NAVYA Scheme

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Why in news?

Recently, new skilling initiative called NAVYA is launched for adolescent girls by Indian Government.

- **NAVYA** – Nurturing Aspirations through Vocational Training for Young Adolescent Girls.
- **Launched by** – Ministry of Women and Child Development (MWCD).
- Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE).
- **Target group –** Adolescent girls aged **16 to 18 years**, with focus on Aspirational and tribal districts and potential for girls to **establish small businesses** after training.

Objectives:

- To empower adolescent girls aged 16 to 18 years through vocational training.
- To focus on non-traditional and emerging job roles to prepare them for the future job market.
- To promote confidence, economic independence, and entrepreneurial spirit, especially in Aspirational and tribal districts.
- **Pilot phase coverage** – 27 North-eastern and Aspirational districts across 19 States.
- Each participating district has **designated training centres** offering job-role-specific vocational courses tailored to the needs of adolescent girls.
- **Training & Implementation –** Girls identified by MWCD will be trained through **short-term skill development courses**.
- **Training under** – Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) and PM Vishwakarma Yojana.
- Focus areas for skill training include,
    - Graphic design
    - Telecom and financial services
    - Smartphone and drone assembly
    - Solar PV and CCTV installation
    - Hand embroidery

Significance

- It supports the vision of Viksit Bharat@2047 through inclusive development.
  It promotes skill development among marginalized sections, particularly girls from rural, tribal, and backward regions.
- It facilitates participation of adolescent girls in emerging sectors, including STEM and

technology-driven industries.

- It encourages entrepreneurial initiatives by young women, aiding in self-sufficiency and economic empowerment.
- It integrates efforts under Skill India Mission for a future-ready workforce.

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