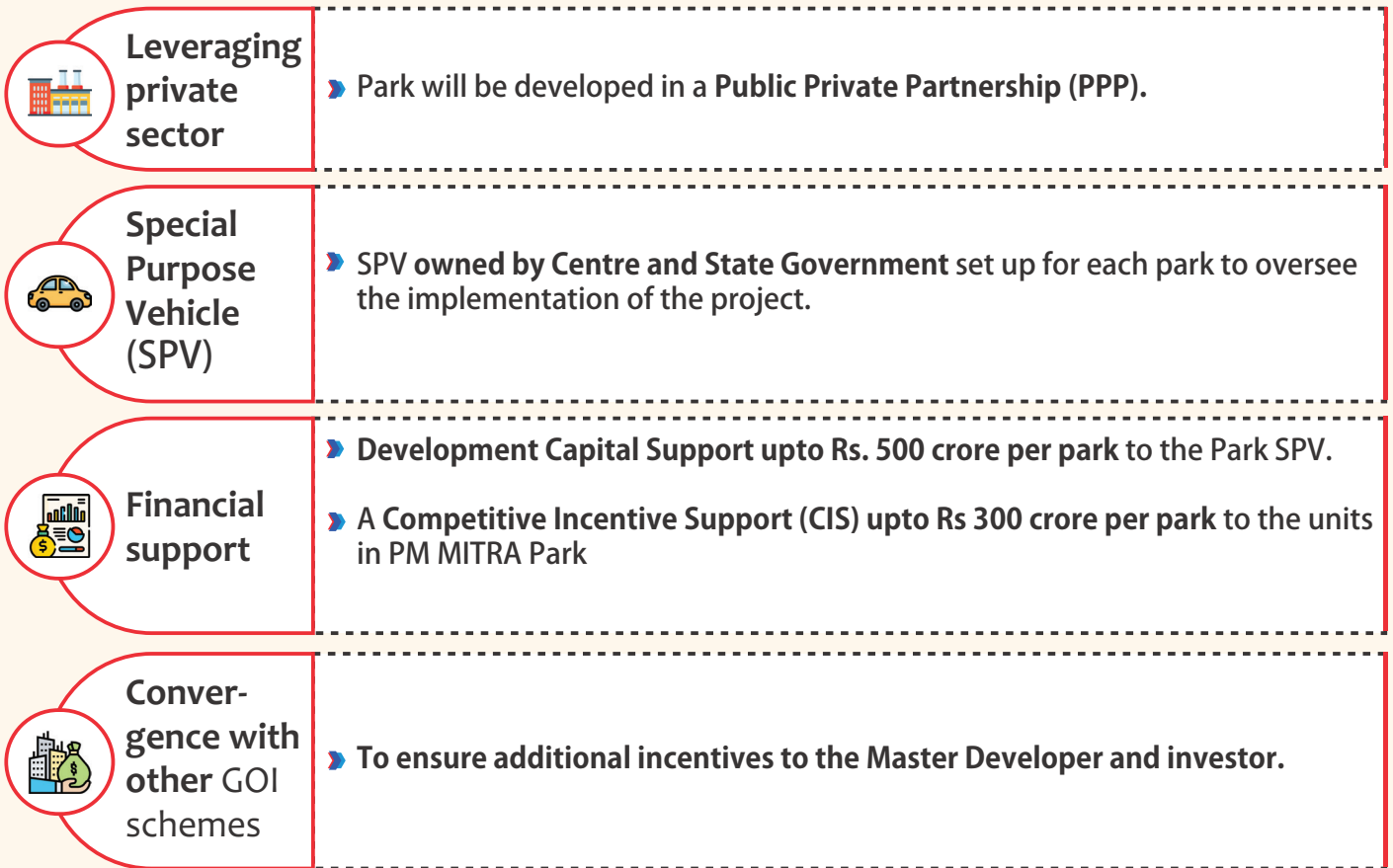
▶ The parks will offer an excellent infrastructure, plug and play facilities as well as training and research facilities for the industry.

##### Facilities at park

- ▶ **Core Infrastructure:** Incubation Centre & Plug & Play facility, Developed Factory Sites, Roads, Power, Water and Waste Water system, etc.
- ▶ **Support Infrastructure:** Workers' hostels & housing, logistics park, warehousing, etc

