



PM-DAKSH Scheme

For Prelims: PM-DAKSH Scheme, Initiatives Related to Skill Development.

For Mains: Government Policies & Interventions, Significance of PM-DAKSH Scheme in Providing Skill in the Marginalised Groups.

Why in News

Recently, the **Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment** has informed the Lok Sabha that the amount of funds earmarked under **PM-DAKSH (Pradhan Mantri Dakshta Aur Kushalta Sampann Hitgrahi Yojana)** during 2020-21 and 2021-22 are Rs.44.79 crores and Rs.79.48 crores respectively.

- Earlier, the Ministry launched '**PM-DAKSH**' Portal and '**PM-DAKSH**' Mobile App to make the skill development schemes accessible to the target groups - [SC \(Scheduled Caste\)](#), [OBC \(Other Backward Classes\)](#), [Economically Backward Classes \(EBC\)](#), [Denotified tribes](#), [Sanitation workers](#).

What are the Key Points?

- **About:**
 - It is being implemented **from the year 2020-21**.
 - Under this, **eligible target groups are provided with the skill development training programmes** on Short Term Training Program; Up-Skilling/Reskilling; Entrepreneurship Development Programme, and Long Term Training Programme.
 - These **training programmes are being implemented through the government training institutes**, sector skill councils that have been constituted by the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, and other credible institutions.
- **Eligibility:**
 - Marginalised persons of **SC, OBC, EBC, Denotified tribes, Sanitation workers** including waste pickers, [manual scavengers](#), [transgenders](#) and other similar categories.
- **Implementation:**
 - It is implemented by the three Corporations under the Ministry:
 - **National Scheduled Castes Finance and Development Corporation (NSFDC)**,
 - **National Backward Classes Finance & Development Corporation (NBCFDC)**,
 - **National Safai Karamcharis Finance and Development Corporation (NSKFDC)**.
- **Status of Skill Development Training of Target Groups:**
 - Skill development training has been imparted to **2,73,152 people of the target groups in the last 5 years**.
 - A target, during the year 2021-22, has been set to provide the skill development training to approx 50,000 people of the target groups through these three corporations.

What is the Significance of the Scheme?

▪ **Minimal Economic Assets:**

- Most of the persons of the **target groups have minimal economic assets**; therefore, provision of **training and enhancing their competencies is essential** for economic empowerment/ upliftment of these marginalised target groups.

▪ **Helps Category of Rural Artisans:**

- Many of the persons of the **target groups belong to the category of rural artisans who have become marginalised** owing to the coming of better technologies in the market.

▪ **Empowers Women:**

- Women due to their overall domestic compulsions, **cannot be involved in wage employment** which normally involves long working hours and sometimes migration to other cities, **there is a need to empower the women amongst the target groups**.

What are the Initiatives Related to Skill Development?

- **Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana 3.0:** It was **launched by the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE)** in 2021 in a bid to empower India's youth with employable skills by making over 300 skill courses available to them.
- **National Career Service Project:** Launched in 2015 to offer **free online career skills training to job-seekers registered with it**. It is an initiative of the Ministry of Labour & Employment.
- **Skills Acquisition and Knowledge Awareness for Livelihood (SANKALP):** Its focus is on district-level skilling ecosystem through convergence and coordination. It is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme which is collaborated with the [World Bank](#).
- **Kaushalacharya Awards:** Launched to recognize the contribution made by skill trainers and to motivate more trainers to join the Skill India Mission.
- **Scheme for Higher Education Youth in Apprenticeship and Skills (SHREYAS):** The scheme is to provide industry apprenticeship opportunities to the general graduates exiting in April 2019 through the **National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS)**. It was launched by the Ministry of Education.
- **Atmanirbhar Skilled Employee Employer Mapping (ASEEM):** Launched by MSDE in 2020, it is a portal to help skilled people find sustainable livelihood opportunities.

PYQs

1. Recognition of Prior Learning Scheme' is sometimes mentioned in the news with reference to (2017)

- (a) Certifying the skills acquired by construction workers through traditional channels.
- (b) Enrolling the persons in Universities for distance learning programmes.
- (c) Reserving some skilled jobs to rural and urban poor in some public sector undertakings.
- (d) Certifying the skills acquired by trainees under the National Skill Development Programme.

Ans: (a)

2. With reference to Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana, consider the following statements: (2018)

- 1. It is the flagship scheme of the Ministry of Labour and Employment.
- 2. It, among other things, will also impart training in soft skills, entrepreneurship, financial and digital literacy.
- 3. It aims to align the competencies of the unregulated workforce of the country to the National Skill Qualification Framework.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 and 3 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) 2 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

Ans: (c)

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