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Scheme for Translational & Advanced Research in Science (STARS)

All About Scheme for Translational & Advanced Research in Science (STARS):

- The ministry of Human Resource Development has approved Scheme for Translational and Advanced Research. The Scheme was launched by HRD Minister Prakash Javadekar on National Science Day.
- Main Objective of the Scheme is to fund science projects. Union Ministry of Human Resource Development has approved fund of Rs 250 Crore for this Scheme. Around 500 projects will be funded in this Scheme. The selection of these projects would be done on the basis of competitions.
- The project will be coordinated by the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bangalore. Interested candidates will have to submit applications to take part in the competition.
- Ministry has announced to launch professional courses which would include 1000 hours of additional coursework out of which 250 will be dedicated to soft and ICT skilling and rest 500 hours will be dedicated to specific skill courses. These courses will be open from this academic session onwards.

Important Points for Exam:

Scheme	Scheme for Translational and Advanced Research in Science
Ministry	Ministry of Human Resource Development
Aim	To Sponsor Science Projects
Funding	250 Crore
No of Projects to be funded	500
Projects Co-ordination by	Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore

Pradhan Mantri Kisan Pension Yojana

All About Pradhan Mantri Kisan Pension Yojana:

To empower farmers across India, Government has approved Pradhan Mantri Kisan Pension Yojana. Main Objective of the Scheme is to provide pension covers to all small and marginal farmers of India.

Aim :

- Provide pension cover to our industrious farmers. Around 5 crore farmers will be receiving the pension benefit in the first three years itself.

Features of Pradhan Mantri Kisan Pension Yojana

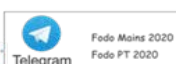
- This is a voluntary and contributory pension scheme for all Small and Marginal Farmers (SMF) in India.
- Farmers in the age group of 18 to 40 years are eligible for the Scheme.

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- Farmers will have to contribute 100 Rs per month at median entry age of 29 years. Central Government will also contribute the same amount as contributed by the farmer.
- with a provision of minimum fixed pension of Rs.3,000/- on attaining the age of 60 years.
- Upon the subscriber's death, while receiving pension, the spouse of the farmers' beneficiary shall be entitled to receive 50% of the pension received by the beneficiary as family pension, provided he/she is not already an SMF beneficiary of the Scheme.
- If, the death of the subscriber happens during the period of contribution, the spouse shall have the option of continuing the Scheme by paying regular contribution.
- Under the scheme farmers can also opt to allow contribution to be made directly from the benefits drawn from the PM-KISAN scheme.
- The pension fund under PM-KISAN Scheme will be managed by LIC and will be responsible for the pension payout.

Budget :

- Government decided to allocate Rs. 10774.50 crore for a period of 3 years for this Scheme.

Important Points for Exam:

Scheme	Pradhan Mantri Kisan Pension Yojna
Target Beneficiaries	Small and Marginal Farmers
Aim	Provide pension cover to our industrious farmers
Eligibility	Farmers in Age Group of 18-40
Contribution to be made by eligible farmers	100
Ration of Contribution by Beneficiaries' and Central Govt.	50:50
Pension amount	Rs 3000 per month (on attaining the age of 60 years)
Pension Fund to be Managed by	LIC
Budget	Rs 10,774.50 Crore for 3 years

Gram Samridhi Yojana

All About Gram Samridhi Yojana Scheme:

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NITI Aayog has given in principle approval for Gram Samridhi Yojna. The Scheme focuses on unorganized sector and small farmers. It aims to help food processing Industries and Farmer by increasing capacity, upgrading technology and by providing employment opportunities in Rural Area.

Nodal Ministry: Ministry of Food Processing Industries **Features of Gram Samridhi Yojana:**

- The programme will focus on micro enterprises with capitalization of less than 10 lakh rupees.
- NBFC will provide funds for Food Processing Sector.
- The Scheme will provide common facility centres and business incubators in rural areas
- The incubator will provide infrastructure and services to support the food processing Industries. Further, the Incubator will provide all necessary equipment and programs to help a businessmen or an entrepreneur launch a new product through development, market launch and growth in sale.
- Financial assistance will provided to 70,000 micro enterprises. Assistance will be provided at 50% of the eligible project cost subject to a maximum of Rs 5 lakh for expansion and upgradation of their units.
- The pilot project will be done in Uttar Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra and Punjab for a five-year period and will be expanded subsequently.

Budget: Total Budget of this Scheme is 3000 Crore. Out of which, World Bank will provide Rs 1,500 crore, Central Govt will provide Rs 1,000 crore and 500 crore will be borne by State Government.

Important Points on Gram Samridhi Yojana:

Scheme	Gram Samridhi Yojana
Ministry	Ministry of Food Processing Industries
Aim	To bolster unorganized sector and rural sector
A maximum subsidy for Food Processing Unit	10 Lacs
Financial assistance to Micro Units	70,000 Units
States to be covered in first phase	Uttar Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra and Punjab
Budget	3000 Crore (World Bank = 1500 Crore, Central Govt = 1000 Crore, State Govt = 500 Crore)

Pradhan Mantri JI-VAN Yojana

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Union Government has approved the “Pradhan Mantri JI-VAN (Jaiv Indhan- Vatavaran Anukool fasal awashesh Nivaran) Yojana” for providing financial support to Integrated Bio-ethanol Projects using lignocelluloses biomass and other renewable feedstock.

Ministry : Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas **Background:**

- Government launched Ethanol Blended Petrol (EBP) programme in January, 2003. The programme was launched to promote the use of alternative and environment friendly fuels and to reduce import dependency for energy requirements.
- Currently this programme is being run in 21 States and 4 UTs of the country. Under this, OMCs are to blend upto 10% of ethanol in Petrol.
- The Scheme will allow procurement of ethanol produced from molasses and non-food feed stock like celluloses and lignocelluloses material including petrochemical route.

Features of Pradhan Mantri JI-VAN Yojana:

- Under the Scheme, Viability Gap Funding (VGF) to 12 Commercial Scale and 10 demonstration scale Second Generation (2G) ethanol Projects will be provided VGF Support in following two phases :
 - a) Phase-I (2018-19 to 2022-23): In this phase, six commercial projects and five demonstration projects will be supported.
 - b) Phase-II (2020-21 to 2023-24): In this phase remaining six commercial projects and five demonstration projects will be supported.
 - To create suitable Ecosystem to Incentivize 2G Ethanol sector and set up commercial projects and increase Research & Development in this area
- Benefits of Pradhan Mantri JI-VAN Yojana:**
- Fossil fuels will be substituted with Biofuels, thus Import dependence will be reduced
 - To Achieve the GHG emissions reduction targets through progressive blending/ substitution of fossil fuels.
 - Support the aggregation of nonfood biofuel feedstocks such as waste biomass and urban waste.
 - Improve health of citizens by addressing environment concerns caused due to burning of biomass or crop residues &
 - Doubling farmer income by providing them remunerative income for their otherwise waste agriculture residues.
 - Indigenizing of Second Generation Biomass to Ethanol technologies.

Ministry has targeted to achieve 10% blending percentage of Ethanol in petrol by 2022.

Second Generation (2G) Ethanol from biomass and other wastes will be explored by MoP&NG to bridge the supply gap for EBP programme.

Implementation Agency :

Centre for High Technology (CHT), will be the implementation Agency for the scheme. **Budget :** Rs 5000 Crore

Important Take-aways :

Scheme	Pradhan Mantri JI-VAN Yojana
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Approval Date	28/02/2019
Ministry	Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas
Aim	To providing financial support to Integrated Bioethanol Projects using lignocellulosic biomass and other renewable feedstock
Projects that will be provided funding support	12 Commercial Scale and 10 demonstration scale Second Generation (2G) ethanol Projects
Target	to achieve 10% blending percentage of Ethanol in petrol by 2022
Budget	5000 Crore

Kisan Urja Suraksha Evam Utthaan Mahabhivan

Union Government approved a Scheme named Kisan Urja Suraksha Evam Utthaan Mahabhivan to Provide Financial and Water Security to Farmers.

