



Pradhan Mantri Virasat Ka Samvardhan Scheme

For Prelims: Pradhan Mantri Virasat Ka Samvardhan Scheme, Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram

For Mains: Government Policies and Intervention, Skill Development Schemes

Why in News?

Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Ko Kaam Karyakram (PMKKK) has been named as Pradhan Mantri Virasat Ka Samvardhan (PM VIKAS) Scheme by the **Ministry of Minority Affairs**.

What are the Key Points of the Scheme?

▪ About:

- It is a **Central-Sector Scheme**, which focuses on the skilling, entrepreneurship and leadership training requirements of the minority and artisan communities across the country.
- This is an integrated scheme that converges **five erstwhile schemes of the Ministry of Minority Affairs** viz,
 - **Seekho aur Kamao:**
 - This is a **placement linked skill development scheme** for minorities aiming to upgrade the skills of minority youth in various modern/traditional skills **depending upon their qualification, present economic trends and market potential**
 - **USTTAD (Upgrading the Skills & Training in Traditional Arts/Crafts for Development):** It aims to **promote and preserve the rich heritage of the traditional arts & crafts** of the minority communities.
 - **Hamari Dharohar:** It has been formulated to preserve rich heritage of minority communities of India.
 - **Nai Roshni:** It is a **Leadership Development Programme** for women belonging to minority communities in the age group of 18 to 65 years. It was started in 2012-13.
 - **Nai Manzil:** The scheme aims to benefit the youth (both men & women) belonging to **six notified minority communities of 17-35 years of age**, who do not have formal school leaving certificate.
- The scheme has been approved by the Cabinet for the period of **15th Finance Commission**.

▪ Components:

- Skill and Training
- Leadership and Entrepreneurship
- Education
- Infrastructure Development

▪ Objectives:

- PM VIKAS aims to improve the **livelihoods of the minorities, particularly the artisan communities**, using the components of skill development, education, women leadership &

- entrepreneurship.
- These components complement each other **in the ultimate objective of the scheme to increase the incomes of the beneficiaries and provide support** by facilitating credit and market linkages.

What are the Other Schemes Related to the Minority?

- **Pradhanmantri Jan Vikas Karykram:**
 - The programme aims to **develop socio-economic and basic amenities assets like school, college, polytechnic, girls' hostel, ITI, skill development centre etc** for the minority communities.
- **Begum Hazrat Mahal Girls Scholarships:**
 - Scholarships for **economically backward girls** belonging to the six notified Minority communities.
- **Gharib Nawaz Employment Scheme:**
 - It was launched so that **short-term job-oriented skill development courses may be provided to minorities' youth** in order to enable them for skill based employment.
- **Hunar Haat:**
 - Launched to provide market and employment and employment opportunities to **master artisans, craftsmen and traditional culinary experts.**

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