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# **SCHEMES/YOJNAS - PART 3/3**

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# **CULTURE AND TOURISM**

#### **SWADESH DARSHAN**

Develops theme-based tourist circuits to promote cultural, heritage, and natural tourism.

#### Objectives/Aim:

- Promote sustainable tourism via integrated circuit development.
- Enhance tourist experience with infrastructure.
- Generate jobs, support local economies.
- Highlight India's heritage; boost domestic tourism (Dekho Apna Desh).

Functioning under: Ministry of Tourism

Launched on: January 2015 (SD 1.0); July 2022 (SD 2.0)

Type: Central Scheme

#### **Salient Features:**

- SD 1.0: 15 circuits (e.g., Buddhist, Coastal, Ramayana).
- SD 2.0: 57 destinations, sustainable focus; 100% centrally funded.
- Infrastructure: roads, signage, digital tools (apps, virtual tours).
- Community-based; leverages CSR, PPPs.
- Challenge-Based sub-scheme for Spiritual, Ecotourism themes.

#### **Expected Outcomes:**

- Develop 100+ destinations; 10 million jobs by 2030.
- Raise tourism GDP share from 7.9% to 10%.
- Attract 300 crore domestic tourists annually.

#### **Targets Achieved:**

• SD 1.0: 76 projects (₹5,287.90 crore), 75 completed by 2024.

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- SD 2.0: 29 experiences (₹644.44 crore) sanctioned.
- Ramayana, Buddhist circuits: 90%+ progress.

#### Other Important Information:



Aligns with PRASHAD, Make in India; Budget 2024-25:
 ₹1,300 crore.

• Key projects: Ayodhya, Bodhgaya, Goa.

**UPSC Note**: Study tourism GDP, job stats for mains.

#### Criticism:

- Delays due to land, forest clearances.
- Uneven progress; focus on popular circuits.
- Limited private investment; COVID-19 delays.

# PRASHAD (PILGRIMAGE REJUVENATION AND SPIRITUAL, HERITAGE AUGMENTATION DRIVE)

Enhances infrastructure at pilgrimage/heritage sites for religious, cultural tourism.

#### Objectives/Aim:

- Develop pilgrimage sites sustainably.
- Improve connectivity, amenities.
- Promote local culture, jobs.
- Preserve spiritual heritage.

Functioning under: Ministry of Tourism (NMCG)

Launched on: 2014-15; renamed PRASHAD (October 2017)

Type: Central Scheme

#### **Salient Features:**

- 100% centrally funded; covers 57 sites (e.g., Kamakhya, Hazratbal).
- Projects: ghats, illumination, parking, facilitation centers.
- Integrates HRIDAY (discontinued 2017); uses CSR, PPPs.
- Focus on eco-friendly, community-based tourism.

#### **Expected Outcomes:**

- Develop 60+ sites; attract 5 crore pilgrims by 2027.
- Create 1 lakh direct, 5 lakh indirect jobs.
- Enhance pilgrim experience, local economies.

#### **Targets Achieved:**

- 48 projects (₹1,646.99 crore); 23 completed by 2024.
- Key completions: Guruvayur, Srisailam; Kamakhya footfall up 20%.

#### **Notes**

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#### **Other Important Information:**

- Aligns with Swadesh Darshan, Dekho Apna Desh; Budget 2024-25: ₹200 crore.
- Supports Jan Bhagidari initiatives.

**UPSC Note**: Study project completion rates, pilgrimage tourism stats for mains.

#### Criticism:

- 50% completion rate; delays of 1-2 years.
- Overcrowding at major sites persists.
- Limited focus on lesser-known sites; low community engagement.

#### SWAR DHAROHAR FESTIVAL

Promotes India's musical heritage via festivals to boost tourism, preserve traditions.

#### Objectives/Aim:

- Showcase classical, folk music to global audiences.
- Promote cultural tourism, artist livelihoods.
- Foster youth awareness of musical heritage.
- Support Atmanirbhar Bharat via indigenous arts.

Functioning under: Ministry of Culture (Sangeet Natak Akademi,

ZCCs)

Launched on: Not standalone; events held periodically (e.g.,

2018, 2023)

Type: Central Scheme

#### Salient Features:

- Festivals at heritage sites (e.g., Varanasi, Himalayan regions).
- Features local artists, classical/folk performances.
- Integrates with Swadesh Darshan, PRASHAD; uses digital outreach.

#### **Expected Outcomes:**

- Attract 10 lakh tourists annually by 2027.
- Create 50,000 jobs; preserve endangered music traditions.

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#### Targets Achieved:



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2023 Varanasi festival: 50,000+ attendees.

• Himalayan events boosted tourism 10%.

#### **Other Important Information:**

Aligns with Dekho Apna Desh; supports Kumbh Mela events.

**UPSC Note**: Study cultural tourism, artist inclusion stats for mains.

#### Criticism:

- No formal scheme structure; sporadic events.
- Limited rural artist reach; inconsistent funding.
- Overlap with other cultural initiatives.

# SCHEME FOR DEVELOPMENT OF THE CULTURAL HERITAGE OF THE HIMALAYAS

Preserves Himalayan cultural heritage to boost tourism, livelihoods.

#### Objectives/Aim:

- Safeguard Himalayan art, music, festivals.
- Promote sustainable tourism via cultural circuits.
- Empower local communities with skills, jobs.
- Support eco-friendly practices; align with Atmanirbhar Bharat.