Aim: To Promote Use of Solar Energy, Provide Employment Opportunities for skilled and unskilled workers.

Ministry: Ministry of agriculture and farmers welfare

Scheme Components: The Scheme has three following components: **Component-A**

- Individual farmers, cooperatives, panchayats, will set up Renewable power plants of capacity 500 kilowatts (kW) to 2 MW on their barren or cultivable lands. **Component-B**
- Government will provide support to farmers in installing solar pumps of capacity up to 7.5 horsepower (HP).

Component-C

- Government will help in to solarise the pumps of capacity up to 7.5 HP.
- The Scheme will help farmers meet their irrigation needs by generating energy through Solar Pumps.

Excess energy will be sold to Discom. Selling of excess energy will help farmers to gain more income.

- The Scheme aims to improve a solar capacity of 25,750 MW by 2022.

Impact:

- The scheme will have a substantial environmental impact in terms of savings of CO₂ emissions.
- The Scheme will help to reduce CO₂ emission in the country. It will save around 27 million tonnes of CO₂ emission.
- Scheme will help to save 1.2 billion litres of diesel per annum and other savings associated in foreign exchange.

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- Further, the scheme will provide employment opportunities also. The Scheme is likely to generate employment opportunity equivalent to 6.31 lakh job for skilled and unskilled workers.

Budget : Rs 34,422 Crore

Important Points about Kisan Urja Suraksha Evam Utthaan Mahabhivyan:

Scheme	Kisan Urja Suraksha Evam Utthaan Mahabhhiyan (KUSUM) Scheme
Approval Date	19 Feb, 2019
Ministry	Ministry of agriculture and farmers welfare
Aim	To Provide Financial and Water Security to Farmers
Budget	34,422 crore
Components	Three

Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi

Government has launched the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi Scheme to provide an assured income support to the small and marginal farmers.

- Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi Scheme will be effective from 01.12.2018 for transfer of benefit to eligible beneficiaries during this financial year 2018-19.
- The Scheme was formally launched at national level by the Hon'ble Prime Minister on the 24th February, 2019 at Gorakhpur, UP.
- The Scheme is expected to benefit 12 crore small and marginal farmers

Aim:

- To provide income support to all Small and Marginal farmer having cultivable land ☐ To ensure proper crop health and appropriate yields for farmers
- Target Group and Eligibility:**
- A Small and Marginal landholder farmer
 - Land upto 2 hectare as per land records of the concerned State/UT.

Benefits under the Scheme:

Under the scheme, farmers will get following benefits:

- All the eligible farmers will be provided a monetary benefit of Rs.6000 per annum. The amount will be paid in three equal installments, every four months.
- For FY 2018-10, the first installment will be given between the period of 01.12.2018 to 31.03.2019.

Outlay: Rs 75000 Crore for 2019-20

Important Points from Exam Point of View:

Scheme Launch Date	24 th February, 2019 from Gorakhpur, UP
Target Beneficiaries	Small and Marginal Farmers

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Aim	To provide income support to all Small and Marginal landholding farmer
Monetary Benefit to be given to farmers	Rs 6000 per year
Budget	75000 Crore for 2019-20
Official Portal	http://pmkisan.nic.in/

Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Mandhan Yojana

Launched By: Prime Minister Narendra Modi **Launch Date:** 05 March, 2019,

- The Scheme is launched for the labor class people who are associated with the unorganized sector. Government will provide pension to employees of unorganized sector. Around 42 Crores employees will get benefit of this scheme.

Eligibility:

- Applicants must be legal resident of Nation
- Employees of organized sectors
- Monthly Income should be less than or equal to 15,000
- Age limit : Between 18 to 40
- Applicants must have Aadhar Card and Bank Account

Features of the Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Mandhan Yojana:

- Workers will have to contribute joining the scheme at 18 years of age would be Rs 55. Same amount will be contributed by the Government.
- The contributions would rise at higher age.
- Each subscriber under this scheme shall receive minimum assured pension of Rs 3000/- per month after attaining the age of 60 years.
- Family Pension: During the receipt of pension, if the subscriber dies, the spouse of the beneficiary shall be entitled to receive 50% of the pension received by the beneficiary as family pension. Family pension is applicable only to spouse.
- If a beneficiary dies due to any reason and has given regular contribution before maturity, his/her spouse will be entitled to join and continue the scheme by paying regular contribution or exit from the scheme. ☐ Subscriber's contribution will be done through auto-debit facility.
- Limit of tax-free gratuity is increased to Rs 30 lakh. This will enable the companies to pay higher tax-free gratuity to their employees.

Budget: Rs 500 crore

Contribution by the Central Government:

- In this scheme, Government and Subscriber will contribute in equal ratio.

Important Point from Exam Point of View:

Scheme Launch Date and Venue	05 th March, 2019, Launch by PM Modi at Gandhinagar
Target Group	Labors of Unorganized Sector
Income Criteria for Subscriber	15,000 or less for a month

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Age Limit of Subscriber	18-40
Maturity Age	60
Minimum Pension after maturity	3000 per month
Tax-free gratuity Limit	30 lacs
Budget	500 Crore
Contribution of Subscriber and Government	50:50

Pravasi Teerth Darshan Yojana

Launch Date: 22nd January, 2019

Launch By: Prime Minister Narendra Modi

Aim: Help the People of Indian Origin in age group of 45-60 visit India on an organized pilgrimage, paid for by the government of India, and have an all round exposure to all faiths in India. Two editions are organized every year. **Target Group/ Beneficiaries:** People of Indian Origin (PIOs) in the age group of 45-60

Details :

- Government will sponsor a group of Indian diaspora for tour of religious places in India two times in a year.
- The Scheme is launched for the years to connect them to the spiritual and religious aspects of India.
- The first batch of 40 Indian-origin people started their tour on 22nd January, 2019.
- Selected first forty people were taken to all the religious places of India and the government bore all the expenses including the airfare from their country of residence.

Eligibility :

- Indian-origin people with age group 45 to 65 can apply and a group will be selected
- First preference will be given to people from 'Girmitiya countries'. Girmitiya countries includes Guyana, Mauritius, Fiji, Suriname, , Trinidad and Tobago, and Jamaica.
- The tour will be organized two times in a year for a period of twenty five days.

ISRO YUVIKA Scheme

Indian Space Research Organisation has launched a special programme for **School Children** called **"Young Scientist Programme" "YUva Vigyani KARYakram" (युविका) from this year.**

It is in tune with the Government's vision **"Jai Vigyan, Jai Anusandhan"**.

The Program is primarily aimed at imparting basic knowledge on Space Technology, Space Science and Space

Applications to the younger ones with the intent of arousing their interest in the emerging areas of Space activities. So, the program is aimed at creating awareness amongst the youngsters who are the future building blocks of our Nation.

ISRO has chalked out this programme to "Catch them young."

Also, Six incubation centres is being established in various parts of the country – **North, South, East, West, Centre and North-East. And the first such centre has been established in Agartala in Tripura.**

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SHREYAS Scheme

The Union Minister for Human Resources Development, Prakash Javadekar on February 27, 2019 launched the '*Scheme for Higher Education Youth in Apprenticeship and Skills*' (**SHREYAS**) for providing industry apprenticeship or training opportunities to fresh graduates of 2019.

