Pradhan Mantri Dakshta Aur Kushalta Sampann Hitgrahi (PM-DAKSH) Yojana

Why in News?

Union Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment has recently inaugurated the Skill Training Programme under PM-DAKSH Yojana, for Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan) in Shillong.

- **About** – A ***central sector scheme*** which was launched in 2020-21.
- **Objective** – To enhance competency level of the different target groups to make them employable both in self-employment and wage-employment for their socio-economic development.
- **Target groups**:
  - Scheduled Castes (SCs), Other Backward Classes (OBCs), De-notified Tribes (DNTs), Economically Weaker Sections (EWSs), Safai Mitras including Waste Pickers etc.
- **Ministry** – Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.
- **National Skill Qualification Framework (NSQF)** – Training is aligned with the NSQF and post-training support is provided for employment or self-employment opportunities.
- **Category of Skilling Programmes**
- **Up-skilling/Re-skilling** – Focused on enhancing existing skills.
- **Short Term Training Programs** – Designed for immediate employment opportunities.
- **Long Term Training Programs** – Aimed at providing in-depth skill development.
- **Entrepreneurship Development Programs** – Encouraging self-employment ventures.
- **Key benefits** – Training free of cost for the trainees, 100% grants by Government.
- *Stipend will be given to trainees* during the period of training.
- Trained candidates will be provided *certification* after successful completion of training and assessment.
- Trained candidates will be provided placement after assessment and certification.
- **Recent developments** – PM-DAKSH Scheme has benefited 1,87,305 individuals in 2023-2024.
- An independent *third-party evaluation* is planned to assess the “on-ground impact” before re-appraisal for the next Finance Commission cycle.
- Skilled Training Programme for Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan) in Shillong was recently launched under PM-DAKSH Yojana.
- The programme was organised at Composite Regional Centre for Skill Development, Rehabilitation and Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Shillong.

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