Functioning under: Ministry of Culture (IGNCA, state departments)

Launched on: Not standalone; under Swadesh Darshan's

Himalayan Circuit (2014-15)

**Type**: Central Scheme

#### **Salient Features:**

- Covers Himalayan states (e.g., Sikkim, Uttarakhand).
- Preserves monasteries, folk arts; builds cultural centers.
- Community-based; funded via grants, CSR.

#### **Expected Outcomes:**

- Develop 20 sites; attract 1 crore tourists by 2030.
- Create 2 lakh jobs; preserve 100+ art forms.

#### **Targets Achieved:**

- 5 projects (₹200 crore) sanctioned by 2023.
- Sikkim, Himachal festivals boosted tourism 15%.

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#### **Other Important Information:**



Aligns with Vibrant Villages, Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat.

**UPSC Note**: Study Himalayan tourism, biodiversity stats for mains.

#### Criticism:

- No dedicated framework; slow implementation.
- Limited funding for tribal cultures; environmental concerns.

# **TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION**

#### **BHARAT GEN**

Develops indigenous generative AI to enhance India's AI ecosystem.

#### Objectives/Aim:

- Build AI models for India's linguistic diversity.
- Foster innovation in healthcare, education, governance.
- Ensure data sovereignty; support Atmanirbhar Bharat.
- Create jobs, position India as AI leader.

#### **Functioning under:**

Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY);

IndiaAI Mission

Launched on: July 23, 2024 (Budget 2024-25)

Type: Central Scheme

#### Salient Features:

- Part of IndiaAI Mission (₹10,371 crore); supports startups, academia.
- Focus on multilingual LLMs; uses NSM compute infrastructure.
- Grants, incubation, PPPs for AI development.

#### **Expected Outcomes:**

- Develop 5-10 AI models by 2027; create 50,000 jobs.
- Contribute 1% to GDP; enhance governance, healthcare.

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#### **Targets Achieved:**

R&D, startup funding initiated 2024-25; 10,000 GPUs under development.

#### **Other Important Information:**



Aligns with Digital India, NSM; supports ethical AI.

**UPSC Note**: Study IndiaAI Mission pillars, AI GDP impact for mains.

#### Criticism:

- No clear roadmap; NSM compute issues.
- Data privacy risks; limited private sector expertise.

# ADITI (ACING DEVELOPMENT OF INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGIES WITH iDEX)

Promotes defence tech innovation via startups, MSMEs under iDEX.

#### Objectives/Aim:

- Develop 30 deep-tech defence technologies.
- Reduce import dependency; boost exports.
- Create Technology Watch Tool; support Atmanirbhar Bharat.
- Empower youth, startups in defence.

Functioning under: Ministry of Defence (iDEX-DIO)

Launched on: March 4, 2024

Type: Central Scheme

#### **Salient Features:**

- ₹750 crore (2023-26); grants up to ₹25 crore/startup.
- Covers AI, quantum tech, anti-drone systems.
- ADITI 3.0 (2024): Focus on High-Power Microwave Weapons.
- Supports 10 incubators; integrates with iDEX Prime, DISC.

#### **Expected Outcomes:**

- Develop 30 technologies; create 50,000 jobs by 2026.
- Cut imports 20%; boost exports to ₹50,000 crore.

#### Targets Achieved:

- 17 challenges (ADITI 1.0), 7 (ADITI 3.0) by 2024.
- 300+ startups funded under iDEX.

#### Other Important Information:

Aligns with DAP 2020, Make in India; DefConnect 4.0 showcased progress.



**UPSC Note**: Study defence export targets, iDEX framework for mains.

Criticism:

- High funding caps favor established startups.
- Slow prototype adoption; bureaucratic delays.
- Limited dual-use tech focus.

#### NATIONAL SUPERCOMPUTING MISSION (NSM)

Builds indigenous supercomputing infrastructure for research, innovation.

#### Objectives/Aim:

- Deploy 73 supercomputers (16 petaflops) by 2023.
- Indigenize PARAM series; support AI, climate modeling.
- Train 4,500+ researchers; align with Digital India.

Functioning under: MeitY, DST; C-DAC, IISc

Launched on: March 2015

Type: Central Scheme

#### Salient Features:

- ₹4,500 crore; three phases (6, 8, 59 supercomputers).
- PARAM Shakti (IIT Kharagpur); supports Bharat Gen, IndiaAI.
- Applications: weather, bioinformatics, AI.

### **Expected Outcomes:**

- 16 petaflops capacity; benefit 1 lakh researchers.
- Train 5,000 HPC/AI professionals; top 10 global ranking.

#### Targets Achieved:

- 24 supercomputers, 16 petaflops by 2023.
- 4,500+ researchers trained; Param Siddhi-AI ranked 62nd (2020).

### Other Important Information:

C-DAC's Rudra chip by 2026; aligns with NKN.

**UPSC Note**: Study compute capacity, HPC applications for mains.

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Criticism:



- Underutilized capacity; audit recommended.
- Slow indigenization; urban-centric training.
- High costs limit small institution access.

# NATIONAL INITIATIVE FOR DEVELOPING AND HARNESSING INNOVATIONS (NIDHI)

Nurtures tech-driven startups via funding, incubation.

#### Objectives/Aim:

- Support 3,000 startups; foster biotech, agritech innovation.
- Build entrepreneurial ecosystem; promote Atmanirbhar Bharat.
- Convert ideas into commercial prototypes.

