



Ministry of Mines Launches 'Aspirational DMF Programme'

Why in News?

The **Aspirational DMF Programme** has been launched to align the [District Mineral Foundation \(DMF\)](#) initiatives with the [Aspirational District Programme \(ADP\)](#) and [Aspirational Block Programmes \(ABP\)](#).

- **Rajasthan**, along with other States is felicitated for adopting the revised [Pradhan Mantri Khanij Kshetra Kalyan Yojana \(PMKKKY\) 2024 guidelines](#) into DMF Rules.

Key Points

- **District Mineral Foundation (DMF):**
 - **About:**
 - As per the **Mine and Minerals Development Regulation (Amendment) Act, 2015**, in every district affected by mining-related operations, the state government shall, by notification, **establish a trust as a non-profit body** to be called the District Mineral Foundation.
 - **DMF Funds:**
 - Funds every **mining lease holder of will pay a fraction of royalty, not exceeding one-third of the royalty**, to the DMF as per rates prescribed by the Central Government.
 - This fund will be **used for the welfare of the people affected in the mining affected areas.**
 - **Objective:**
 - The idea behind the contribution is that local mining-affected communities, **mostly tribal and among the poorest** in the country, also **have the right to benefit from natural resources extracted from where they live.**
 - **Functioning:**
 - The functioning of the **DMF Trusts and the utilisation of funds, governed by the respective States' DMF Rules**, incorporate the mandates of the central guideline, PMKKKY.
- **Pradhan Mantri Khanij Kshetra Kalyan Yojana (PMKKKY)**
 - **Nodal Ministry:**
 - Launched in 2025, PMKKKY is a scheme by the **Ministry of Mines** for the welfare of people & affected areas by using the funds accrued under the District Mineral Foundation (DMF).
 - **Objectives:**
 - To **implement various developmental and welfare projects/programs in mining affected areas** that complement the existing ongoing schemes/projects of the State and Central Government.
 - To **minimize/mitigate the adverse impacts, during and after mining**, on the environment, health and socio-economics of people in mining districts.
 - To ensure **long-term sustainable livelihoods** for the affected people in mining areas.
 - **PMKKKY 2024 Guidelines:**
 - PMKKKY 2024 **mandates that at least 70% of DMF funds** must be spent

on **High Priority Sectors**, which directly impact the well-being of mining-affected communities.

- These **sectors include** drinking water supply, environmental preservation and **pollution control**, healthcare and education, welfare of women, children, elderly, and differently abled persons, skill development and livelihood generation, sanitation and housing, agriculture and animal husbandry.
- **Up to 30% of the funds may be used for Other Priority Sectors** that support long-term regional development.
 - These sectors include physical infrastructure, **irrigation** and energy, watershed development. Other activities aimed at enhancing environmental quality in mining-affected areas.

Aspirational Districts Programme (ADP)

- It was launched in 2018 which aims to **transform districts** that have shown relatively **lesser progress in key social areas**.
- Aspirational Districts are those districts in India that **are affected by poor socio-economic indicators**.
- It covers 112 districts across the country.
- The **programme is anchored by NITI Aayog**. In addition, individual Ministries have assumed responsibility to drive the progress of districts.

Aspirational Blocks Programme (ABP)

- Launched on **7th January 2023**, the ABP focuses on **improving governance to enhance the quality of life of citizens** in the most difficult and relatively underdeveloped blocks in the country.
- The programme's strategy revolves around consolidating existing schemes, defining outcomes, and vigilantly monitoring progress through **40 key performance indicators (KPIs) in five sectors — health and nutrition, education, agriculture and allied sectors, infrastructure, and social development**.

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