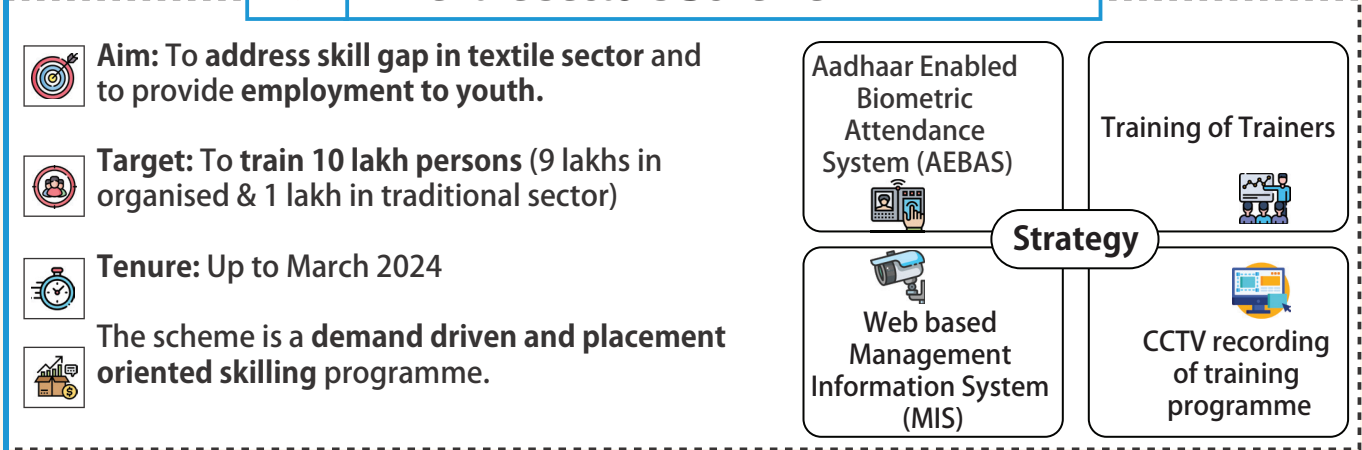
##### Land availability

▶ State governments will provide ready availability of contiguous and encumbrance-free land parcel of 1000+ acres of land.



## 30.2. Other schemes/initiatives in news

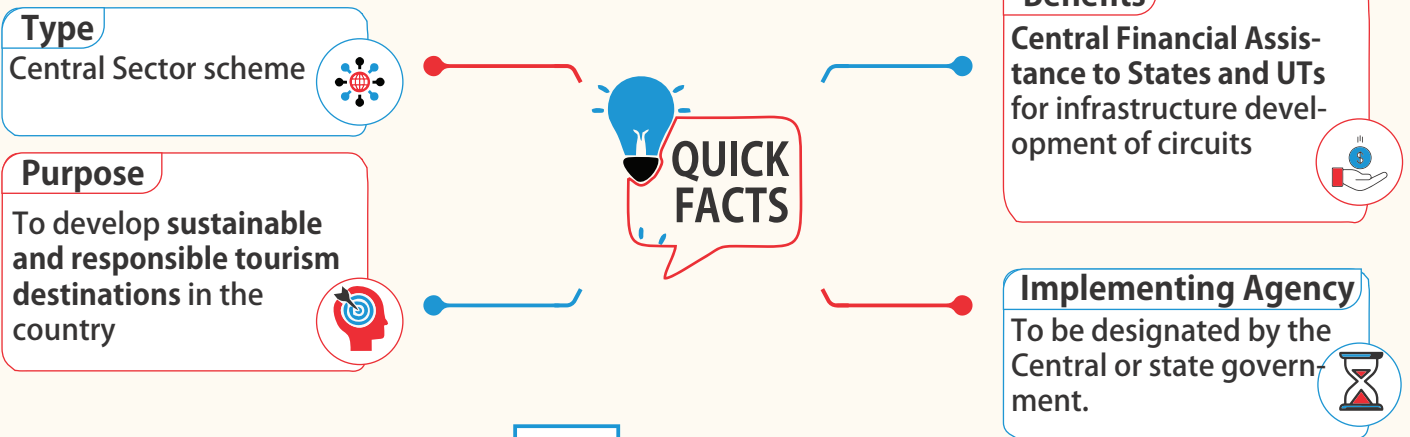
### Samarth Schemes for Capacity Building in Textile sectors Scheme







# 31. Ministry of Tourism (MoT)

## 31.1. Newly Launched Scheme

### 31.1.1. Swadesh Darshan 2.0 (SD2.0)



### Objectives

-  To develop sustainable and responsible tourism destinations covering tourism and allied infrastructure, tourism services, etc.
-  To enhance the contribution of tourism to the local economies.
-  To create jobs, enhance the skills and increase private sector investment in tourism.
-  To preserve and enhance the local cultural and natural resources.

### Salient features

**Background**  
Swadesh Darshan Scheme was launched in 2015, and 76 projects have been Sanctioned under the scheme to date.









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**Principles to be followed under the scheme**

### Key Principles

-  Benchmarks and standards for major tourism
-  Sustainable and responsible tourism
-  Destination and tourist-centric approach
-  Policy and Institutional Reforms
-  Focus on Domestic Tourism
-  Integrated development of tourism destination
-  Operation and maintenance on sustainable basis
-  Synergy with other central and state schemes