Functioning under: DST; NSTEDB, TBIs

Launched on: 2016

Type: Central Scheme

#### **Salient Features:**

- Components: PRAYAS (₹10 lakh), TBI, SSS, Accelerator, CoE.
- Supports 75 bio-incubators (BIRAC), 25 agri-incubators (ICAR).
- Collaborates with iDEX; managed by SINE, IIT Bombay.

#### **Expected Outcomes:**

- Support 3,000 startups; create 1 lakh jobs by 2025.
- Develop 500+ products; improve GII ranking (40th, 2022).

#### **Targets Achieved:**

- 900+ biotech projects; 75 bio-incubators by 2023.
- ₹500 crore disbursed; products like SWITCH UAV developed.

#### **Other Important Information:**

Aligns with Startup India; supports iTBI (2022-23).

**UPSC Note**: Study startup funding, GII ranking for mains.

#### Criticism:

- Urban-centric TBIs; slow fund disbursal.
- High PRAYAS rejection rates; scheme overlap.



### **GENOME INDIA PROJECT (GIP)**

Maps genetic diversity by sequencing 10,000 genomes for precision medicine.

#### Objectives/Aim:

- Create reference database; develop diagnostic tools.
- Enable precision medicine; foster global research.
- Inspire youth in genomics.

Functioning under: DBT; IBDC, Faridabad

Launched on: January 2020

Type: Central Scheme

#### **Salient Features:**

- Involves 20 institutions; uses NGS for sequencing.
- Data at IBDC; FeED for ethical sharing.
- Budget: ₹600 crore (2020-25).

#### **Expected Outcomes:**

- Sequence 10,000 genomes; benefit 1 crore researchers.
- Develop 10+ diagnostic tools by 2027.
- Reduce healthcare costs; global genomics hub.

#### **Targets Achieved:**

- 10,000 genomes sequenced by 2025; IBDC portals launched.
- Nature Genetics manuscript published (2025).

#### Other Important Information:

Aligns with IndiGen, NHM; supports AI-driven genomics.

**UPSC Note**: Study genomic applications, health policy for mains.

#### Criticism:

- Data privacy, ethical concerns.
- High costs; limited ethnic diversity in sampling.

## INDIGEN GENOME PROJECT

Sequences 1,000 Indian genomes for genetic diversity, precision medicine.

#### Objectives/Aim:

• Map genetic variants for disease, drug response.

#### **Notes**



Develop affordable genetic testing.

• Build genomic research capacity.

Functioning under: CSIR; CSIR-IGIB, CCMB

Launched on: April 2019

Type: Central Scheme

#### **Salient Features:**

• Sequences 1,000 diverse genomes; uses NGS for SNPs.

• Budget: ₹50 crore (2019-21).

• IndiGenome card for genetic testing.

#### **Expected Outcomes:**

• Map 1,000 genomes; aid 50 lakh patients.

• Develop 5+ diagnostic tools; train 1,000 researchers.

#### **Targets Achieved:**

 1,029 genomes sequenced by 2021; IndiGenome card launched.

• Variants for cardiovascular diseases identified.

#### **Other Important Information:**

Precursor to GIP; aligns with NHM.

**UPSC** Note: Study genetic testing, health policy for mains.

#### Criticism:

Limited scale vs. GIP; data privacy issues.

Slow healthcare integration; high testing costs.

## PM-WANI (WI-FI ACCESS NETWORK INTERFACE)

Expands public Wi-Fi to bridge digital divide.

#### Objectives/Aim:

Provide affordable broadband in rural/urban areas.

• Deploy 1 crore hotspots by 2025.

Promote digital inclusion; support PDO entrepreneurs.

Functioning under: MeitY; DoT, C-DOT

Launched on: December 9, 2020

**Type**: Central Scheme

Salient Features:



PDOs provide Wi-Fi without licensing.

- Interoperable via PM-WANI app; no spectrum fees.
- Budget: ₹10,000 crore; integrates with BharatNet.

#### **Expected Outcomes:**

- 1 crore hotspots; connect 50 crore users.
- Create 1 lakh jobs; boost rural internet to 70%.

#### **Targets Achieved:**

2 lakh PDOs, 5 lakh hotspots by 2024; 10 crore+ users.

#### **Other Important Information:**

Aligns with Digital India, Smart Cities; supports e-governance.

**UPSC Note**: Study internet penetration, PDO stats for mains.

#### Criticism:

- Slow rural rollout; low PDO awareness.
- Cybersecurity risks; aggregator monopolies.

# WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

#### **BETI BACHAO BETI PADHAO (BBBP)**

Addresses declining child sex ratio, promotes girls' education, empowerment.

#### Objectives/Aim:

- Prevent sex-selective elimination.
- Ensure girl child survival, education, participation.
- Challenge patriarchal norms; improve welfare services.

Functioning under: Ministries of WCD, Health, Education, Skill

Development, Minority Affairs

**Launched on:** January 22, 2015 (Panipat, Haryana)

**Type:** Centrally Sponsored Scheme

#### Salient Features:

- Targets low-CSR districts; expanded nationwide.
- Campaigns: #SelfieWithDaughter, Beti Janmotsav.
- Enforces PCPNDT Act; promotes Sukanya Samriddhi Account.

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• Community engagement via ASHAs, AWWs.

#### **Expected Outcomes:**

- Improve CSR, SRB; increase girls' enrollment.
- Shift societal mindset; enhance health, nutrition access.

#### Targets Achieved:

- SRB improved (e.g., Haryana: >900, 2016).
- Millions reached via campaigns; enrollment up in critical districts.

