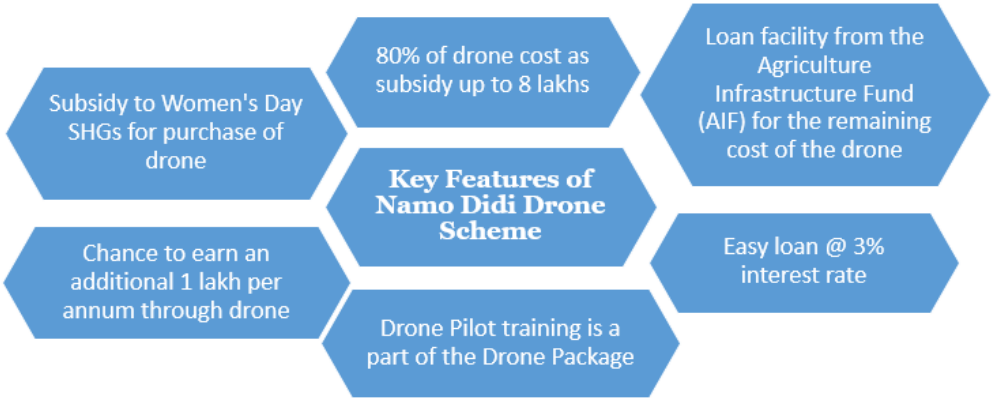
Namo Didi Drone Scheme

Why in News?

Recently, the government has approved the Namo Drone Didi scheme for the period from 2023-24 to 2025-26.

- **Namo Drone Didi** – It is a *central sector scheme* aiming to empower women-led Self-Help Groups (SHGs) by equipping them with drone technology to provide agricultural services.
- **Launched in** – 2023
- **Nodal Ministry** – Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare.
- **Umbrella scheme** – Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Rural Livelihood Mission (DAY – NRLM).
- **Aim** – To ***provide drones to selected Women SHGs*** for rental services to farmers for agriculture purposes like application of liquid fertilizers and pesticides.
- **Target** – To provide ***15,000 drones*** during the period 2024-25 to 2025-26 and during the financial year 2024-25, it has been targeted to distribute drones *to 3090 SHGs in the 1st phase.*
- **Budget** – *Rs. 1261 Crores* from 2023-24 to 2025-26.
- **Implemented by**
  - Department of Agriculture & Farmer's Welfare (DA&FW).
  - Department of Rural Development (DoRD).
  - Department of Fertilizers (DoF).
- State level Committee is responsible for selection of appropriate clusters for drone usage, selection of the progressive women SHGs under DAY - NRLM in the States.
- **Key Features**
  - Financial support and Accessibility
  - Collaborative Effort
  - Cluster-Based Implementation
  - Specialized Training for Women SHG Members
  - Infrastructure and Support from LFCs



- **Training**- It also includes *mandatory drone pilot training* and additional *training for agriculture purpose* for nutrient and pesticide application for one of the members of these women SHGs.
- Provisions are also made to train other member/ family member of the SHGs as drone assistant.
- **Significance** – It is expected to generate an *additional income of at least Rs. 1 lakh per year* for each SHG, contributing to economic empowerment and sustainable livelihood generation.



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