**Major themes for Tourism**

### Tourism themes

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Rural Tourism

Beach Tourism


Cruises – Ocean & Inlan

Culture and Heritage

Adventure Tourism







Eco-Tourism

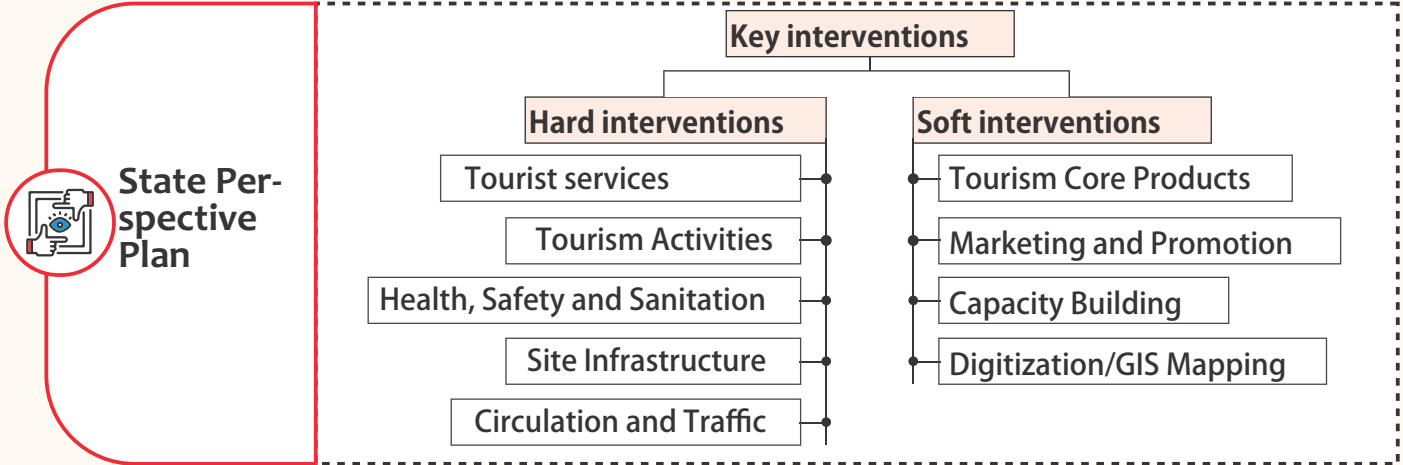
Wellness Tourism



**State Perspective Plan**

### Key factors for deciding potential tourist destination

-  Major tourism attractions, offerings and themes
-  Connectivity by air, rail and road including local travel
-  Connectivity to any tourist circuit
-  Current tourism ecosystem at the destination
-  Future tourism potential at the destination
-  State support for the destination



**State Perspective Plan**

Such projects will not be funded under this Scheme but could be supported by the state under any other scheme.

**Non-admissible Project**

- Non-admissible Project**
- Land acquisition for development
  - Resettlement and rehabilitation package
  - Improvement/ investments in assets/ structures owned by private entities
  - Rejuvenation/ dredging/ development of bunds of a water body (man-made & natural both)

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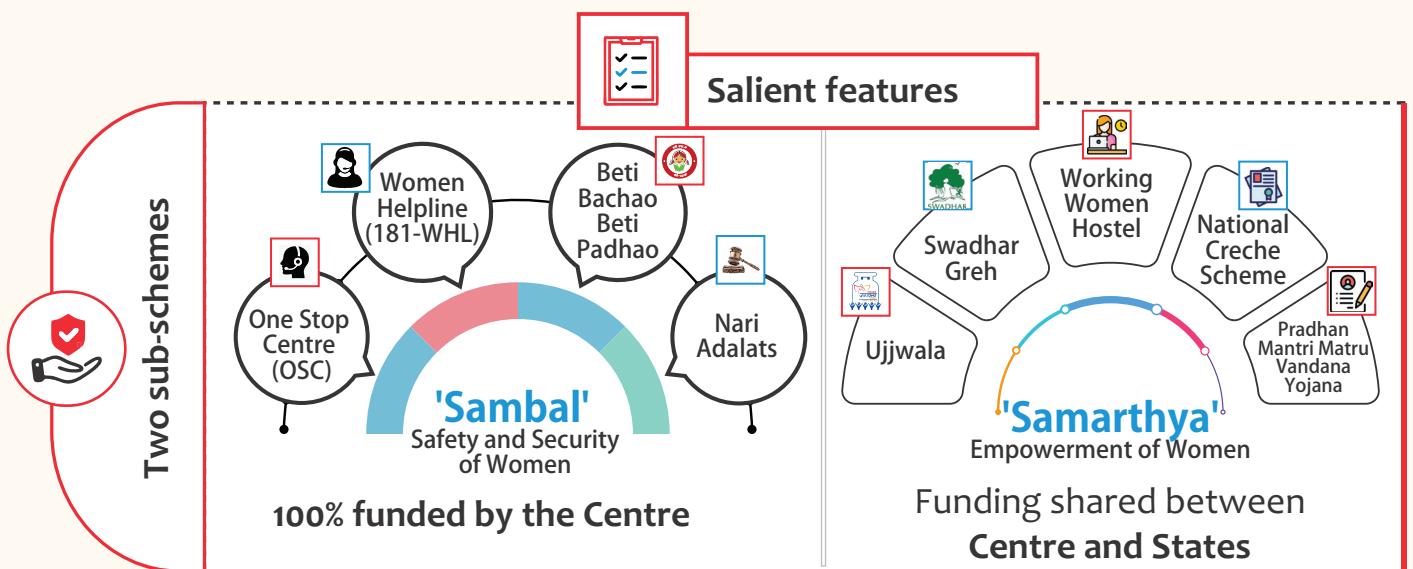
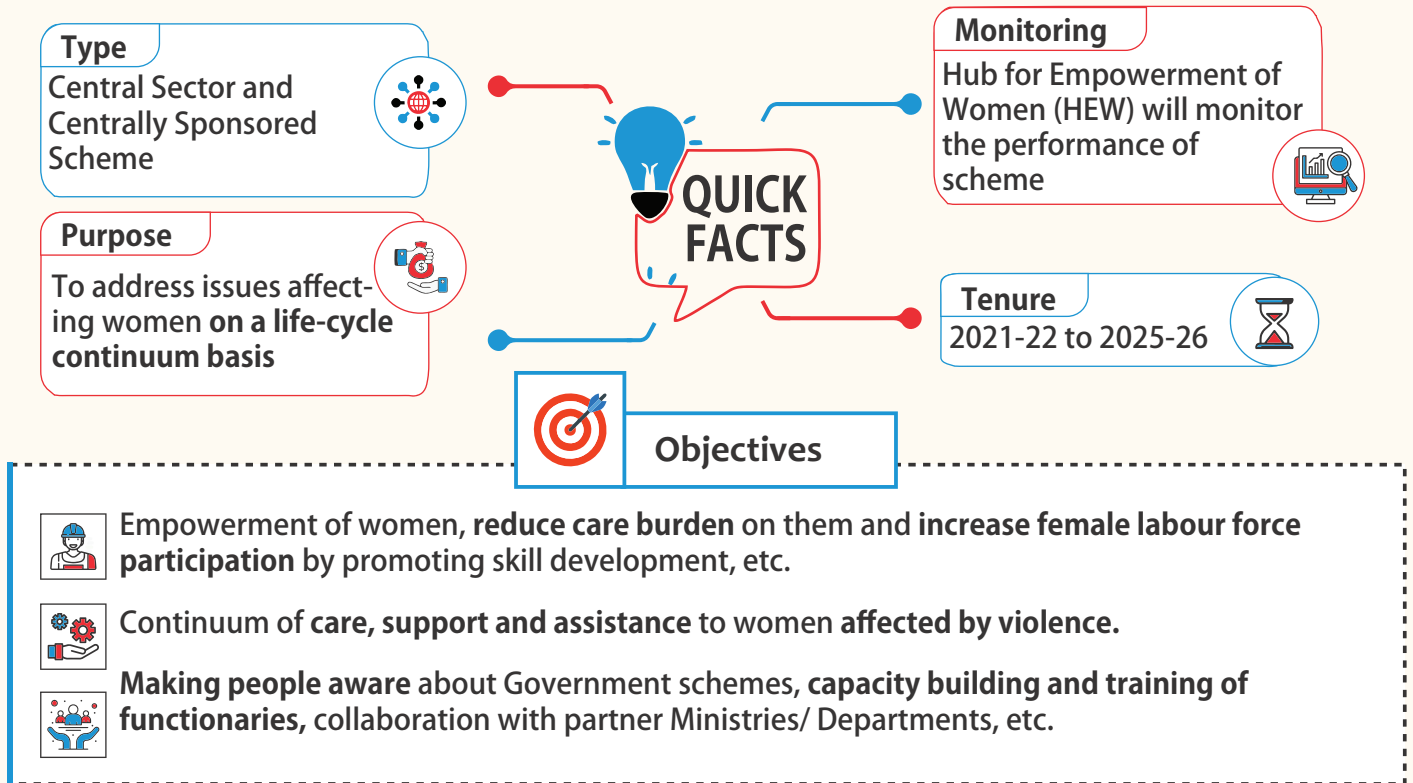
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# 32. Ministry of Women and Child Development