#### **Other Important Information:**

- ₹100 crore initial funding; part of Mission Shakti.
- Ambassadors: Sakshi Malik, Tanishka Kotia.

UPSC Note: Study CSR (918, 2011), SRB trends for mains.

#### Criticism:

- 78% funds on media (2016-19); weak grassroots impact.
- CSR declined in 53/161 districts; weak monitoring.

#### **CAMPUS CALLING PROGRAMME**

Exposes schoolgirls to careers via professional shadowing.

#### Objectives/Aim:

- Inspire diverse career paths for girls.
- Reduce gender stereotypes in professions.
- Enhance career awareness.

Functioning under: Ministry of WCD (under BBBP)

Launched on: Post-2015 (sub-scheme of BBBP)

**Type:** Centrally Sponsored Scheme

#### **Salient Features:**

- "Udaan" sub-scheme for Classes VI-XII girls.
- One-day professional shadowing (e.g., doctors, IAS officers).
- Targets gender-critical districts.

#### **Expected Outcomes:**

- Boost girls' confidence, career ambition.
- Reduce occupational segregation; increase professional enrollment.

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#### **Targets Achieved:**

70+ students participated by 2015; limited nationwide data.

#### Other Important Information:

Aligns with BBBP; focuses on experiential learning.

**UPSC** Note: Study gender gap in professions for mains.

#### Criticism:

- Limited scale, reach; confined to BBBP districts.
- No long-term impact data; low funding.

# OTHER NOTABLE SCHEMES

# SANSAD ADARSH GRAM YOJANA

Rural development initiative to transform selected villages into model villages with holistic development.

#### Objectives/Aim:

- Promote comprehensive development of identified villages.
- Enhance basic amenities, infrastructure, and quality of life.
- Foster community participation and sustainable development.

Functioning under: Ministry of Rural Development

Launched on: October 11, 2014

Type: Centrally Sponsored Scheme

#### **Salient Features:**

- MPs adopt villages to develop as model villages under a phased approach.
- Focus areas: infrastructure, health, education, sanitation, and livelihood.
- Village Development Plans created with community involvement.

#### **Expected Outcomes:**

- Improved living standards and access to basic services.
- Model villages as replicable templates for rural development.

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Empowerment through local governance and self-reliance.

#### Targets Achieved:



 By 2023, over 3,000 villages adopted; progress varies across states. **Notes** 

#### **Other Important Information:**

 Aligns with Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs); emphasizes participatory planning.

**UPSC Note**: Relevant for rural development, governance, and decentralization topics in mains.

#### Criticism:

- Uneven implementation and lack of uniform progress.
- Limited funding and dependence on MPs' initiative.
- Monitoring and evaluation mechanisms need strengthening.

#### **SVAMITVA Scheme**

Provides property rights via digitized rural land records.

#### Objectives/Aim:

- Grant property cards to rural households.
- Enable credit access, reduce disputes.
- Enhance rural planning.

Functioning under: Ministry of Panchayati Raj

Launched on: April 24, 2020

Type: Central Scheme

#### **Salient Features:**

- Uses drone, GIS for surveys; issues "Record of Rights."
- Covers rural Abadi areas; integrates with digital platforms.
- Collaborates with states, Survey of India.

#### **Expected Outcomes:**

- Clear ownership for rural households; reduce disputes.
- Increase loan access; improve infrastructure planning.

#### Targets Achieved:

- 2 crore+ property cards by 2024; 2.5 lakh villages surveyed.
- Dispute reduction in pilot districts.

#### **Other Important Information:**

Aligns with Digital India; promotes gender equity in titles.



UPSC Note: Study land dispute stats, digital records for mains.

#### Criticism:

- Slow state implementation; low awareness.
- Pre-existing dispute resolution challenges.

#### AYUSHMAN SAHAKAR SCHEME

Enhances healthcare infrastructure via cooperatives.

#### Objectives/Aim:

- Strengthen rural healthcare services.
- Support cooperative hospitals, medical colleges.
- Promote AYUSH systems; ensure affordable care.

Functioning under: Ministry of Agriculture (NCDC)

Launched on: October 19, 2020

Type: Central Scheme

#### **Salient Features:**

- ₹10,000 crore loans, subsidies for cooperatives.
- Covers hospitals, diagnostics, AYUSH facilities.
- 1% interest subvention for women-majority cooperatives.
- Integrates with Ayushman Bharat.

#### **Expected Outcomes:**

- Increase rural healthcare access; create jobs.
- Strengthen cooperative sector; promote AYUSH.

#### **Targets Achieved:**

- 50+ cooperative projects funded by 2024.
- Hospitals established in select areas.

#### **Other Important Information:**

Focus on women-led cooperatives; aligns with NHM.

**UPSC Note**: Study cooperative healthcare models for mains.

#### Criticism:

- Low awareness, uptake; slow fund disbursal.
- Overlap with Ayushman Bharat; limited data.

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#### NAMO DRONE DIDI SCHEME

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Empowers women in agriculture as drone operators.

#### Objectives/Aim:

- Train SHG women for drone-based farming.
- Enhance productivity, women's economic empowerment.
- Modernize agriculture; promote rural enterprises.

Functioning under: Ministries of Agriculture, Skill Development

Launched on: 2023; operational 2024

Type: Central Scheme

#### **Salient Features:**

- Trains 15,000 SHG women as drone pilots.
- 80% subsidy (up to ₹8 lakh) for drones.
- Focus: pesticide spraying, crop monitoring.
- Collaborates with drone manufacturers, institutes.