SHREYAS Scheme in short

Full Name of SHREYAS Scheme	Scheme for Higher Education Youth in Apprenticeship and Skills
Ministries Involved	Human Resources Development, Skill Development and Entrepreneurship and Labour and Employment
Purpose of Scheme	for providing industry apprenticeship or training opportunities to fresh graduates of 2019
Apprenticeship Stipend	Rs 6,000 per month
Scheme Aim	to cover 50 lakh students by 2022
Scheme Available form	Academic year April-May 2019

SHREYAS Scheme Highlights

- Launched primarily to skill non-technical students of BA, BSc. BCom courses, the SHREYAS programme intends to introduce BA, BSc, and BCom (Professional) courses in the higher educational institutions.
- So, these courses will be available to the students from Academic year April-May 2019.
- The scheme aims to boost the employment skills of Indian youth by providing them with 'on the job work exposure' through the **National Apprenticeship Promotional Scheme (NAPS)** and the **National Career Service (NCS)**.
- Also, the SHREYAS Scheme is a programme basket comprising the initiatives of three central ministries, including the Ministry of Human Resources Development, Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, and the Ministry of Labour and Employment.
- So, we have given the scheme in short. The detailed SHREYAS Scheme is available in the PDF.

Van Dhan Scheme

The Van Dhan Scheme is an initiative of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs and TRIFED. It was launched on 14th April, 2018. And seeks to improve tribal incomes through value addition of tribal products. And the scheme will be implemented through Ministry of Tribal Affairs as Nodal Department at the Central Level and TRIFED as Nodal Agency at the National Level.

Also, the Union Tribal Affairs Minister, Jual Oram launched the Minimum Support Price for Minor Forest Produces and the Value Addition component of Van Dhan scheme on February 28, 2019.

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Van Dhan Vikas Kendra

- Under Van Dhan, 10 Self Help Groups of 30 Tribal gatherers is constituted.
- The establishment of “Van Dhan Vikas Kendra” is for providing skill upgradation and capacity building training and setting up of primary processing and value addition facility.
- And the Ministry of Tribal Affairs has given its approval for the establishment of the first ever multipurpose ‘Van Dhan Vikas Kendra’ on pilot basis in Bijapur district of Chhattisgarh.
- Also, this first model Van Dhan Vikas Kendra is being implemented for the training of 300 beneficiaries with a total outlay of Rs. 43.38 lakhs.
- So, we have given the scheme in short. The detailed Van Dhan Scheme is available in the PDF.

Aam Admi Bima Yojana

Ministry of Finance, Government of India has approved the merger of Social Security Schemes viz., Aam Admi Bima Yojana (AABY) and Janashree Bima Yojana (JBY). So, the merged scheme is renamed “Aam Admi Bima Yojana” and has come into effect from 01.01.2013.

Aam Admi Bima Yojana Eligibility criteria

The members should be aged between 18 years completed and 59 years nearer birthday.

The member should normally be the head of the family or one earning member of the below poverty line family (BPL) or marginally above the poverty line under identified vocational group/rural landless household.

Nodal Agency of Aam Admi Bima Yojana

“Nodal Agency” shall mean the Central Ministerial Department/State Government / Union Territory of India/any other institutionalized arrangement/any registered NGO appointed to administer the Scheme as per the rules. In the case of “Rural Landless Households”, the nodal agency will mean the **State Government/Union Territory appointed to administer the Scheme.**

Features of Aam Admi Bima Yojana

- The premium to be charged initially under the scheme will be Rs.200/- per annum per member for a cover of Rs.30,000/-, out of which 50% will be subsidized from the Social Security Fund .
- In case of Rural Landless Household (RLH) remaining 50 % premium shall be borne by the State Government/ Union Territory.
- And in case of other occupational group the remaining 50% premium shall be borne by the Nodal Agency and/or Member and/or State Government/ Union Territory

Natural death

Upon death of a member, during the period of insurance cover the Sum Assured of Rs.30,000/- under assurance, then in force, shall become payable to the nominee.

Accidental death / Disability benefits

The following benefits are provided to members in case of accident, during the period of insurance cover

- On death, due to accident: 75,000/-
- Permanent Total Disability, due to accident: 75,000/-

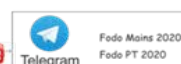
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- Loss of one eye or one limb, in an accident: 37,500/-

Scholarship benefits

Scholarship as a *free Add-on benefit will be provided to a maximum of two children of the beneficiary studying between 9th to 12th Standard @ Rs.100/= per month for each child payable half yearly – on 1st July and on 1st January, each year.*

Khadi and Gramodyog Vikas Yojana

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs approved to continue the existing schemes of MPDA, Khadi Grant, ISEC and Village Industry Grant, all subsumed under 'Khadi and Gramodyog Vikas Yojana' at the total cost of **Rs. 2800 crore for the period 2017-18 to 2019-20.**

Rozgar Yukt Gaon

- It approved to bring in a new component of 'Rozgar Yukt Gaon' to introduce enterprise-based operation in the Khadi sector and to create employment opportunities for thousands of new artisans.
- So, Rozgar Yukta Gaon (RYG) aims at introducing an 'Enterprise-led Business Model' in place of 'Subsidized model' through partnership among 3 stakeholders.
- So, the stakeholders will be **KRDP-assisted Khadi Institution, Artisans and Business Partner.**
- It will be rolled out in **50 Villages** by providing **10,000 Charkhas, 2000 looms & 100 warping units to Khadi artisans**, and would create direct employment for 250 Artisans per village.
- The total Capital Investment per village shall be **Rs.72 Lakh as subsidy. And Rs.1.64 Crore in terms of Working Capital from the Business Partner.**

About Khadi and Gramodyog Vikas Yojana

Under the Village Industry verticals, special focus shall be on

- Agro-based and food processing (Honey, Palmgur etc.)
- Handmade Paper and Leather,
- Pottery and Wellness and Cosmetics sectors

Through Product Innovation, Design Development & Product Diversification.

So, for this initiative, advanced skill development programmes shall be conducted through existing **Centres of Excellence such as CGCRI, CFTRI, IIFPT, CBRTI, KNHPI, IPRITI etc.**

- Another intervention is to set up **4 Design Houses across the country to capture regional variations, to provide access to Khadi Institutions**, to evolve modern designs, ethnic wear etc. with an investment of Rs.5 crore each.
- The other key component is to **make the 'Production Assistance' competitive and incentive based.**
- Also, the incentive structure focuses on improving productivity, turnover and quality assurances, and would be extended on the basis of an objective scorecard.
- **While the Khadi Institutions would automatically be given the financial assistance of 30%, in order to become eligible for the additional incentive of 30%.**
- So, these institutions must strive for efficiency, optimal utilization of resources, reduction of waste, effective managerial practices etc.

Also, as a part of rationalization exercise, **8 different schemes of Khadi & Village Industries are now merged under 2 umbrella heads i.e. 'Khadi Vikas Yojana' and 'Gramodyog Vikas Yojana':**

- Khadi Vikas Yojana [Market Promotion & Development Assistance (MPDA), Interest Subsidy Eligibility Certificate (ISEC), Workshed, Strengthening Weak Infra, Aam Aadmi Bima Yojana, Khadi Grant and Khadi & VI S&T]

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- Gramodyog Vikas Yojanaa [Village Industries Grant].

Scale-Up Of Access To Clean Energy Scheme

Scale-Up Of Access To Clean Energy Scheme in Brief

Launch Year	2018
Launched by	Ministry of New and Renewable Energy
Scheme Outlay	₹70 crore
Launched initially	Assam, Madhya Pradesh and Odisha
Duration	From 2018 to 2020
Objective	Enhance the use of reliable and affordable renewable energy in Rural Areas

The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE), GoI is implementing a project titled “**Scale Up of Access to Clean Energy (ACE) for Rural Productive Uses**”, an initiative to enhance the use of reliable and affordable renewable energy for rural productive uses/livelihoods in un-served and under-served areas.