## 32.1. Newly Launched Scheme

### 32.1.1. Mission Shakti: An Integrated Women Empowerment Programme



### Sambal: For safety and security of women



**Women Helpline (WHL)**

**Toll-free 24-hours telecom service to women seeking support and information for all emergency services like police/ fire/ Ambulance services and with OSC.**

**Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP)**

- Covers all the districts of the country through multi-sectoral interventions. It was operational in only in 405 districts earlier.
- Aims for zero-budget advertising.
- Greater spending on activities that have on ground impact, e.g., for promoting sports among girls, self-defence camps, etc.

**Nari Adalats or women collectives**

- **Alternate Grievance Redressal Mechanism** for resolving cases of petty nature (harassment, subversion, etc.) faced by women at Gram Panchayat level.
- Formed of committed and socially respected women.
- No remuneration provided to the selected members.
- Expenses for organising the meetings and for providing the badge/ uniform to the members will be funded by the ministry.

**Nari Adalats or women collectives' will be used for**

for effective public delivery of services

getting feedback for improvement in the schemes

engaging with the public for awareness generation

**Samarthya: For Empowerment of Women**

**Shakti Sadan**

- Integrated Relief and Rehabilitation Home that incorporates the erstwhile Swadhar Greh and Ujjawala Scheme.
- It will be a home for destitute, distressed, marginalized, victims of trafficking, etc.

**Other key supports**

**Financial supports:** Bank accounts will be opened for residents

**Supports to kids of residents:** Children could accompany their mothers at such residents

An amount of Rs. 500 per month per resident shall be deposited

The money cannot be withdrawn by the account holders during their stay in the home

Unmarried girls of any age and boys up to the age of 12 years would be allowed to stay

Boys of more than 12 years of age will be shifted to the Children Homes run under JJ Act/Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS)



**Anti-Human Trafficking Units**

Set up in the districts to facilitate 'reintegration and repatriation' of the victims of trafficking and of commercial sexual exploitation.



**Home for Widows**

- ▶ A Central Sector Component of Umbrella Scheme for protection and Empowerment for Women.
- ▶ To accommodate 1000 widows and provide them a safe and secure place of stay.
- ▶ Facilities for health services, nutritious food, legal and counselling services.



**SakhiNiwas-Working Women**


To promote availability of safe and conveniently located accommodation for working women and other women pursuing higher education or training.



**Palna - Creche facility**

- ▶ To provide crèche facility to all mothers, irrespective of their employment status.

Integrated package (in convergence with Mission Poshan 2.0)

Day care facilities 


Early Stimulation for children below 3 years 

Pre-school Education for 3 to 6 years old children 

Supplementary Nutrition (to be locally sourced) 

Growth Monitoring and Health Check-up 

Immunization 



**Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY) 2.0**

- ▶ It is being implemented as per the National Food Security Act (NFSA), 2013 under the umbrella scheme Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS).