#### **Expected Outcomes:**

- Economic independence for women; reduce farming costs.
- Widespread drone adoption; women-led enterprises.

#### **Targets Achieved:**

1,000+ women trained; 500+ SHGs received drones by 2024.

#### Other Important Information:

Part of Lakhpati Didi; aligns with PM-KUSUM.

**UPSC Note**: Study drone tech, women empowerment stats for mains.

#### Criticism:

- Limited scale; high drone costs, maintenance issues.
- Low rural infrastructure, awareness.

#### PM GARIB KALYAN ANNA YOJANA (PMGKAY)

Ensures food security for the poor via free food grains.

#### Objectives/Aim:

- Alleviate hunger, economic distress.
- Provide free/subsidized grains to 80 crore people.
- Support nutritional needs during crises.

Functioning under: Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food, Public





Distribution

Launched on: March 2020 (extended to December 2023)

Type: Central Scheme

#### **Salient Features:**

- 5 kg free rice/wheat per person/month; 1 kg pulses.
- Covers NFSA beneficiaries (AAY, PHH) via PDS.
- Integrates with One Nation One Ration Card.

#### **Expected Outcomes:**

- Reduce hunger, malnutrition; provide economic relief.
- Strengthen food security framework.

#### Targets Achieved:

- 80 crore+ beneficiaries; 1,000 LMT grains by 2023.
- 95% NFSA coverage maintained.

#### **Other Important Information:**

₹11.8 lakh crore cost (2020-23); aligns with NFSA.

**UPSC Note**: Study PDS leakages, food security stats for mains.

#### Criticism:

- Cereal-focused; limited nutritional diversity.
- PDS leakages; high fiscal burden.
- Temporary; no long-term strategy.

# PRADHAN MANTRI MATSYA SAMPADA YOJANA (PMMSY)

Promotes sustainable fisheries development.

#### Objectives/Aim:

- Boost fish production, exports; double fishers' incomes.
- Modernize infrastructure, value chain.
- Create jobs; ensure sustainability.

Functioning under: Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry,

Dairying

Launched on: September 10, 2020

**Type:** Centrally Sponsored Scheme

Salient Features:



- ₹20,050 crore (2020-25); supports boats, seed farms, storage.
- Promotes cage culture, seaweed farming; cluster-based.
- Includes fisher insurance; Budget 2024-25: ₹2,000 crore.

#### **Expected Outcomes:**

- 22 MMT fish production; ₹1 lakh crore exports by 2024-25.
- 55 lakh jobs; improved fishers' livelihoods.

#### Targets Achieved:

- 17.5 MMT production; ₹63,969 crore exports (2022-23).
- 30,000 fishers trained; 1.2 lakh jobs by 2024.

#### **Other Important Information:**

Aligns with Blue Revolution; promotes climate-resilient practices.

**UPSC Note**: Study fisheries export, job stats for mains.

#### Criticism:

- Slow infrastructure projects; low awareness.
- Environmental concerns over aquaculture.

# PRADHAN MANTRI MATSYA KISAN SAMRIDHI SAH-YOJANA (PM-MKSSY)

Formalizes fisheries sector; enhances fishers' economic security.

#### Objectives/Aim:

- Register fish farmers digitally; provide credit, insurance.
- Reduce post-harvest losses; promote livelihoods.

Functioning under: Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry,

#### Dairying

Launched on: February 2024 (Budget 2024-25)

**Type:** Centrally Sponsored Scheme

#### Salient Features:

- ₹6,000 crore; National Fisheries Digital Platform.
- Incentives for micro-enterprises, value addition.
- Insurance for aquaculture; state performance incentives.

#### **Expected Outcomes:**

- Register 1 crore fishers; cut losses 20% by 2025-26.
- Increase credit, income for fishers.



#### Targets Achieved:

Pilot registration began 2024; limited data.

#### Other Important Information:

Sub-scheme of PMMSY; integrates with KCC.

**UPSC Note**: Study digital platform, fisheries formalization for mains.

#### Criticism:

- Early stage; digital literacy challenges.
- Overlap with PMMSY; slow rollout.

# ANIMAL HUSBANDRY INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT FUND (AHIDF)

Strengthens animal husbandry, dairy infrastructure.

#### Objectives/Aim:

- Increase milk, meat processing capacity.
- Promote private investment, exports.
- Create rural jobs; enhance farmer income.

Functioning under: Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry,

Dairying

Launched on: June 24, 2020

Type: Central Scheme

#### **Salient Features:**

- ₹15,000 crore; 3% interest subvention.
- Supports dairy, meat processing, feed plants.
- 90% loan coverage; 25% credit guarantee.

#### **Expected Outcomes:**

- Add 70-100 million liters/day milk processing.
- Create 35 lakh jobs; boost exports.

#### **Targets Achieved:**

- 500+ projects (₹10,000 crore); 20 lakh liters/day added by 2024.
- 5 lakh jobs created.



**Notes** 



#### **Other Important Information:**

Extended to 2025-26; aligns with Atmanirbhar Bharat.

**UPSC Note**: Study dairy production, job stats for mains.

#### Criticism:

- Slow uptake by small farmers; complex loans.
- Environmental concerns over meat units.

#### SOLAR CHARKHA SCHEME

Promotes rural employment via solar-powered spinning units.

#### Objectives/Aim:

- Generate livelihoods; promote khadi, green energy.
- Empower women, marginalized groups.
- Reduce textile production carbon footprint.

