

Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana

Why in News

More than 28.68 crore loans for an amount of **Rs. 14.96 lakh crore** have been sanctioned by banks, NBFCs and MFIs since the launch of **Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY).**

Key Points

- About Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY):
 - Launch and Aim:
 - It was launched by the government in 2015 for providing loans up to Rs. 10 lakh to the non-corporate, non-farm small/micro-enterprises.
 - Funding Provision:
 - MUDRA, which stands for Micro Units Development & Refinance Agency Ltd., is a financial institution set up by the Government.
 - It provides funding to the non-corporate small business sector through various last-mile financial institutions like Banks, <u>Non-Banking Financial Companies</u> (NBFCs) and <u>Micro Finance Institutions</u> (MFIs).
 - MUDRA does not lend directly to micro-entrepreneurs/individuals.
 - Three Products:
 - MUDRA has created three products i.e. 'Shishu', 'Kishore' and 'Tarun' as per the stage of growth and funding needs of the beneficiary micro unit.
 - Shishu: Covering loans up to Rs. 50,000.
 - **Kishore:** Covering loans above Rs. 50,000 and up to Rs. 5 lakh.
 - Tarun: Covering loans above Rs. 5 lakh and up to Rs. 10 lakh.
 - Loans under this scheme are collateral-free loans.
- Achievements:
 - Loans have been given to disadvantaged sections of society such as women entrepreneurs, SC/ST/OBC borrowers, Minority community borrowers, etc. The focus has also been on new entrepreneurs.
 - As per a survey conducted by Ministry of Labour and Employment, PMMY helped in generation of 1.12 crore net additional employment from 2015 to 2018.
 - Out of the **1.12 crore** of estimated increase in employment, **women accounted** for **69 lakh** (**62%**).

Source: PIB

