

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 <u>central sector scheme</u> 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 <u>provide drones to selected Women SHGs</u> for rental services to farmers for agriculture purposes like application of liquid fertilizers and pesticides.
- **Target** To provide <u>15,000 drones</u> during the period 2024-25 to 2025-26 and during the financial year 2024-25, it has been targeted to distribute drones <u>to 3090 SHGs in</u> 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

80% of drone cost as Agriculture subsidy up to 8 lakhs Subsidy to Women's Day (AIF) for the remaining SHGs for purchase of cost of the drone Key Features of Namo Didi Drone **Scheme** Easy loan @ 3% Chance to earn an additional 1 lakh per annum through drone Drone Pilot training is a part of the Drone Package

- **Training** It also includes <u>mandatory drone pilot training</u> and additional <u>training for agriculture purpose</u> 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 <u>additional income of at least Rs. 1 lakh</u> <u>per year</u> for each SHG, contributing to economic empowerment and sustainable livelihood generation.



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