Functioning under: Ministry of MSME (KVIC)

Launched on: June 27, 2018

Type: Central Scheme

#### Salient Features:

- Solar Charkha Clusters (10-50 charkhas); ₹9.6 lakh subsidy.
- Trains artisans, especially women; targets backward regions.
- Employs 200-2,000 per cluster.

#### **Expected Outcomes:**

- Employ 1 lakh in 50 clusters; boost khadi production.
- Promote sustainable industries.

#### **Targets Achieved:**

10 clusters;  $\sim$ 10,000 artisans, 5,000+ women trained by 2023.

#### **Other Important Information:**

Aligns with Skill India, Green India.

**UPSC Note**: Study khadi production, rural job stats for mains.

#### Criticism:

- Slow cluster rollout; high costs.
- Limited market linkages; weak monitoring.





# UNIFIED WAQF MANAGEMENT, EMPOWERMENT, EFFICIENCY, AND DEVELOPMENT (UMEED) PORTAL

Digitizes Waqf property management for transparency.

#### Objectives/Aim:

- Digitize records; prevent encroachments.
- Enhance Waqf board efficiency; support community development.

Functioning under: Ministry of Minority Affairs

Launched on: March 2023

Type: Central Scheme

#### **Salient Features:**

- Centralized platform; GIS mapping, geo-tagging.
- Public access to records; collaborates with NIC.

#### **Expected Outcomes:**

- Digitize all Waqf records by 2025; reduce disputes.
- Increase community welfare revenue.

#### Targets Achieved:

- 8 lakh properties registered; 2 lakh GIS-mapped by 2024.
- Pilot success in 5 states.

#### **Other Important Information:**

Part of Waqf (Amendment) Bill 2022; supports education, health.

**UPSC Note**: Study Waqf property stats, minority welfare for mains.

#### Criticism:

- Resistance from Waqf boards; data privacy concerns.
- Slow geo-tagging; low awareness.

#### BAALPAN KI KAVITA

Promotes early childhood education via storytelling, poetry.

#### Objectives/Aim:

- Enhance cognitive, linguistic skills in children.
- Promote cultural values; engage parents, communities.
- Support foundational literacy (NEP 2020).





Functioning under: Ministry of Education (Samagra Shiksha)

Launched on: Post-2020 (NEP initiative)

Type: Centrally Sponsored Scheme

#### **Salient Features:**

Uses poetry, stories in anganwadis; multilingual content.

Trains anganwadi workers; aligns with NIPUN Bharat.

#### **Expected Outcomes:**

- Improve early literacy, numeracy; strengthen parent-child bonding.
- Preserve cultural storytelling.

#### Targets Achieved:

10,000+ workers trained; implemented in select anganwadis by 2023-24.

#### **Other Important Information:**

Supported by NCERT; focus on 3-6-year-olds.

**UPSC Note**: Study NEP 2020, early education stats for mains.

#### Criticism:

- Limited scale; no standardized content.
- Insufficient rural training, impact metrics.

### NATIONAL ZERO MEASLES-RUBELLA ELIMINATION CAMPAIGN 2025-26

Eliminates measles, rubella by 2026.

#### Objectives/Aim:

- Achieve 95% MR vaccination coverage.
- Eliminate indigenous transmission; reduce child mortality.
- Strengthen surveillance systems.

Functioning under: Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

Launched on: Planned 2025-26 (builds on 2017 campaign)

Type: Central Scheme

#### Salient Features:

• MR vaccination for ages 9 months-15 years; UIP integration.

#### **Notes**

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Awareness campaigns; WHO, UNICEF collaboration.

#### **Expected Outcomes:**

- Zero indigenous cases; 95%+ two-dose coverage.
- Strengthen public health systems.

#### Targets Achieved:

2017-19: 32 crore children vaccinated; 60% measles case drop by 2022.

#### **Other Important Information:**

Aligns with Mission Indradhanush; WHO 2023 target extended.

**UPSC** Note: Study vaccination coverage, health policy for mains.

#### Criticism:

- Vaccine hesitancy; logistical issues in remote areas.
- Delayed timeline; overburdened health workers.

# REVISED LIVESTOCK HEALTH AND DISEASE CONTROL PROGRAMME (LHDCP)

Prevents livestock diseases; ensures animal health, farmer livelihoods.

#### Objectives/Aim:

- Eradicate FMD, Brucellosis; enhance vaccination.
- Strengthen veterinary infrastructure; support income.

Functioning under: Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry,

Dairying

Launched on: 2021 (revised)

**Type:** Centrally Sponsored Scheme

#### **Salient Features:**

- Vaccinates for FMD, Brucellosis (NADCP); 4,000+ MVUs.
- Funds labs, surveillance; trains veterinarians.
- Focus on PPR control.

#### **Expected Outcomes:**

- 100% FMD, Brucellosis vaccination by 2025; eradicate FMD by 2030.
- Reduce losses; improve productivity.





#### Targets Achieved:

50 crore animals vaccinated; FMD outbreaks reduced by 2024.

#### **Other Important Information:**

₹13,343 crore (2019-24); aligns with One Health.

**UPSC Note**: Study livestock disease stats, NADCP for mains.

#### Criticism:

- Slow MVU deployment; low farmer awareness.
- Staff shortages; high vaccination costs.

#### SANKALP AND STRIVE SCHEMES

Enhances skill development, vocational training.

#### Objectives/Aim:

- Improve employability via industry-aligned training.
- Strengthen ITIs; promote entrepreneurship.
- Bridge skill gaps in priority sectors.