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Support to Pregnant and Lactating Mother

- ▶ Free meal: During pregnancy and six months after the childbirth, through the local Anganwadi
- ▶ Partial compensation for the wage loss (upto Rs 6000)

Improving sex ratio

- ▶ Applicable for the first two living children provided the second child is a girl.
- ▶ Even if the birth during 2nd pregnancy of twins/ triplet/ quadruplet, with one or more children being girl.

Regular monitoring

Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana-Common Application Software (PMMVY-CAS)



**Hub for Empowerment of Women (HEW)**

To facilitate inter-sectoral convergence of schemes and programs meant for women at the central, State/ UT level and district level.



**Gender Budgeting**

- ▶ **Gender Budgeting, Research, Publication & Monitoring schemes** have been included under this component.
- ▶ A new component of **Gap Funding** for Economic Empowerment has also been added.

**NOTE:**

- ▶ Gender Budgeting was adopted by the Government of India in **2005-06** as a tool for promoting gender equality and ensuring continued investments through Government planning and budgeting.
- ▶ Financing for gender equality is central to mitigate gender inequalities, and Gender Budgeting is a critical strategy in this endeavour.
- ▶ Sub-schemes of **Mahila Shakti Kendra (MSK)** and **Mahila Police Voluntee(MPV)** have been discontinued.

### Other key provisions




**Convergence**

- ▶ Convergence strategy efficiently and effectively through schemes and efforts to realize desired outcomes.




**Approval of proposals**

- ▶ A **Programme Approval Board (PAB)** constituted by the MoWCD to approve financial proposal of the States/UTs.




**Geo-tagging**

- ▶ **All institutions** supported by the Ministry would be geo tagged in order to map, analyse and monitor on a real time basis.



**Social Audit**

- ▶ **Direct feedback** will also be obtained from those who have availed the services under the scheme through appropriate evidence gathering methods



**Mandatory conditions to be fulfilled by State governments**


- ▶ **Full compliance with the official name of all Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSSs)** and any guidelines/instructions issued by the Centre regarding branding of CSSs, in all schemes of the Ministry.



**Mandatory conditions to be fulfilled by State governments**

▶ Full compliance with **Department of Expenditure instructions**-regarding the new procedure for release of funds under the CSSs or any other instruction on the subject, issued from time to time.

### 32.1.1.1. Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP)



**QUICK FACTS**

**Purpose**

Creating behavioural and social change in the way the girl child is perceived across the country

**Cash benefits**


No provision for Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) or creation of capital assets

**Financing**







100% funding will be provided by the Central Government

**Coverage**

All the districts of the country




**Objectives**

-  Improvement in the Sex Ratio at Birth (SRB) by 2 points every year
-  Improvement in the percentage of institutional deliveries or sustained at the rate of 95% or above
-  1% increase in 1st Trimester Anti-Natal Care (ANC) Registration per year
-  1% increase in enrolment at secondary education level and skilling of girls/ women per year
-  To check dropout rate among girls at secondary and higher secondary levels
-  Raising awareness about safe Menstrual Hygiene Management (MHM)



