



SPARSH: System for Pension Administration Raksha

Why in News

Recently, the **Ministry of Defence** has implemented **SPARSH (System for Pension Administration Raksha)**.

Key Points

▪ About:

- It is an **integrated system for automation of sanction and disbursement** of defence **pension**.
- This **web-based system processes pension claims** and credits pension directly into the bank accounts of defence pensioners without relying on any external intermediary.
- A **Pensioner Portal** is available for pensioners **to view their pension related information**, access services and register complaints, if any.
- SPARSH envisages **establishment of Service Centres to provide last mile connectivity to pensioners** who may be unable to directly access the SPARSH portal.
 - The two largest banks dealing with defence pensioners - State Bank of India (SBI) and Punjab National Bank (PNB) - have been co-opted as Service Centres.

▪ Other Initiative Related to Defence Pensions:

- **One Rank One Pension (OROP) scheme**: It provides the **payment of the same pension to military officers for the same rank** for the **same length of service**, irrespective of the date of retirement.

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