Functioning under: Ministry of Skill Development and

Entrepreneurship

Launched on: October 2016

Type: Centrally Sponsored Scheme

#### Salient Features:

- Sankalp: District-level skill ecosystems; trains 10 lakh youth.
- Strive: Upgrades ITIs with performance funding.
- ₹4,000 crore (World Bank); industry partnerships.

#### **Expected Outcomes:**

Skill 10 million youth; improve ITI quality.

Increase employment, entrepreneurship.

#### Targets Achieved:

- 8 lakh trained (Sankalp); 400+ ITIs upgraded (Strive) by 2023.
- 1.5 lakh apprentices placed.

#### Other Important Information:

Aligns with Skill India; monitors via Skill India Portal.

**UPSC Note**: Study skill mismatch, ITI upgrades for mains.



Criticism:

**Notes** 

- Limited industry uptake; rural implementation gaps.
- Overlap with PMKVY; slow emerging sector focus.

# NORTH-EAST INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME (NEIDS)

Promotes industrialization in North-East states.

#### Objectives/Aim:

- Attract investments; generate jobs.
- Reduce regional disparities; boost MSMEs.

#### Functioning under:

Ministry of Commerce and Industry (DPIIT)

Launched on: April 1, 2018

Type: Central Scheme

#### Salient Features:

- 30% capital subsidy (₹5 crore/unit); 3% interest subvention.
- GST, transport subsidies; covers 8 NE states.
- Focus: food processing, tourism.

#### **Expected Outcomes:**

- Create 2 lakh jobs; boost industrial investment.
- Balance regional development.

#### Targets Achieved:

500+ units, ₹3,000 crore invested; 50,000+ jobs by 2023.

#### **Other Important Information:**

₹10,000 crore till 2027; builds on NEIIPP.

**UPSC Note**: Study NE investment, job stats for mains.

#### Criticism:

- Slow incentive disbursal; infrastructure gaps.
- Assam-centric benefits; subsidy dependency.

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#### PM CARES FUND

Supports emergency, disaster relief efforts.



#### Objectives/Aim:

• Fund healthcare, relief during crises (e.g., COVID-19).

• Support vulnerable populations, child welfare.

Functioning under: PMO (autonomous trust)

Launched on: March 27, 2020

Type: Central Scheme

#### **Salient Features:**

• Voluntary contributions; funds ventilators, vaccines.

- Supports migrants, orphans; tax-exempt (80G).
- Chaired by PM.

#### **Expected Outcomes:**

- Rapid crisis response; strengthen healthcare.
- Enhance disaster preparedness.

#### Targets Achieved:

- 1.5 lakh oxygen concentrators, 10,000+ ventilators by 2021.
- ₹3,100 crore for vaccines; 6,000+ orphans supported.

#### **Other Important Information:**

₹12,000 crore corpus (2023); aligns with Ayushman Bharat.

**UPSC Note**: Study fund allocation, transparency issues for mains.

#### Criticism:

- Non-auditable; transparency concerns.
- Overlap with NDRF; contract favoritism allegations.

#### AAROGYA SETU

Tracks, mitigates COVID-19 via mobile app.

#### Objectives/Aim:

- Enable contact tracing, risk assessment.
- Provide health updates, service access.
- Promote preventive measures.

Functioning under: MeitY; NIC

Launched on: April 2, 2020

**Type**: Central Scheme

**Salient Features:** 





Bluetooth, GPS-based app; self-assessment, e-pass tools.

• 11 languages; open-source; integrates with Ayushman Bharat, CoWIN.

#### **Expected Outcomes:**

- Reduce COVID-19 transmission; streamline health access.
- Data-driven public health response.

#### **Targets Achieved:**

- 20 crore+ downloads; 50 lakh+ traced by 2021.
- 10 crore+ e-passes issued.

#### **Other Important Information:**

Public-private developed; used for vaccine certificates.

**UPSC Note**: Study digital health, privacy issues for mains.

#### Criticism:

- Data privacy concerns; low rural penetration.
- Mandatory use issues; declining post-COVID relevance.

#### **GOLD MONETISATION SCHEME**

Mobilizes idle gold for economic use.

#### Objectives/Aim:

- Reduce gold imports, trade deficit.
- Monetize household gold; earn interest.
- Support jewelers with domestic gold.

**Functioning under**: Ministry of Finance (RBI, banks)

Launched on: November 5, 2015

**Type**: Central Scheme

#### **Salient Features:**

- Deposits gold (jewelry, coins); 2.25%-2.5% interest.
- Tenure: 1-3, 5-7, 12-15 years; tax-exempt.
- Redeemable in cash/gold; purity testing centers.

#### **Expected Outcomes:**

Mobilize 20,000 tonnes gold; cut imports 20-25%.

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• Increase financial inclusion.

#### **Targets Achieved:**





25 tonnes mobilized; 10,000+ depositors by 2023.

• Marginal import reduction.

#### Other Important Information:

Revamped 2017; links with Gold Bonds, ETFs.

**UPSC Note**: Study gold import stats, trade deficit for mains.

#### Criticism:

- Low participation; trust, awareness issues.
- Complex process; low interest rates.

#### RASHTRIYA GOKUL MISSION

Conserves, develops indigenous cattle for dairy productivity.

#### Objectives/Aim:

- Enhance milk production via genetic improvement.
- Conserve 41 indigenous breeds.
- Promote sustainable dairy farming, livelihoods.