About Scale-Up Of Access To Clean Energy Scheme

- The proposed outlay of Scale-Up Of Access To Clean Energy Scheme for 2018-19 is ₹30 crore. And for 2019-20, the outlay is ₹40 crore.
- So, the **total outlay of Scale-Up Of Access To Clean Energy Scheme is ₹70 crore.**
- The scheme is being implemented in 3 states.
- **And the three states are, Assam, Madhya Pradesh and Odisha**
- **It is launched for strengthening rural livelihoods, improving income generation and reduce use of fossil fuels.**
- So initially, a total of 19 districts have been identified in the 3 target states for implementation of the Scheme covering 1500 beneficiaries.
- Subsequent to this, **the scheme would be applicable to all districts of the 3 target states covering additional 28500 beneficiaries.**

So, the 19 identified districts for the initial phase are:

- **Assam** : Barpeta, Nalbari, Kamrup Rural, Darrang, Udalgori, Goalpara
- **Madhya Pradesh** : Hoshangabad, Betul, Ratlam, Raisen, Dhindori, Balaghat, Sehore
- **Odisha** : Koraput, Keonjhar, Khurda, Kalahandi, Puri, Mayurbhanj

Duration of the Scheme: So, the Scheme will be available for **FYs 201819 and 2019-20** **Objectives of Scale-Up Of Access To Clean Energy Scheme**

- Enhance access to reliable and affordable RE for rural livelihoods while encouraging replacement of fossil fuels.
- And, Create atmosphere for effective and innovative use of RE applications
- Encourage innovation in addressing market needs and promoting sustainable business models.
- Ensure a suitable supply chain for RE technology packages is established
- Also, Support capacity building, awareness campaigns and human resource development.

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Special thrust will be given on important rural livelihoods such as poultry, fishery, horticulture, dairy, biomass based local businesses, cottage and other village industries etc.

Scheme will be implemented through *State Renewable Energy Development Agencies (SNAs) and State Rural Livelihood Missions (SRLMs)*. Also, they will act as the *Implementing Agencies*.

Swadesh Darshan Scheme

Government of India, Ministry of Tourism (MoT) launched the **Swadesh Darshan Scheme (Central Sector Scheme) – for integrated development of theme based tourist circuits in the country in 2014-15**. So, this scheme is envisioned to synergise with other Government of India schemes like Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, Skill India, Make in India etc. with the idea of positioning the tourism sector as a major engine for job creation, driving force for economic growth, building synergy with various sectors to enable tourism to realise its potential.

Under the Swadesh Darshan scheme, 14 thematic circuits have been identified, for development namely:

1. North-East India Circuit,
2. Buddhist Circuit,
3. Himalayan Circuit,
4. Coastal Circuit,
5. Krishna Circuit,
6. Desert Circuit,
7. Tribal Circuit,
8. Eco Circuit,
9. Wildlife Circuit,
10. Rural Circuit,
11. Spiritual Circuit,
12. Ramayana Circuit,
13. Sufi Circuit
14. Heritage Circuit.

Funding of Swadesh Darshan Scheme

- In Union Budget 2017-18, 959.91 crore has been allocated for the **Integrated Development of Tourist Circuits** around specific themes under Swadesh Darshan scheme.
- These 30 projects are expected to be completed by the end of 2019. 11 projects have already been inaugurated.
- The Scheme is 100% centrally funded and efforts are made to achieve convergence with other schemes of Central and State Governments. And also to leverage the voluntary funding available for Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiatives of Central Public Sector Undertakings and Corporate Sector.
- So, upto 10% funds shall be earmarked for IEC components (like workshops, seminars, publications, stakeholder outreach, skill development etc.) & Professional & Administrative Services.

Swadesh Darshan Scheme in News 2019

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- K.J. Alphons, Union Minister for Tourism, on January 30, 2019 **inaugurated the first project under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme Project of the Union Ministry of Tourism at the Zero Point, Gangtok, Sikkim.**

- This project was sanctioned by the Ministry of Tourism in June 2015 for **Rs. 98.05 crores and is the first ever project in Sikkim under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme.**

- The project is officially named as ***“Development of North East Circuit: Rangpo–Rorathang- Aritar-***

Phadamchen- Nathang-Sherathang- Tsongmo- Gangtok-Phodong- Mangan- Lachung-Yumthang-Lachen- Thangu-Gurudongmer- Mangan- Gangtok-Tuminlingee- Singtam”.

- So, under this project, the Ministry has developed tourism infrastructure facilities like Tourist Information Centre, Meditation Centre, Organic Eco Tourism centre, Log Huts, Zip Line, Flower Exhibition Centre, Walkways, Souvenir Shops, Cafeteria, Rain Shelters, Wayside Amenity, Last Mile Connectivity, Parking, Public Toilets etc.,

Swadesh Darshan Scheme Objectives

- To position tourism as a major engine of economic growth and job creation;
- Also, Develop circuits having tourist potential in a planned and prioritized manner;
- Promote cultural and heritage value of the country to generate livelihoods in the identified regions;
- Also, Enhancing the tourist attractiveness in a sustainable manner by developing world class infrastructure in the circuit /destinations;
- Follow community based development and pro-poor tourism approach;
- Creating awareness among the local communities about the importance of tourism for them in terms of increased sources of income, improved living standards and overall development of the area.

Definition of Tourist Circuit

- Tourist Circuit is defined as a route having at least three major tourist destinations which are distinct and apart.
- Circuits should have well defined entry and exit points. So, a tourist who enters should get motivated to visit most of the places identified in the circuit.

Yuva Sahakar Scheme

Yuva Sahakar – Cooperative Enterprise Support and Innovation Scheme

Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers’ Welfare, Radha Mohan Singh on November 14, 2018 launched the **‘Yuva Sahakar-Cooperative Enterprise Support and Innovation Scheme’ of the National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC).** The NCDC has come up with this youth-friendly scheme for attracting youth to cooperative business ventures. So, it has created a dedicated fund with liberal features enabling youth to avail the scheme.

About Yuva Sahakar-Cooperative Enterprise Support and Innovation Scheme

- The scheme will be linked to **Rs 1000 crore ‘Cooperative Start-up and Innovation Fund (CSIF)’** created by the NCDC.
- Also, it would have more incentives for cooperatives of **North Eastern region, Aspirational Districts and cooperatives with women or SC or ST or PwD members.**

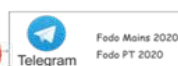
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- The funding for the project will be up to 80 percent of the project cost for these special categories against 70 percent for others.
- The scheme envisages 2 percent less than the applicable rate of interest on term loan for the project cost up to Rs 3 crore including 2 years moratorium on payment of principal.
- All types of cooperatives in operation for at least one year are eligible to avail of the scheme. So, It would encourage cooperatives to venture into new and innovative areas.
- So, the scheme is expected to meet the needs of youth. **National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC)**
- **National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC)** is headquartered in New Delhi. NCDC was formed in 1963.
- The NCDC has the unique distinction of being the sole statutory organisation and functions as an apex financial and developmental institution exclusively devoted to cooperative sector.

Pradhan Mantri Rojgar Protsahan Yojana

Pradhan Mantri Rojgar Protsahan Yojana Scheme aims to incentivise employers for employment generation by the Government paying the employers' EPS contribution of 8.33%, for the new employees, for the first three years of their employment and is proposed to be made applicable for unemployed persons that are semiskilled and unskilled. And, the scheme is being implemented by the Ministry of Labour and Employment and is operational since August, 2016.

About Pradhan Mantri Rojgar Protsahan Yojana

- **Pradhan Mantri Rojgar Protsahan Yojana (PMRPY)** is a scheme to incentivise employers registered with the **Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO)** for job creation by the Government paying the 8.33% contribution of employers to the **Employee Pension Scheme (EPS)** in respect of new employees having a new Universal Account Number (UAN).
- For the textile (apparel) sector, the Government will also be paying the 3.67% Employees Provident Fund (EPF) contribution of the eligible employer for these new employees.
- **This Scheme has a dual benefit, where, on the one hand, the employer is incentivised for increasing the employment base of workers in the establishment.**
- And on the other hand, a large number of workers will find jobs in such establishments. A direct benefit is that these workers will have access to social security benefits of the organized sector.