**Salient features**



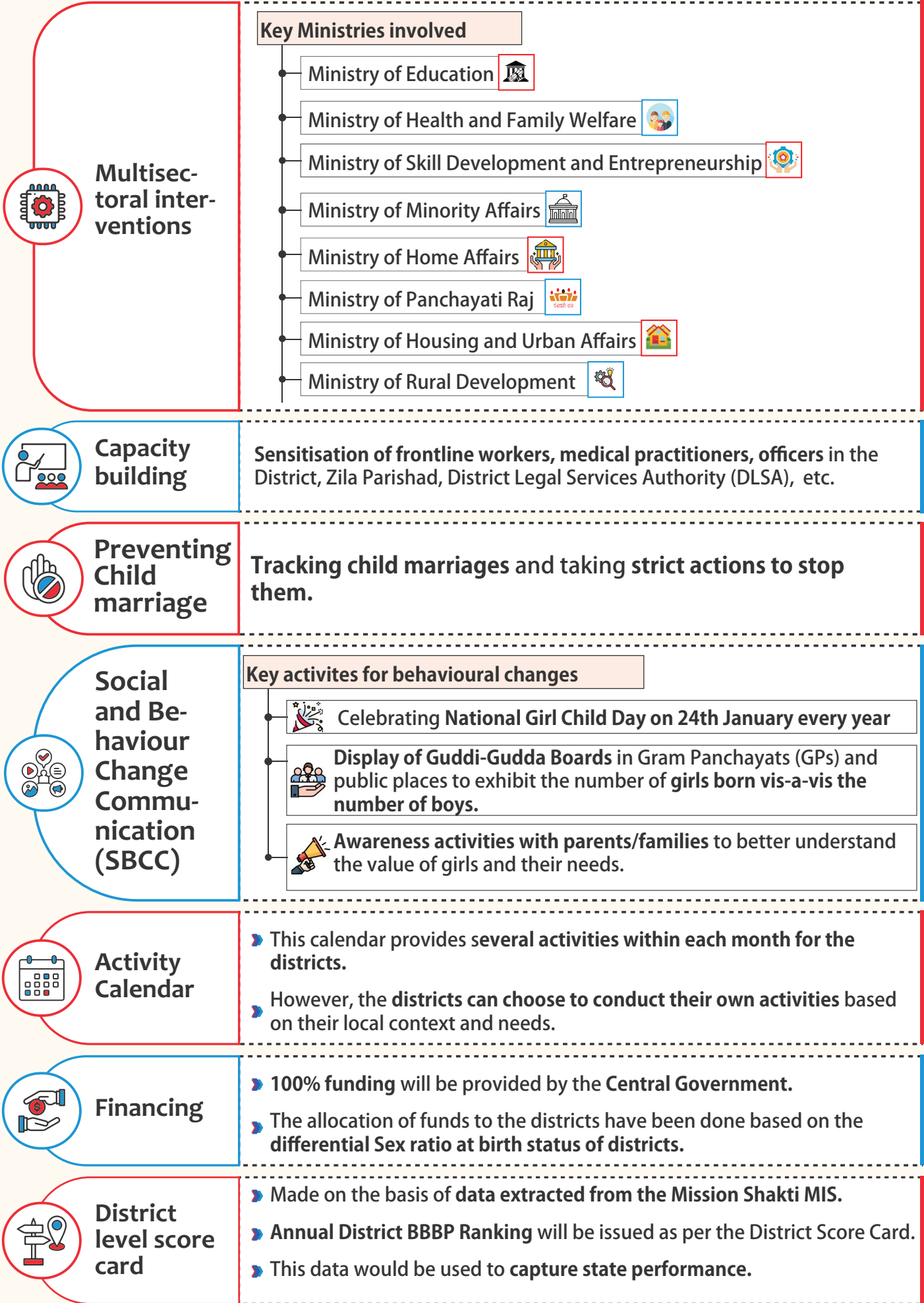
**Background**

BBBP Scheme was launched in 2015 to address the issue of decline in Child Sex Ratio (CSR) along with related issues in a life cycle continuum.



**Prime focus**

Creating behavioural and social change in the way the girl child is perceived across the country by informing, influencing, motivating, engaging and empowering all stakeholders





**Implementation**

A committee headed by the Secretary, MoWCD, made under the Mission Shakti mandate, will be the Apex Committee to review implementation.

**32.1.2. Saksham Anganwadi And Poshan 2.0**

**Centrally Sponsored Scheme**

**QUICK FACTS**

- Type:** Centrally Sponsored Scheme
- Purpose:** To address the challenges of malnutrition through a strategic shift in nutrition content and delivery
- Evaluation of the scheme:** By a third party of repute to be nominated by the MoWCD
- Tenure:** 2021-22 to 2025-26

**Objectives**

- To contribute to human capital development of the country and address challenges of malnutrition
- To promote nutritional awareness and good eating habits for sustainable health and wellbeing

**Salient features**

**Background**

**Beneficiaries**














**Key components**

- It is an **Integrated Nutrition Support Programme** under the National Food Security Act, 2013
- Earlier the scheme was known as **Anganwadi Services Scheme (ASS)**
- Three of the six services are provided through NHM & Public Health Infrastructure.

- Children upto the age of 6 years
- Pregnant Women and Lactating Mothers (PW&LM)
- Adolescent Girls (14-18 years) in Aspirational Districts and North Eastern States

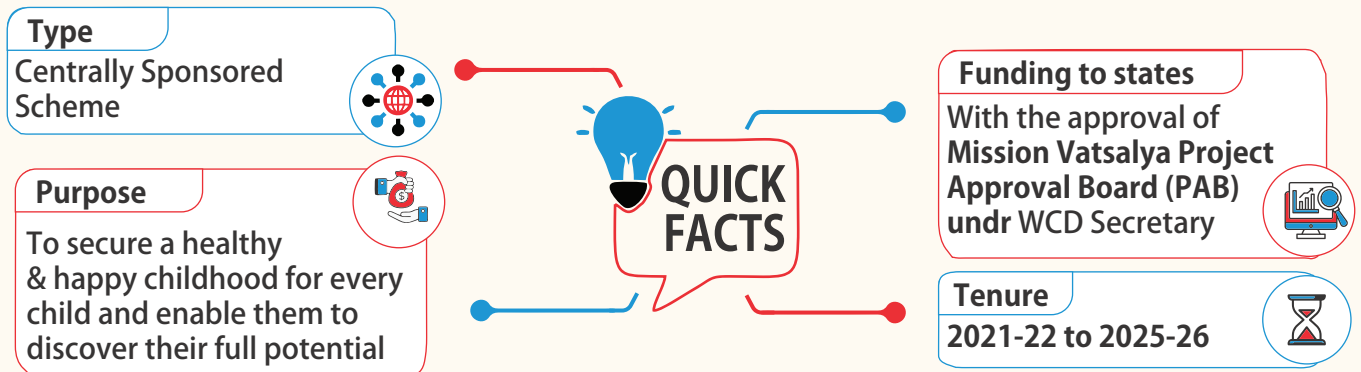
- Nutrition Support for POSHAN and adolescent girls
- Early Childhood Care and Education or ECCE (3-6 years) and early stimulation for (0-3 years)
- 2 lakh AWCs @ 40,000 AWCs per year shall be strengthened, upgraded as Shaksham Anganwadi across the country
- Poshan Abhiyaan for converting the agenda of improving nutrition into a Jan Andolan.

