Pradhan Mantri Kisan SAMPADA Yojana (PMKSY)

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Why in News?

Recently, the Ministry of Food Processing Industries informed the status of the Pradhan Mantri Kisan SAMPADA Yojana (PMKSY) to the Parliament.

- **PMKSY –** It is a ***central sector umbrella scheme.***
- It aimed at creating modern infrastructure with efficient supply chain management *from the farm to the retail outlet.*
- The SAMPADA scheme was renamed as PMKSY.
- **Launched in –** 2017.
- **Nodal Ministry –** ***Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI).***
- **Objective –**
    - Promote growth of the food processing sector.
    - Provide better returns to farmers.
    - Reduce wastage of agricultural produce.
    - Create employment opportunities, especially in rural areas.
    - Increase processing levels and enhance exports of processed foods
- **Features –**
- **Demand Driven** – Not state, district, or crop-specific but demand-driven in nature.
- **Financial Support** – Grants-in-aid/subsidy for establishing food processing projects.
- **Investment** – Encourages on-farm and off-farm preservation and processing.
- **Capacity Building** – Under the PMFME scheme, webinars, hands-on training, and incubation centres are introduced to farmers and other stakeholders.
- **Research** – Supports *R&D through ICAR and the National Institute of Food Technology, Entrepreneurship and Management* (NIFTEM) institutions.
- **Sub-schemes –**

Schemes Implemented under PMKSY
• Mega Food Parks
• Integrated Cold Chain and Value Addition Infrastructure
• Creation/ Expansion of Food Processing/ Preservation Capacities (Unit Scheme)
• Infrastructure for Agro-processing Clusters
• Creation of Backward and Forward Linkages
• Food Safety and Quality Assurance Infrastructure
• Human Resources and Institutions
• Operation Greens

- **Progress – Fund Utilization –** A substantial portion of allocated funds has been utilized for project implementation and committed liabilities under the scheme.

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