Pradhan Mantri Rojgar Protsahan Yojana in recent news

- Launched on 9th August 2016, with an aim to incentivise employers for employment generation, **Pradhan Mantri Rojgar Protsahan Yojana (PMRPY)** has benefitted as many as **98.38 lakh employees**.
- Under the PMRPY, the Government of India pays **Employer's full contribution i.e. 12% towards EPF and EPS both (as admissible from time to time) w.e.f. 01.04.2018 for a period of three years** to the new employees and to the existing beneficiaries for their remaining period of three years through EPFO.
- All establishments registered with Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) can apply for availing benefits under the scheme subject to the following conditions
- Establishments registered with the **Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO)** should also have a **Labour identification Number (LN)** allotted to them under the Shram

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Suvidha Portal . The LIN will be the primary reference number for all communication to be made under the **PMRPY Scheme**.

- **The Scheme will be in operation for a period of 3 years and the Government of India will continue to pay the 8.33% EPS contribution to be made by the employer for the next 3 years.** That is, all new eligible employees will be covered under the PMRPY Scheme till 2019 – 20.

Eligibility Criteria for establishments for claiming benefit under the scheme

- Establishment should be registered with EPFO under EPF Act 1952 and have a valid LIN
- Also it should have a valid organisational PAN
- And the establishment must have a valid Bank Account, the details of which are to be entered and through which payments may be made to the establishment.
- Also, establishment should have submitted their ECR for the month of March, 2016
- Similarly, establishment should have increased the number of employees on or after 01.04.2016
- For new establishments registered after 01.04.2016, all new employees can be covered subject to meeting of necessary conditions.

New Employee, for the purposes of the scheme, is defined as

- an employee earning less than Rs. 15000 per month,
- not working in any establishment registered with the EPFO in the past (prior to 01st April, 2016) and ☐ did not have a **Universal Account Number prior to 01st April, 2016.**

All the above conditions should be satisfied for an employee to be categorised as new employee.

Seva Bhoj Yojna

‘Seva Bhoj Yojna’ is a Central Sector Scheme of the Ministry of Culture, Government of India.

It envisages reimbursing the Central Government share of Central Goods and Services Tax (CGST) and Integrated Goods and Service Tax (IGST) so as to lessen the financial burden of such Charitable Religious Institutions **who provide Food/Prasad/Langar (Community Kitchen)/Bhandara free of cost without any discrimination to Public/Devotees.**

The scheme is being implemented **from 01.08.2018 with a total outlay of Rs. 325.00 Crores for Financial Years 2018-19 and 2019-20.**

Under the Scheme of ‘Seva Bhoj Yojna’ Central Goods and Services Tax (CGST) and Central Government’s share of Integrated Goods and Services Tax (IGST) paid on purchase of specific raw food items by Charitable Religious

Institutions for distributing free food to public shall be reimbursed as Financial Assistance by the Government of India.

Financial Assistance in the form of reimbursement shall be provided where the institution has already paid GST on all or any of the raw food items listed below:

1. Ghee
2. Edible oil
3. Sugar / Burra / Jaggery
4. Rice
5. Atta / Maida / Rava /Flour
6. Pulses

So, the total amount of CGST and Central Government’s share of IGST that would be reimbursed on purchases in the Financial Year 2019-20 will be capped **at a maximum of 10% of the current financial year i.e. 2018-19.**

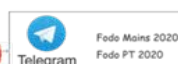
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Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana

Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana is scheme for providing **Physical Aids and Assisted-living Devices** for **Senior citizens belonging to BPL category**. This is a Central Sector Scheme, fully funded by the Central Government. And the expenditure for implementation of the scheme will be met from the “**Senior Citizens’ Welfare Fund**”.

Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana was launched in Rajasthan.

The Scheme will be implemented through the sole implementing agency – **Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation (ALIMCO)**, a PSU under the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.

As per the Census figures of 2011, the population of senior citizens in India is 10.38 crore. More than 70% of the population of senior citizens live in rural areas of the country. A sizeable percentage (5.2%) of the senior citizens suffers from some sort of disabilities related to old age. **Projections indicate that the number of elderly population will increase to around 173 million by 2026.**

The Government has hence devised the Central Sector Scheme to provide Physical aids and Assisted Living Devices for such senior citizens suffering from age related disabilities/ infirmities, who belong to **BPL category**.

The Scheme duration is for period of the 3 years ie. upto 2019-20. **Salient features of Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana**

- **Free of cost distribution of the devices, commensurate with the extent of disability/infirmity that is manifested among the eligible senior citizens.**
- In case of multiple disabilities/infirmities manifested in the same person, the assistive devices will be given in respect of each disability/impairment.
- **ALIMCO will undertake one year free maintenance of the aids & assisted living devices.**
- Beneficiaries in each district will be identified by the State Governments/UT Administrations through a Committee chaired by the Deputy Commissioner/District Collector.
- As far as possible, **30% of the beneficiaries in each district shall be women.**
- The State Government/UT Administration/District Level Committee can also utilize the data of BPL beneficiaries receiving Old Age Pension under the NSAP or any other Scheme of the State/UT for identification of senior citizens belonging to BPL category.
- The devices will be distributed in Camp mode.

Mission Solar Chakra

The Solar Charkha Mission is a Ministry of Micro Small & Medium Enterprises (MSME) initiative launched during June 2018. The Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) would implement the programme.

A pilot project on Solar Charkha was implemented at Khanwa village, Nawada District of Bihar in 2016. Based on the success of the pilot project, Government of India has accorded **approval to set up 50 such clusters with a budget of Rs. 550 Crore for 2018-19 and 2019-20.** The scheme is envisaged to generate direct employment nearly to one lakh persons in the **approved Fifty (50) clusters.**

The objectives of the Scheme are as follows:

- To ensure inclusive growth by **generation of employment, especially for women and youth, and sustainable development through solar charkha clusters in rural areas.**
- To boost rural economy and help in arresting migration **from rural to urban areas.**
- To leverage low-cost, innovative **technologies and processes for sustenance**

Project Coverage

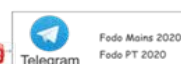
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- The target is to cover **50 solar clusters across the country, whereby approx. 1,00,000 artisans/beneficiaries are to be covered under the various scheme components.**
- The scheme shall be implemented in all **States of India.**
- The geographical distribution of the clusters throughout the country, **with at least 10% located in the North Eastern Region (NER), J&K and hilly states,** will also be kept in view.
- Special focus will be given to 117 aspirational districts for soliciting project proposals under the scheme. *One cluster of Solar Charkha would involve a maximum subsidy of Rs. 9.599 crore. An indicative Scheme is given below:*

The Scheme would cover the following three types of interventions.

Capital subsidy for individual and for Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) :

- **2000 Solar Charkha s at the maximum price of Rs.45,000/- per charkha and a subsidy of Rs.15,750/- per charkha works out to a cumulative subsidy of Rs.3.15 crore for 1000 spinners;**
- One unit of two Solar Charkhas would produce 2.0 kg of yarn on an average per day, resulting in a production of 2.0 tons per 2000 charkhas.
- **Thus, 500 Solar Looms would be required to convert the yarn into fabric at the maximum price of Rs.1,10,000/- per loom and subsidy @35% at Rs.38,500/- per loom and the cumulative subsidy works out to Rs.1.93 crore for 500 weavers;**
- **Capital cost of construction of workshed with a minimum space of 20,000 sq.ft with 100% subsidy at the maximum rate upto Rs.1.20 crore per cluster for the SPV;**
- **Capital cost of Solar Grid of 50 KW capacity with 100% subsidy at the maximum rate upto 0.40 crore per cluster for the SPV;**
- **One-time Capital Cost Subsidy for the SPV @35% works out to maximum of Rs.0.75 crore per Cluster for the purchase of twisting machines, dying machines and stitching machines (500 in number) for making the unit self-sustainable and for value addition.**

Interest subvention for Working Capital:

