National Backward Classes Finance & Development Corporation (NBCFDC)

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Why in News?

Recently, NBCFDC registered its highest-ever performance in FY 2025–26, achieving a record disbursement and near-complete fund utilization.

- It is a ***Section 8 Company*** mandated to undertake initiatives for the socio-economic empowerment of Other Backward Classes (OBCs).
- **Aim –** To provide concessional finance, skill development, and livelihood support to OBCs and marginalized communities.
- **Incorporated on -** January, 1994.
- **Nodal Ministry –** Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment
- **Implemented by –** State Channelizing Agencies (SCA), Banks, Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFC), Self Help Groups (SHG).
- **Objectives - Economic Promotion –** Promote economic and developmental activities specifically for the benefit of Backward Classes.
- **Financial Assistance –** Provide loans and advances for viable projects to individuals or groups based on government economic criteria.
- **Educational Support –** Extend loans for pursuing general, professional, vocational, or technical education at graduate and higher levels.
- **Employment & Skilling** – Facilitate gainful employment and upgrade technical or entrepreneurial skills through targeted development programs.
- **Eligibility**
    - **Target Group –** Must belong to Backward Classes.
    - **Income Limit –** Annual family income must be Rs. 3 Lakh or less.
    - **Priority Group –** Preference is given to those with a family income up to Rs. 1.50 Lakh.
    - **Loan Specifics**
        - **New Swarnima (Women) –** Women from backward classes with

income up to Rs. 3 Lakh.
    - **Education Loans –** Admission to approved technical/professional courses (graduate or higher) is required.
- **Coverage –** OBCs, Self Help Groups, Denotified & Nomadic Tribes, students under fellowship schemes.

Key Features	
Low-interest loans	Provides concessional financial assistance ranging from 3% to 8% per annum for self-employment and education.
Targeted eligibility	Focuses on Other Backward Classes (OBCs) and marginalized groups with annual family incomes up to Rs. 3 lakh.
Empowering women	Offers specialized micro-finance schemes like Mahila Samriddhi Yojana with interest rates as low as 4%.
Skill development	Funds vocational training and upskilling through the PM-DAKSH Yojana to improve employability and entrepreneurship.

Synergies	
Skill Development & Livelihoods	Linked with PM-DAKSH.
Educational Empowerment	National Fellowship for OBCs.
Financial Inclusion	VISVAS Interest Subvention Scheme.
Community Empowerment	SEED Scheme for Denotified Tribes.

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