

Scheme for Conservation, Development and Sustainable Management of Medicinal Plants

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Why in News?

Recently, government has approved projects under integrated Component of Scheme for Conservation, Development and Sustainable Management of Medicinal Plants.

- It is a central sector scheme that was approved by the cabinet in 2008.
- **Aim** - To provide project-based support throughout the country for different activities.
- **Implemented by** - National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB), Ministry of Ayush.
- **Coverage** - All across India.
- **Support** - Both financial and technical support are provided.
- Technical support was provided to farmers including tribal farmers.
- **Integrated component** - Forward and backward linkage in supply chain of medicinal plants.
- It includes activities like
 - Infrastructure for Quality Planting Material
 - Information Education Communication (IEC) activities
 - Infrastructure for Post-Harvest Management and Marketing
 - Quality Testing and Certification of raw material
- **Importance** - It provided local employment through project activities approved under integrated component.
- It provided short-term income especially to women.
- These efforts led to direct income generation and promoted inclusive economic growth at the grassroots level.

Other Government Support for Medicinal Plants

Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH)	Provide <i>financial assistance for area expansion</i> of short duration medicinal plants.
Ministry of Tribal Affairs	It supports <i>value addition, processing and marketing</i> of forest and agricultural produce gathered by tribal communities under <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PM Janjatiya Vikas Mission (PMJVM) • PM- Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan (PM JANMAN) scheme

Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme for the holistic growth of the horticulture sector covering fruits, vegetables, root & tuber crops, mushrooms, spices.

National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB)

- **Set up in** - 2000.
- **Nodal ministry** - Ministry of AYUSH (Ayurveda, Yoga & Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha & Homoeopathy).
- **Aim** - To promote coordination between various ministries, departments and different organizations.
- To enhance overall conservation, cultivation, trade and export growth of medicinal plants sector both at the Central, State & International level.

References

1. [PIB| Conservation of Medicinal Plants](#)
2. [NMBP| National Medical Plants Board](#)