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Polity & Governance

The Pradhan Mantri National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (PM-NAPS)

• **Launched in** – *2016* under the umbrella scheme ***Skill India Programme (SIP).***
• **Nodal Ministry** – Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship.
• **Aim** – To promote apprenticeship training in the country, by providing partial stipend support to the apprentices engaged under the *Apprentice Act, 1961*.
• **Eligibility -** *14-35 years*
• To support both apprentices and establishments in India, 25% of the stipend, ***up to Rs.1, 500 per month*** per apprentice, will be provided through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) during the training period.

Jan Shikshan Sansthan (JSS)

• It originally launched as *Shramik Vidyapeeth (SVP)* in 1967.
• **Umbrella scheme** – Skill India Programme (SIP).
• **Nodal Ministry** – Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship.
• **Aim -** Community-centric skilling initiative designed to make vocational training accessible, flexible, and inclusive, particularly for women, rural youth, and economically disadvantaged groups.
• **Key Initiatives -** PM JANMAN, Understanding of Lifelong Learning for All in Society (ULLAS),
• **Targeted beneficiaries** – Non-literates, neo-literates, individuals with rudimentary education, and school dropouts up to class 12th, aged *15-45 years*.

Yuva Sahakar – Cooperative Enterprise Support and Innovation Scheme

• **Launched in** – *2018*.
• **Implemented by** – National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC).
• **Nodal Ministry** – Ministry of Cooperation.
• **Aim** – To *encourage newly formed cooperative societies* with new and/or innovative ideas and young entrepreneur cooperative societies which are in operation for a *minimum of 3 months*.
• **Loan** – Long-term loan (up to 5 years).
• **Interest subvention** – 2% on rate of interest.

Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development Fund (AHIDF)

• **Launched in** – *2020* as a ***central sector scheme.***
• **Nodal Ministry** – Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying.
• **Merged with** – Dairy Infrastructure Development Fund (DIDF).
• **Aim** – To support investments in infrastructure related to animal husbandry, including dairy, meat processing, and animal feed plants.
• **Eligible entities –** Individuals, Private companies, cooperatives, section 8 companies, MSMEs, Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs), and Dairy Cooperatives & dairy farmers.
• **Loan** – Up to 90% of the estimated/ actual project cost.
• **Timeline** – *6 years*.

Fisheries and Aquaculture Infrastructure Development Fund (FIDF)

• **Launched in** – *2018*.
• **Nodal Ministry** – Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying.
• **Implementing agency** – National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB).
• **Aim** - It helps in the creation of fisheries infrastructure facilities both in ***marine and inland fisheries*** sectors.
• **Nodal Loaning Entities**
- **NABARD** - State/UT government projects.
- **National Cooperative Development Corporation** – Cooperative Sector either through State Governments/UTs or directly to Eligible Cooperative Societies & Federations
- **Scheduled Banks** – All the Private Beneficiaries/ Private Entrepreneurs.
• **Loan** – Up to **80%** of the estimated/ actual project cost.
• **Interest Subvention-** Up to **3%** per annum for development of identified fisheries- based infrastructure facilities.
• **Repayment period - 12 years** inclusive of moratorium of 2 years on repayment of principal.

Pradhan Mantri Matsya Kisan Samridhi Sah-Yojana (PM-MKSSY)

• **Launched in** – *2024* as a ***central sector sub-scheme.***
• **Umbrella scheme** – Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY).
• **Nodal Ministry** – Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying.
• **Aim** – To formalize the fisheries sector and to support fisheries micro and small enterprises.
• **Timeline** – *4 years* (2023-2027).

GLOF Mitigation Project

• **GLOF-NGRMP** – National Glacial Lake Outburst Flood-Risk Mitigation Project.
• **Launched in** – *2025*.
• **Funding** -National Disaster Mitigation Fund (NDMF).
• **Aim** – To reduce the risks associated with glacial lake outburst floods, particularly in regions that are highly susceptible to such natural disasters.
• **Implemented states** – Arunachal Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, **Sikkim** and Uttarakhand.
• **Glacial Lake Outburst Flood (GLOF) –** It is a sudden release of water from a glacial lake due to the failure of a natural dam, resulting in flooding.

CRIDA Mission

• **CRIDA** – Central Research Institute for Dryland Agriculture.
• **Launched by –** Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR).
• **Nodal Ministry** – Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare.
• **Aim** – To conduct essential and strategic research on dryland agriculture.

Agriculture

Pisciculture

• **Pisciculture** – It is the *commercial breeding of fish*.
• It is a type of aquaculture in which aquatic creatures, including fish, crabs, and molluscs, are carefully cultivated and harvested.
• It can be done in either a natural or a simulated natural context.
• **Process** – It is the process of breeding, producing, and shipping fish for both home and commercial purposes.
• It is also known as *aquaculture, fish farming, or mariculture*.

Security

TROPEX-25

• **TROPEX-25** – Theatre Level Operational Readiness Exercise, 2025.
• It is an operational level exercise conducted *biennially* with participation by *all operational Indian Naval units*.
• **Substantial participation** – Indian Army, Indian Air Force and Coast Guard assets.
• **Conducted in** – Indian Ocean Region.
• **Aim** – Validate Indian Navy's core warfighting skills, ensuring a synchronised, integrated response to preserve and protect national maritime security interests.
  - Against conventional, asymmetric as well as hybrid threats.

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