- **It is proposed to have a ceiling of 8% of interest subvention on working capital irrespective of the interest rates being charged by the Banks/Financial Institutions for a period of six months.**
- **Recurring Working Capital cost for a period of six months at the rate of interest subvention of 8% works out to Rs.1.584 crore for one cluster including cost of roving, wages of spinners and weavers.**

Capacity building:

- The scheme envisages courses for the spinners/weavers and others involved in the garmenting unit **at a total cost of Rs 0.595 cr per cluster for a period of two years.**

Rashtriya Yuva Sashaktikaran Karyakram Scheme

The Union Cabinet has approved the **continuation of Rastriya Yuva Sashaktikaran Karyakram Scheme for the Period 2017-18 to 2019-2020 with budget outlay of Rs.1160 crore.**

- **The Rashtriya Yuva Sashaktikaran Karyakram Scheme is an ongoing Central Sector Scheme of the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports and has been continuing since 12th Five Year Plan.**
- **So, the Scheme aims to develop the personality and leadership qualities of the youth and to engage them in nation building activities.**

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- **During 12th FYP period**, in rationalization exercise undertaken in consultation with Ministry of Finance and NITI Aayog, the eight schemes were brought under the umbrella scheme of **Rashtriya Yuva Sashaktikaran Karyakram as sub-schemes**.
- So, this has helped in achieving better synergies between the Schemes and thereby, improves their effectiveness and help in achieving better outcomes with the available resources.

The Scheme beneficiaries are the youth in the age-group of 15-29 years, in line with the definition of 'youth' in the National Youth Policy, 2014. Similarly, in case of programme components specifically meant for the adolescents, **the age-group is 10-19 years.**

About Rashtriya Yuva Sashaktikaran Karyakram Scheme

The Rashtriya Yuva Sashaktikaran Karyakram Scheme is a Central Sector Scheme of the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports and has been continuing since 12th Five Year Plan. The Scheme aims to develop the personality and leadership qualities of the youth and to engage them in nation building activities.

The Department of Youth Affairs has been operating a number of Schemes for development and empowerment of youth. Restructuring of the schemes were done in 2014 in order to improve their effectiveness. In the process 8 ongoing schemes were merged to form the umbrella Scheme called **Rashtriya Yuva Sashaktikaran Karyakram (RYSK) with effect from 01.04.2016.**

The Scheme is to be continued during 2017-18 to 2019-2020 with budget outlay of Rs.1160 crore.

Beneficiaries

The Scheme beneficiaries are youth in the age-group of 15-29 years, in line with the definition of 'youth' in the National Youth Policy, 2014. In case of programme components specifically meant for the adolescents, the age group is 10-19 years.

Scheme Components

The following existing Schemes/ Programmes were subsumed in the Rashtriya Yuva Sashaktikaran Karyakram (RYSK)

- Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS).
- National Youth Corps (NYC).
- National Programme for Youth and Adolescent Development (NPYAD).
- International Cooperation (IC).
- Youth Hostels (YH).
- Assistance to Scouting and Guiding Organisations
- National Discipline Scheme (NDS)
- National Young Leaders Programme (NYLP).

JUNE

PradhanMantriGramin Digital SakshartaAbhiyaan (PMGDISHA)

About:

- It was launched as an integral part of the 'Digital India' initiative.
- The vision of this scheme is that one person in every household digitally literate, and train them to operate digital devices such as Tablets, Smartphones et cetera.
- Bridge the digital divide, specifically targeting the rural population .
- It also ensures high-speed internet access for all, though a secure ecosystem.
- Under the scheme people will be able to search for education, career and job-related information, search for weather forecasts, fishing zones, market prices, government schemes, farming equipment.

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- It makes utility bill payments online ,Book train and bus tickets online,Locate government information and schemes online citizen services **Important takeaways:**

Launched by	Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
Aim	To increase the Digital Literacy rate in India
Eligibility	The Scheme is applicable only for rural areas of the country. Age: 14- 60 years
Budget	2351.38 crore
How it works	It has the web of helping hands who work together to provide authorize underprivileged section of the society, to spread digital empowerment among rural communities and Panchayat constituencies, to educate at least one person from each household.

Pradhan Mantri Kisansamman Siddhi Scheme

About:

- The scheme was launched on 24th February 2019 in the run-up to the 2019 Parliamentary elections in Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh where the first rounds of installments were paid to several farmers.
- The government so far distributed the first installment to 3.11 crore beneficiaries and second installment to

2.66 crore beneficiaries into their bank accounts through Direct Benefit Transfer mode.

Important Takeaways:

Ministry	Ministry of Agriculture and farmers welfare
Budget	75000 crore
Amount	6,000 per year will be paid to each eligible farmer in three installments and will be deposited directly to their bank accounts
Who will be benefited?	small and marginal farmers (SMFs)
Aim	To supplement the financial needs of the SMFs in procuring various inputs to ensure proper crop health and appropriate yields, commensurate with the anticipated farm income at the end of the each crop cycle.

Nal Se Jal

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Aim: To the allied issue of water after the country-wide sanitation drive with the Swachh Bharat Mission comes to an end

About:

- The scheme 'Nal se Jal' will be a component of the government's JalJivan Mission.
- The Ministry plans to provide piped water connections to every household in India by 2024.
- The ministry will also look at conservation of surface and groundwater and inter-linking rivers across the country.
- The idea of inter-linking rivers across the country was proposed by the late Prime Minister AtalBihari Vajpayee in order to ease the irrigation and drinking water crisis

Important Takeaways:

Aim	To supplement the financial needs of the SMFs in procuring various inputs to ensure proper crop health and appropriate yields, commensurate with the anticipated farm income at the end of the each crop cycle.
Ministry	Ministry of Drinking water and sanitation
Budget	28261. 59 crore
Along with	Jal Shakti Ministry

Aapki Beti

About:

- Girls living under the Below Poverty Line (BPL) and whose mother or father or both have died to get annual financial assistance in the state.
- The amount has been increased to 2,100 from Rs 1,100 for the girls studying in class 1 to 8 and for the girls in class 9 to 12, the financial aid has been increased to Rs 2,500 from Rs 1,500.
- Similarly, the government has also increased ex-gratia payment to the next of kin of an officer killed on election duty to Rs 20 lakh from Rs 15 lakh.

Important Takeaways:

Launched by	Rajasthan
Aim	financial assistance given to school girls under the 'AapkiBeti' scheme and exgratia payment to the families of polling personnel who die during election duty.
Amount	Rs2100 for girls under class 1 to 8 Rs2500 for girls under 9 to 12
Eligibility	Under Below poverty Line

JULY

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Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana III

About :

- It involves consolidation of through Routes and Major Rural Links connecting habitations to Gramin Agricultural Markets (GrAMs) to consolidate 125,000 Km road length in the states.
- The project will be implemented from 2019-20 to 2024-25.
- The states will have to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) before launching of PMGSY-III in the respective states.
- This agreement is for providing adequate funds for maintenance of roads constructed under PMGSY post 5-year construction maintenance period.

Important takeaways:

Launched by	Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs
Aim	To provide connectivity to unconnected Habitations as part of a poverty reduction strategy.
Share (Centre: State)	60:40
Involves	consolidation of Through Routes and Major Rural Links connecting habitations to Gramin Agricultural Markets (GrAMs), Higher Secondary Schools and Hospitals.
Budget	Rs80000 crore

AUGUST

Pradhan Mantri Laghu Vyaparik Mandhan Yojana and Swarojgar pension scheme

About the scheme:

- To avail the scheme the beneficiaries must be between 18 and 40 years.
- All shopkeepers, self-employed persons, and retail traders whose GST turnover is below Rs.1.5 crore will be eligible.
- The eligible beneficiary will get Rs.3,000 per month after completing 60 years of age.
- In the Union Budget 2019-20, the Central Government has allocated Rs.750 crore for the scheme.
- Centre also has chosen Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) of India as a pension fund manager.
- LIC will be responsible for managing the pension fund, Central recordkeeping agency and responsible for pension payout.