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 <p><b>Diet diversity</b></p>	 <p><b>Local dietary inputs and fresh produce</b> (green vegetables, fruits, medicinal plants and herbs), <b>fortified rice and millets shall be actively encouraged</b></p>	 <p><b>Millets should be mandatorily supplied at least once a week and suitably integrated in Take Home Ration</b> (not raw ration) and <b>Hot Cooked Meals (HCM)</b> in a palatable form</p>	
 <p><b>Poshan Vatikas</b></p>	<p>POSHAN Vatikas (kitchen gardens and nutri-gardens) shall be <b>set up at or near Anganwadi Centres</b>, wherever possible and in <b>Government led schools and Gram Panchayat lands</b>.</p>		
 <p><b>Leveraging of traditional knowledge</b></p>	<p>Reduce child wasting and under-weight prevalence besides stunting and anaemia through <b>AYUSH practices</b>.</p>		
 <p><b>Community support</b></p>	<p><b>Anganwadi Workers shall elicit community support and participation</b> in running the programme.</p>		
 <p><b>Poshan Tracker</b></p>	<div style="display: flex; flex-wrap: wrap;"> <div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 5px; margin: 5px; width: 50%;"> <p><b>1</b> Technology platform POSHAN TRACKER will enhance transparency</p> </div> <div style="border: 2px solid purple; padding: 5px; margin: 5px; width: 50%;"> <p><b>2</b> Dynamic Identification of nutrition deficiencies among beneficiaries</p> </div> <div style="border: 2px solid blue; padding: 5px; margin: 5px; width: 50%;"> <p><b>3</b> Last mile tracking of nutrition service delivery</p> </div> <div style="border: 2px solid grey; padding: 5px; margin: 5px; width: 50%;"> <p><b>4</b> Conducive environment for early child development at Saksham Anganwadis</p> </div> </div>		
 <p><b>Registration of beneficiary</b></p>	 <p><b>Beneficiary has to be registered</b> at the nearest <b>Anganwadi Centre with Aadhaar identification</b></p>	 <p><b>A child's Aadhaar card shall not be mandatory</b> and benefits can be accessed using the mother's Aadhaar card</p>	 <p><b>Assistance shall be extended to a beneficiary in obtaining Aadhaar Card</b></p>
 <p><b>Role of DM</b></p>	<p><b>District Magistrate (DM) shall be the Nodal Point in the district</b> for monitoring nutritional status and quality standards</p>		
 <p><b>Social Audit</b></p>	<p><b>Social Audit shall be undertaken by stakeholders</b>, such as the Poshan Panchayats, Mothers' Groups and Village Health Sanitation and Nutrition committee (VHSNCs).</p>		

**NOTE:** POSHAN Abhiyaan 1.0 (National Nutrition Mission) was launched in 2018. The Policy targeted to reduce stunting, under-nutrition, anaemia (among young children, women and adolescent girls) and reduce low birth weight by 2%, 2%, 3% and 2% per annum respectively.

### 32.1.3. Mission Vatsalya



### Objectives

- Ensuring Children’s right to Survival, Development, Protection and Participation.
- Encourage private sector partnerships and interventions to support children
- Raise public awareness and engage community at all levels and local bodies as stakeholder in ensuring the best interest of children.
- Build capacities of duty holders & service providers at all levels.

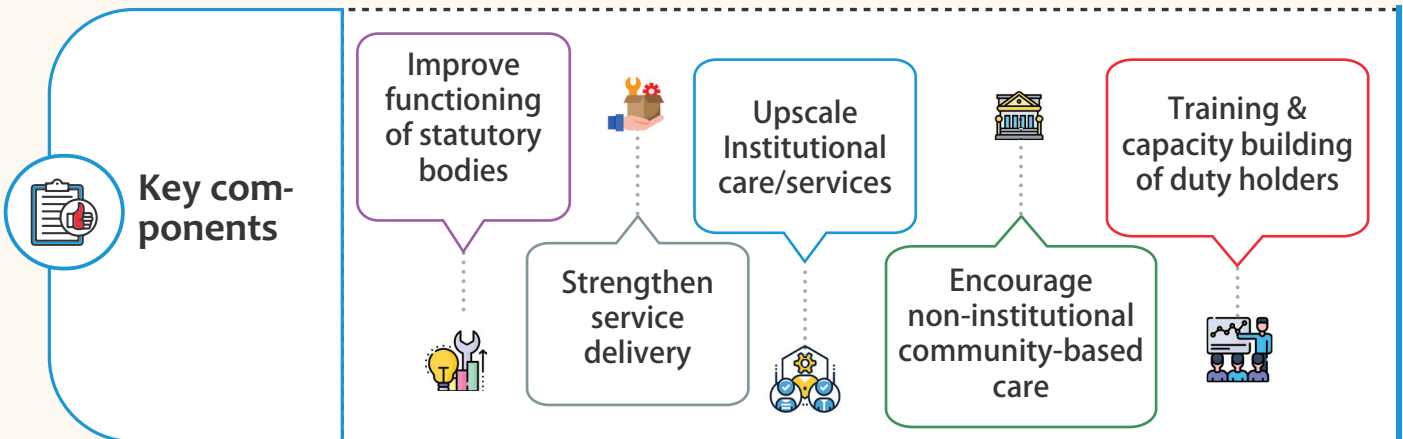
### Salient features

**Background**

- The mission incorporates erstwhile Child Protection Services (CPS) and also child welfare services.
- Emphasis on **child rights, advocacy and awareness** along with **strengthening of the juvenile justice care and protection system.**
- Motto - 'leave no child behind'.

