

NAVYA Initiative Launched in UP

Why in News?

NAVYA - Nurturing Aspirations through Vocational Training for Young Adolescent Girls was launched in Sonbhadra district of Uttar Pradesh to empower adolescent girls.

Key Points

- NAVYA Initiative for Empowerment:
 - NAVYA is a joint initiative of the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship and the Ministry of Women and Child Development.
 - It will be **implemented across 27 aspirational districts** in 19 states, ensuring that marginalised and underserved regions are prioritised.
 - It is a pilot initiative aimed at equipping adolescent girls aged 16-18 years with a minimum qualification of Class 10, with vocational training mainly in nontraditional job roles.
 - It aligns with the <u>Viksit Bharat@2047</u> vision and promotes women-led development and reinforces the Government's commitment to building a skilled, self-reliant, and inclusive workforce, positioning young girls as agents of socioeconomic transformation.
 - The programme will draw upon schemes like **Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana** (**PMKVY**) and other flagship skill development schemes.

Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY)

- The <u>Skill India Mission</u> was **launched by the Government in 2015**, under which the flagship scheme **PMKVY is implemented**.
- It aims at vocational training and certification of Indian youth for a better livelihood and respect in society.
- PMKVY is implemented by the <u>National Skills Development Corporation (NSDC)</u> under the guidance of the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE).