Important Takeaways:

Launched in	Jharkhand
Budget	Rs750 crore
Pension fund to be Managed by	LIC
Eligibility	18 and 40 years
Beneficiary amount	Rs3000 per month

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Kishan Man Dhan Yojana

About the scheme:

- The Scheme shall secure the lives of 5 Crore Small and Marginal Farmers by providing a minimum pension of Rs 3000 per month to attain 60 years of age.
- The small and marginal farmers who are currently between the ages of 18 to 40 years can apply for the scheme.
- The Scheme is effective from the 9th August, 2019. It is voluntary and contributory for farmers in the entry age group of 18 to 40 years and a monthly pension of Rs. 3000/- will be provided to them on attaining the age of 60 years.
- The farmers will have to make a monthly contribution of Rs.55 to Rs.200, depending on their age of entry, in the Pension Fund till they reach the retirement date i.e. the age of 60 years.
- The monthly contributions will fall due on the same day every month as enrolment date. The beneficiaries may also choose an option to pay their contributions on quarterly, 4-monthly or half-yearly basis.

Important Takeaways:

Aim	To secure the lives of farmers.
Budget	Rs10,744 crores
Beneficiary amount	Rs3000 per month after attaining the age of 60
Eligibility	18 and 40 years
Pension fund Manager	LIC

Jal Jeevan Mission

About the scheme:

- The scheme functions under the Jal Shakti Ministry.
- It aims to work with state governments to ensure HarGharJal to all rural households by 2024.
- Under the first phase of the scheme, the government is to focus on rainwater harvesting and water conservation in 256 districts and carry out other initiatives.
- It includes renovation of traditional water bodies and tanks, reuse of water and recharge structures, watershed development and intensive afforestation.

Important Takeaways:

Aim	To bring piped water to households.
Ministry	Jal Shakti Ministry
Budget	3.5 lakh crore

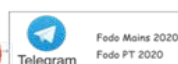
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Swachh Survekshan 2020

About the scheme:

- Collect segregated waste and maintain till processing site
- Utilize capacity Of wet waste processing facilities
- Treat and re-use wastewater
- Follow 3R Principles: Reduce, Reuse and Recycle
- Curtail solid waste based Air pollution
- Uplift social condition of informal Waste Pickers
- Promote procurement through GeM
- Assess Ganga Towns separately to accelerate action
- Engage Technology driven Monitoring

Important Takeaways:

Launched by	Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
Aim	sustaining and monitoring the ground and service level performance on cleanliness.
Conducted in 3 quarters	April – June July – September October – December 2019

FAME Scheme:

About the scheme:

- Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of (Hybrid &) Electric Vehicles (FAME) India scheme Department of Heavy Industry is implementing FAME-India Scheme- Phase-I [Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of (Hybrid &) Electric Vehicles in India from 1st April 2015.
- The scheme initially up to 31st April 2017 It is extended upto 31st March, 2019 or till Notification of FAME-II.
- The Phase-II of the Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of (Hybrid &) Electric Vehicles (FAME-India) Scheme proposes to give a push to electric vehicles (EVs) in public transport and seeks to encourage adoption of EVs by way of market creation and demand aggregation.

Important Takeaways:

FAME	Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of Electric Vehicles
Launched by	Department of Heavy Industries
Aim	To promote manufacturing of electric and hybrid vehicle technology and to ensure sustainable growth of the same

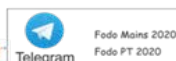
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Budget

Rs10000 crore

Navodayam Scheme

About the scheme:

- Navodayam will provide a lifeline to stressed MSMEs by ensuring that all eligible units are permitted for onetime restructuring of accounts up to March 31, 2020.
- We are also creating a new ecosystem for rejuvenation and development of MSMEs in the state through a slew of initiatives.
- Through these measures, infrastructure worth over Rs 3,900 crore would not become non-performing assets (NPAs).
- Under Navodayam, a special cell is being created at each District Industries Centre is headed by the General Manager, to provide handholding support to all restructured MSMEs for six months to stabilise the accounts.
- The studies will be conducted in all districts on sector-specific enterprises to identify key issues that need to be addressed and make the MSME ecosystem more robust.

Important Takeaways:

Launched by	Andhra Pradesh Government
Aim	For thousands of ailing Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in the state.
Investment	Rs30,500 crore
Lifeline	Navodayam will provide a lifeline to stressed MSMEs by ensuring that all eligible units are permitted for onetime restructuring of accounts up to March 31, 2020.

E- Rozgar Scheme

About the scheme:

- They provide information and guidance about admission and career opportunities in various streams through career-oriented articles by experts.
- It is expected to meet the emerging challenge of young readers switching to electronic modes of communication.
- The journal priced at 75% of the cost of its print version and is available for an annual subscription fee of Rs. 400.
- It can be accessed by visiting the website www.employmentnews.gov.in.
- RozgarSamacharRozgarSamachar is the hindi version of Employment News (English)

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Important Takeaways:

Launched by	Union Minister of Information and Broadcasting Prakash Javadekar
Aim	To make the aspirants aware of job opportunities in government sector including public sector enterprises.
Annual subscription	Rs400
Portal	www.employmentnews.gov.in

One Nation One Ration Card

About the scheme:

- Each beneficiary would be given 5kg rice at ₹3 a kg and wheat at ₹2 a kg.
- The Centre has formed the State Apex Committee under the chairmanship of the Chief Secretary of the State and the State Project e-Mission Team.

Beneficiaries: Upon successful implementation of the Scheme, the families who have food security cards can buy subsidized rice and wheat from any ration shop in these states. In order to avail the service the ration cards should be linked with Aadhar number.

Key Takeaways:

Aim	To boost national food security.
Available from	July 1, 2020
Beneficiary compensation	5kg rice at ₹3 a kg and wheat at ₹2 a kg.

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UMMID

About the Scheme:

- UMMID is expected to be a path-breaking initiative in the health-care sector.
- UMMID is to be implemented at government hospitals in order to help the people who cannot afford expensive care for genetic disorders.
- The initiative will use cutting edge scientific technology and molecular medicine to extend Universal Health Coverage for all

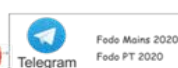
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Important Takeaways:

UMMID	Unique Methods of Management and Treatment of Inherited Disorders
Aim	To work towards achieving wellness by promoting the prevention of genetic diseases under the National Health Policy, 2017 of the government.
Launched by	Union Minister for Science and Technology, Earth sciences and Health & Family Welfare, Dr Harsh Vardhan
Part of the initiative	five NIDAN Kendras have been established to provide comprehensive clinical care.

NEAT AI learning Scheme

About the scheme:

- MHRD will ensure that the solutions are freely available to a large number of economically backward students.
- It will create and maintain a National NEAT AI platform that would provide one-stop access to these technological solutions.
- The NEAT portal will be free to charge fees as per the Ministry's policy
- Also, as a part of the contribution, the EdTech companies will be offering free coupons to the extent of 25% of the total registrations for their solution through the NEAT portal.
- The free coupons for learning will be distributed to the most socially/economically backward students. **Important Takeaways:**

Launched by	Ministry of HRD
Aim	To boost better learning outcomes in Higher Education.
Contribution	offering free coupons to the extent of 25% of the total registrations for their solution through the NEAT portal.
Added Contribution	MHRD would distribute the free coupons for learning to the most socially or economically backward students

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About the scheme: The scheme of state government will help in achieving the goals set by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

- Under the scheme, cash amount of Rs.15,000 will be provided to every family in which a girl child takes birth.
- The state government will direct transfer funds in the account of the registered girls in a phased manner when a girl child will complete various achievements, like vaccination, admission in class 1, 5, and 9, graduation.