**Legislative mandates for the scheme**

- Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act (JJ Act), 2015
- Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012







## Institutional Services

- ▶ **Child Care Institutions (CCIs):** State Government is mandated to establish them in every district or group of districts for residential care of Children.
- ▶ **Swachhata Action Plan (SAP):** To be developed by States/UTs for CCIs.




### Types of CCIs


- ▶ **For Children in Need of Care and Protection (CNCP):** Children's Homes, Open Shelters, Specialized Adoption Agencies (SAA), Cradle Baby Reception Centre.
- ▶ **For Children in Conflict with Law (CCL):** Observation Homes, Special Home, Place of Safety.
- ▶ **Vatsalya Sadan:** CCIs, Juvenile Justice Board, and Child Welfare Committee within single premises for implementation of the JJ Act, 2015

## Non Institutional Care Services for children

 <p><b>Sponsorship</b></p> <p>Financial support to vulnerable children living with extended families/biological relatives</p>	 <p><b>Foster Care</b></p> <p>Financial support to biologically unrelated Foster Parents for nurturing the child.</p>	 <p><b>Adoption</b></p> <p>Facilitated by the Specialized Adoption Agencies (SAA)</p>	 <p><b>After Care</b></p> <p>Financial support to children who are leaving a CCI on completion of 18 years of age (support up to 21 years extendable up to 23 years of age)</p>
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## Children under PM CARES

 <p><b>For non-institutional care</b></p> <p>Financial support at the rate of Rs. 4000/- per month per child (in account with guardian)</p>	 <p><b>For child in institutional care</b></p> <p>A maintenance grant @ Rs. 3000/- per month to Child Care Institutions</p>	 <p><b>Support by State</b></p> <p>Any provision for subsistence support under the State scheme may also be provided additionally to the children</p>
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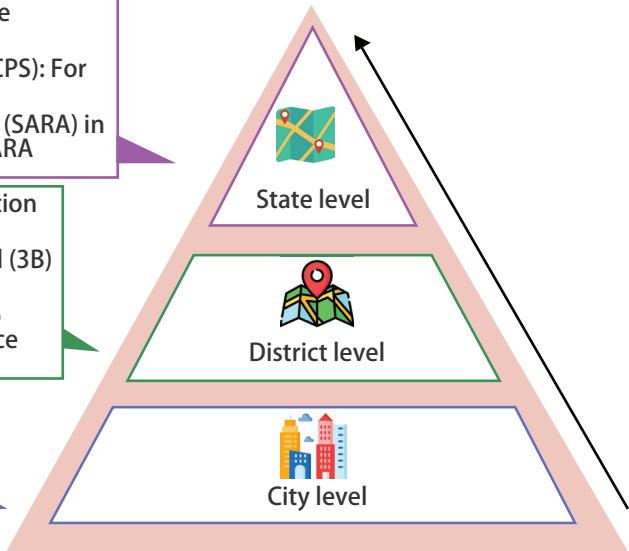


**Institutional framework for implementation**

- ▶ State Child Welfare and Protection Committee: For supervision of the Scheme..
- ▶ State Child Protection Society (SCPS): For implementation of the scheme.
- ▶ State Adoption Resource Agency (SARA) in every State/UT To support the CARA


- ▶ District Child Welfare and Protection Committee under the District Magistrate Juvenile Justice Board (3B) under the implement the JJ Act
- ▶ Special Juvenile Police Units in to coordinate and upgrade the police interface with children

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State level  
District level  
City level





\*Special Juvenile Police units have police officers designated as Child Welfare Officers to coordinate and upgrade the police interface with children.



**Mission Vatsalya Portal**

- ▶ A unified Digital Platform for various MIS related to children in difficult circumstances.

**Mission Vatsalya Portal will integrate**

			
TrackChild (for Missing/ Found Children)	CARINGS (for the adoption of Children)	Khoya-Paya (Citizen centric application for Missing and Sighted)	Integrated child protection scheme (ICPS) portal (for monitoring the scheme)



**Child Helpline**

- ▶ Mission Vatsalya, in partnership with states and districts, will execute a 24×7 helpline service for children, as defined under JJ Act, 2015.



**Obligations for states**

- ▶ In order to access Central funds and benefits under the scheme states will have to retain the official name, as given by the Centre.

# 33. NITI AAYOG



## 33.1. Newly Launched Scheme



### Aspirational Block Programme



**Background:** Based on the model of Aspirational District Programme



**Aim:** Saturation of essential government services such as health, nutrition, education, agriculture, water resources, financial inclusion, skill development, and basic infrastructure.



**Coverage:** 500 blocks in the country

## 33.2. Other schemes/initiatives in news



### Transformation of Aspirational Districts Programme (TADP)



**Aim:** To quickly and effectively transform some of the most underdeveloped districts of the country.



**Coverage:** 112 Aspirational Districts (initially 117) were chosen on basis of poverty, poor health, education and basic Infrastructure deficit.



Programme focuses on the strength of each district, identify low-hanging fruits for immediate improvement.



Programme is tracked by 49 indicators across 5 core thematic areas



Dashboard captures progress on real time basis.

Three core principles of the programme

Competition among districts

Convergence (of Central & State Schemes)

Collaboration (among citizens and government (Centre, State, district) functionaries)

#### THEMES



HEALTH & NUTRITION  
30%



EDUCATION  
30%



AGRICULTURE & WATER RESOURCES  
20%



FINANCIAL INCLUSION  
5%



SKILL DEVELOPMENT  
5%



BASIC INFRASTRUCTURE  
10%

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