Functioning under: Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry,

Dairying

Launched on: December 2014

**Type**: Centrally Sponsored Scheme

#### Salient Features:

- Gokul Grams; artificial insemination, embryo transfer.
- Funds semen stations, bull farms; promotes cow-based products.
- ₹2,400 crore (2014-24).

#### **Expected Outcomes:**

- 20% milk yield increase; conserve breeds.
- Improve farmer income; reduce exotic imports.

#### **Targets Achieved:**

- 20 Gokul Grams; 2 crore inseminations/year by 2023.
- 10-15% yield improvement in regions.

#### **Other Important Information:**

Part of NPBBD; supports organic farming.

**UPSC Note**: Study milk production, indigenous breeds for mains.





#### Criticism:

- Limited small farmer reach; high tech costs.
- Cow-based product focus criticized; slow breed conservation.

# Trivia and Unique Insights for UPSC (To Be Read After Reviewing All Listed Schemes)

#### **Interconnected Digital Ecosystems:**

Schemes like Digital Agriculture Mission, PM-WANI,
 Aarogya Setu, and UMEED Portal are part of the broader
 Digital India framework, creating a seamless digital
 ecosystem. For instance, the Digital Agriculture Mission
 uses AI and IoT (linked to Bharat Gen) to provide real-time
 crop data, while Aarogya Setu integrates with the National
 Digital Health Mission for health record digitization. A
 UPSC aspirant could analyze how these schemes converge to
 enhance e-governance, a frequent topic in GS Paper II
 (Governance).

### Convergence with Aatmanirbhar Bharat:

• PM-KISAN, Namo Drone Didi, PM Svanidhi, and PLI Scheme are explicitly tied to the Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan, emphasizing self-reliance. An interesting trivia is that Namo Drone Didi not only empowers women but also supports Kusum Solar Yojana by enabling solar-powered drone charging stations in rural areas, creating a synergy between agriculture, women empowerment, and renewable energy. This interconnection is a potential case study for GS Paper III (Economy and Agriculture).

### Cultural and Economic Synergy in Tourism:

• Swadesh Darshan and PRASAD schemes, while focused on tourism, also boost local economies by creating jobs, a goal shared with PM Mudra Yojana and Stand-Up India. A lesser-known fact is that Swadesh Darshan has developed tribal tourism circuits, aligning with Pradhan Mantri Janjatiya Unnat Gram Abhiyan, which promotes tribal homestays. This linkage highlights the integration of cultural preservation with economic development, a unique angle for GS Paper I (Culture) and GS Paper III (Economy).

#### **Health and Nutrition Nexus:**





• Ayushman Bharat, Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0, and National Zero Measles-Rubella Campaign are interconnected through the National Health Mission. A trivia point is that PM CARES Fund has directly funded Ayushman Bharat health insurance for orphaned children, showcasing a rare integration of emergency funding with long-term health schemes. This could be a discussion point in GS Paper II (Social Justice) for UPSC Mains.

#### Women as a Cross-Cutting Theme:

 Schemes like Beti Bachao Beti Padhao, Namo Drone Didi, Stand-Up India, and Campus Calling Programme prioritize women's empowerment, but a lesser-known fact is their linkage with PM Matritva Vandana Yojana (not listed but mentioned in sources). For example, Namo Drone Didi trainees often receive maternal health benefits under PMMVY, creating a holistic support system for rural women. This convergence is a critical point for GS Paper I (Social Issues) and Essay papers.

#### Environmental and Agricultural Overlap:

 PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana and Kusum Solar Yojana not only promote clean energy but also support PM-KISAN beneficiaries by reducing irrigation costs through solar pumps. A trivia fact is that National Bamboo Mission integrates with Jal Shakti Abhiyan by promoting bamboo plantations for water conservation, a unique environmentalagricultural synergy relevant for GS Paper III (Environment and Agriculture).

#### Financial Inclusion as a Backbone:

PMJDY, PMJJBY, PMSBY, and APY form the JAM Trinity
(Jan Dhan, Aadhaar, Mobile), enabling schemes like PMKISAN and DBT to deliver benefits efficiently. A lesserknown fact is that PMJDY accounts facilitated PM Garib
Kalyan Anna Yojana payments during COVID-19, ensuring
food security for millions. This integration is a key point for
GS Paper III (Economy) and Prelims questions on financial
inclusion.

# **Innovation in Rural Development:**

 SVAMITVA Scheme uses drone technology (similar to Namo Drone Didi) for land mapping, which aids PM Awas



**Yojana (Rural)** by identifying eligible households. Trivia: The scheme's drone surveys have also supported **PM Gati Shakti** by providing geospatial data for infrastructure planning, showcasing technological convergence. This is a potential case study for GS Paper III (Technology and Infrastructure).

#### **Health and Sanitation Milestones:**

Swachh Bharat Mission (Phase 2) and Jal Jeevan Mission
 aim for universal sanitation and water access, but a unique
 trivia is their behavioral nudge strategy. For instance, Jal
 Shakti Abhiyan's Catch the Rain campaign uses community
 pledges, similar to Swachh Bharat's cleanliness drives, to
 foster public participation. This social engineering aspect is a
 novel point for GS Paper II (Governance) and Essay papers.

#### Global Recognition and Critique:

 PM-KISAN was inspired by Telangana's Rythu Bandhu scheme and has been praised by the World Bank for its direct income support model, unlike loan waivers. However, a critical trivia point is that Beti Bachao Beti Padhao was flagged by the CAG in 2017 for failing to meet its Child Sex Ratio goals, offering a critical perspective for UPSC Mains answers on scheme evaluation



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