Important Takeaways:

Launched by	Uttar Pradesh CM Yogi Adityanath
Aim	To empower the girl child
Amount	Rs15,000
Launched in	25 October 2019

Food Safety Mitra (FSM)

About the Scheme:

- The scheme facilitates licensing and registration, hygiene ratings, and training.
- This scheme ensures to create new employment opportunities for youth, especially with food and nutrition background.
- The FSMs will be trained under the scheme and certified by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI).
- This aims to help the trained persons to work and get paid by food businesses for their services.

Important Takeaways:

Inaugurated by	Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare, Dr. Harsh Vardhan.
Aim	To strengthen and scale up the Eat Right India movement. The Food Safety Mitra (FSM) scheme aims to support small and medium-scale food businesses to comply with the food safety laws.
Certified by	FSSAI
How it works?	They undergo training and certification by FSSAI to do their work and get paid by food businesses for their services.

Van Dhan Internship Programme

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About The scheme:

- All the interns will be a part of the National Building Team.
- The program will emphasize the need for entrepreneurship
- Ministry has selected 18 interns from some of the reputed Institutes of Rural Management/

Management Institutions/ Institutes of Social Work/ Social Services of the country

- These interns will be trained to go and work on the Van Dhan program in the field.
- These interns have an inclination towards involving in matters related to tribal livelihood.

Important Takeaways:

Launched by	ArjunMunda, Ministry of Tribal Affairs
Organised by	Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India (TRIFED)
Aim	The program will help the tribal population to become self-reliant and entrepreneurs.
Launched in	Chattisgarh 2018
Significance	Through this initiative, the share of tribals in the value chain of Non-Timber Forest Produce is expected to rise from the present 20% to around 60%.

YSR RythuBharosa – PM Kissan

About the scheme:

- Under the scheme, 54 lakh farmers will get Rs.13,500 over three installments.
- Forty lakh beneficiaries who get Rs.6,000 under the PM KisaanSammanNidhi will get Rs.7,500 to that sum.
- The scheme has been renamed with the PM's name included to give credit to the Central govt. as the scheme is getting funds from the Centre
- The scheme is being implemented seven months ahead of schedule
- Under the scheme, the farmers in the state, including three lakh tenant farmers from minority categories, will receive Rs.67,500 as support over five years instead of the Rs.50,000 over four years.

Important Takeaways

Launched by	Andhra Pradesh Govt
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Aim	The flagship Farmer Assistance scheme
Annual amount	Rs 13,500 into the bank accounts of farmers.
3 Instalments	7500- May 4000- October 2000- January

Vigyan Jyoti

About the scheme:

- VigyanJyoti program aims to pick out 100 girl students in 550 districts from 2020-2025.
- The students will be chosen based on the merit list.
- Under the program science, camps for the girl students will be held nearby IITs, NITs, and national laboratories.
- The program will cover girl students from 9 to 12 grade.
- Under the program, the girl students will be given a modest financial incentive to cover their additional expenses like travel to camps.
- The program includes providing counseling to the parents of the selected girl students.
- Under the program, the students will interact with top women leaders in the area of science and technology, corporate world, universities, and top institute like the DRDO. **Important Takeaways:**

Aim	To help girl students inculcate interest in areas like Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM).
Vision	To pick out 100 girl students in 550 districts from 2020-2025.
Cover under	Class 9 to 12 grade girls

SUMAN Scheme

About the scheme:

The beneficiaries who visit public health facilities will avail several free services including:

- at least four antenatal check-ups that also includes one checkup during the 1st trimester
- at least one checkup under PradhanMantriSurakshitMatritvaAbhiyan
- Iron Folic Acid supplementation
- Tetanus Diphtheria injection
- Other components of comprehensive ANC package

The scheme provides zero expense access to identify and manage complications during and after pregnancy. It also provides free transport from home to health institutions.

Important Takeaways:

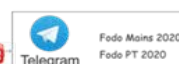
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Launched by	Union Health Minister Harsh Vardhan
Aim	To provide quality healthcare at zero cost to pregnant women, new mothers and newborns.
SUMAN	SurakshitMatritvaAashwasan(SUMAN)
Eligibility	All pregnant women, newborns and mothers up to 6 months of delivery

Kanti Velugu Programme

About the scheme:

- As a part of health reforms, the State government has decided to implement the programme to provide cashless comprehensive primary, secondary and tertiary quality eye care services to the state's entire population.
- The programme will be implemented in six phases over the next three years.
- The cost estimated for the programme is Rs.560.88 crore including free eye screening, spectacles, strengthening of government institutions, hiring of temporary staff, cataract surgeries and other secondary and tertiary eye care management.

Important Takeaways:

Launched by	Andhra Pradesh Govt
Aim	To eradicate blindness.
Budget	Rs560.88 crore
Launched on	World sight day (October 10)

Fariste DilliKe Scheme

About the scheme:

- The pilot project of the scheme was launched in 2017.
- The scheme honours and rewards those who help accident victims and take them to the hospital.
- Under the scheme, the State government provides free treatment to all victims of the accident regardless of the cost of treatment.
- It also provides a reward of Rs.2,000 and a certificate to a good samaritan for taking the accident victims to a hospital.
- As per the scheme, the samaritans who help accident victims will also not be liable to any questions from the police.

Important Takeaways:

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Aim	The scheme aims to help accident victims, burn victims and acid attack victims and take them to hospitals.
Reward	Rs2000 and a certificate

Vahana Mitra Scheme

About the Scheme:

- Under the scheme the beneficiaries will get Rs.10,000 each per year for five years.
- Those who own vehicles but could not enroll for the programme can now register up to 31 October 2019.
- This scheme has been claimed to be the first of its kind in the country.

Important Takeaways:

Launched by	Andhra Pradesh Govt
Aim	To benefit over 1,73,102 autorickshaw and taxi drivers across the State.
Beneficiary Amount	Rs10000 per year for 5 years

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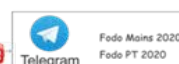
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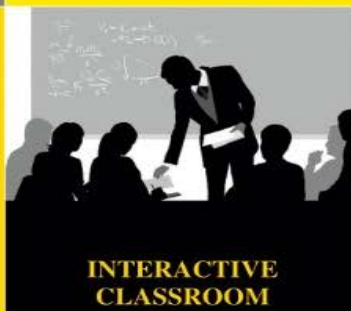
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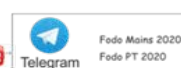
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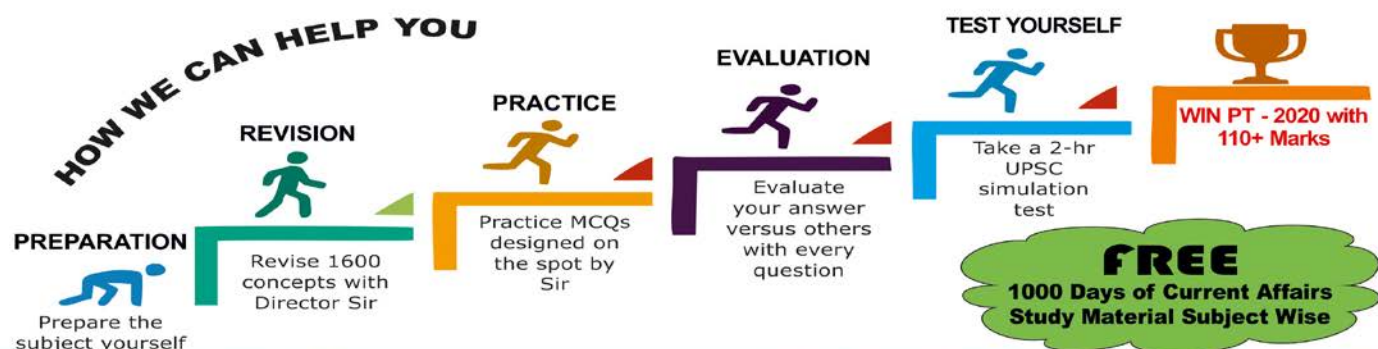


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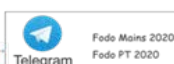
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