Pilot Apprenticeship Scheme for Northeast India

Why in news?

Recently Union Government launches a pilot apprenticeship scheme for northeast youth.

- The scheme was launched in pilot basis to provide **structured, paid, and high-quality apprenticeship** opportunities to youth across Northeast region.
- **Launched by** - Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE).
- In collaboration with **Mizoram Government.**
- **Objectives** – To promote **apprenticeship among youth in the Northeast.**
- To address **mobility and access barriers** to training and jobs.
- **Implementing agencies**
  - Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship (Guwahati)
  - National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC)
  - Supported by: State Skill Missions, Regional Directorates, and local institutions.

Key features

- **Financial benefits -** Extra Rs 1,500/month for 12 months in addition to the existing Rs 1,500/month under the National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS).
  - The incentives can be availed for apprentices **within or outside** the North East.
  - The incentives are transferred through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT).
- **Target beneficiaries** – **26,000 youth** from Northeast India
- The scheme is designed with special focus on **higher female participation.**

Significance

- It offers **real industry exposure** through hands-on factory and sector experience.
- It encourages **industry participation** in youth training and hiring.
- It promotes region-specific skilling for equitable development and supports inclusive growth and future-ready workforce.
- It aligns with India's vision of "Ashta Lakshmi" & "Viksit Bharat, Viksit North East.

Reference

The Hindu| Centre launches pilot apprenticeship scheme for northeast