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### **SCHEMES CURRENT AFFAIRS**

#### **MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

##### **NIDHI (NATIONAL INITIATIVE FOR DEVELOPMENT AND HARNESSING INNOVATIONS)**

- ❖ LAUNCHED ON : 06-September-2016
- ❖ AIM: To take forward student innovations in IEDC (Innovation and Entrepreneurship Development Centres) programme to commercialization stage and to accelerate the journey of idea to prototype by providing initial funding assistance.
- ❖ OBJECTIVE: For nurturing ideas and innovations (knowledge-based and technology-driven) into successful startups
- ❖ FUNDING: Various departments and Ministries of the central government, State governments, academic and R & D institutions, mentors, financial institutions, angel investors, venture capitalists, industry champions and private sectors.
- ❖ FUNDING: Assisted by World Bank

##### **SMART GANGA CITY SCHEME**

- ❖ First phase of Smart Ganga City programme in 10 cities located along River Ganga.
- ❖ Under this programme, Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs) and improve drainage network will be set up on hybrid annuity mode on public private partnership basis.

##### **NIRMAL GANGA SAHBHAGITA**

- ❖ LAUNCHED ON : 07-May-2015
- ❖ AIM: Sensitizing the ULBs about the pollution arising primarily due to dumping of solid waste in the river and involving them in stoppage of such dumping.
- ❖ OBJECTIVE:
  - To assist the Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) located on the banks of the river Ganga for achieving the objective of Clean Ganga.
  - To involve the ULBs in the areas of solid waste management, installation and maintenance of clarifiers/screens in the nallas/drains to support primary treatment of waste water, maintaining 'litter free zones', 500m long the river basin; engaging volunteer force and youth in ghat cleaning & monitoring and conducting public outreach activities.

##### **GANGA GRAM**

- ❖ LAUNCHED ON : 10-March-2016
- ❖ WHAT IS IT?: For improving sanitation and civic amenities in identified villages on the banks of River Ganga and to develop them as 'Ganga Grams'.
- ❖ AIM: To develop the villages located along the main stem of river Ganga which have historic, cultural, and religious and/or tourist importance. Works related to Ganga Grams will encompass comprehensive rural sanitation,

development of water bodies and river ghats, construction/ modernization of crematoria.

❖ **OBJECTIVE:**

❖ **Make the village open defecation free**

- Abate direct discharge of untreated liquid wastewater from such villages into river Ganga
- Facilitate adequate infrastructure for crematoria
- Develop proper solid waste disposal facilities in order to avoid any pollution to river Ganga
- Promote better sanitation practices in the villages through IEC activities.

## **MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATION AND IT**

### **NATIONAL OPTICAL FIBRE NETWORK**

- ❖ **LAUNCHED ON :** 25-February-2015
- ❖ **AIM:** To fill the connectivity gap between Gram Panchayat and Block level
- ❖ **OBJECTIVE:** To provide broadband connectivity to over two lakhs Gram Panchayats through optical fibre network with a minimum bandwidth of 100 Mbps.
- ❖ **FUNDING:** Through universal Service Obligation Fund
- ❖ **IMPLEMENTING AGENCY:** Bharat Broadband Network Limited (BBNL) is the special purpose vehicle created as a PSU for execution of NOFN.
- ❖ **DESCRIPTION:** All the Service Providers like Telecom Service Providers (TSPs), ISPs, Cable TV operators etc. will be given non-discriminatory access to the National Optic Fibre Network and can launch various services in rural areas. It is under the Digital India program.
- ❖ **NOTE:** USOF, established in 2002, provides effective subsidies to ensure telegraph services are provided to everyone across India, especially in the rural and remote areas. It is headed by the USOF Administrator who reports to the Secretary, Department of Telecommunications (DoT).

### **JEEVAN PRAMAAN**

- ❖ **LAUNCHED ON :** 10 November 2014
- ❖ **AIM:** To streamline the process of getting Life certificate and making it hassle free and easier to get. Submission of Digital Life Certificate also ensures authenticity of pension payments.
- ❖ **OBJECTIVE:** To fill the connectivity gap between Gram Panchayat and Block level
- ❖ **BENEFICIARIES:** Pensioners
- ❖ **DESCRIPTION:** It is a AADHAR Biometric Authentication based digital life certificates for Pensioners. It will do away with the requirement of a pensioner having to submit a physical Life Certificate every year, in order to ensure continuity of pension being credited into their account.

## **DIGI LOCKER**

- ❖ **LAUNCHED ON :** 2015
- ❖ **AIM:** To provide citizens a shareable private space on a public cloud.
- ❖ **DESCRIPTION:**
  - A secure dedicated personal electronic space for storing the documents of resident Indian citizens will be created. The space can be utilized for storing personal documents like University certificates, PAN cards, voter id card etc., and the URI's of the e-documents issued by various issuer departments.
- ❖ **APPLICATIONS:**
  - Minimise the use of physical documents and provide authenticity to e-documents.
  - It will provide secure access to government-issued documents and reduce administrative overhead of government departments and agencies, making it easier for the residents to receive services.

## **SAMPOORNA BIMA GRAM YOJANA**

- ❖ **LAUNCHED ON:** 13-October-2017
- ❖ **AIM:** To provide banking services through the postal network needs to be taken forward to provide affordable life insurance services to people living in rural areas of the country

## **DEEN DAYAL SPARSH YOJANA**

- ❖ **LAUNCHED ON :** 03-November-2017
- ❖ **SPARSH :** Scholarship for Promotion of Aptitude & Research in Stamps as a Hobby
- ❖ **AIM:** To award annual scholarships to children of Standard VI to IX having good academic record and also pursuing Philately as a hobby through a competitive selection process in all postal circles
- ❖ **DESCRIPTION:** Philately is the hobby of collection and study of Postage stamps. It also entails the collection, appreciation and research activities on stamps and other related philatelic products.

## **DARPAN- "Digital Advancement of Rural Post Office for A New India"**

- ❖ **LAUNCHED ON:** 21-December-2017
- ❖ **TARGET PERIOD:** Targeted to complete the project by March 2018
- ❖ **AIM:** To improve the quality of service, add value to services and achieve "financial inclusion" of un-banked rural population.
- ❖ **BENEFICIARIES:** Rural population
- ❖ **SERVICE OFFERED:** Core banking services such as cash deposit and withdrawal in savings bank and recurring deposit, mini statement, Aadhaar seeding and daily transaction report.



## **MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT**

### **INTEGRATED CHILD DEVELOPMENT SCHEME (ICDS)**

- ❖ **LAUNCHED ON :** 2nd October, 1975
- ❖ **AIM:** Providing supplementary nutrition, immunization and pre-school education to the children
- ❖ **OBJECTIVE:** To prevent and reduce young child under-nutrition (% underweight children 0-3 years) by 10 percentage points, enhance early development and learning outcomes in all children 0-6 years of age, improve care and nutrition of girls and women and reduce Anaemia prevalence in young children, girls and women by one fifth by the end of 12th five year plan.
- ❖ **BENEFICIARIES:** children in the age group of 0-6 years, pregnant women and lactating mothers
- ❖ **NATURE OF THE SCHEME:** Centrally sponsored scheme
- ❖ **FUNDING:** All components of ICDS except Supplementary Nutrition Programme (SNP) are financed through a 60:40 ratio (central : state). The Supplementary Nutrition Programme (SNP) component was funded through a 50:50 ratio. The North East states have a 90:10 ratio.
- ❖ **IMPLEMENTING AGENCY:** The services are offered at Anganwadi Centres through Anganwadi Workers (AWWs) and Anganwadi Helpers (AWHS) at grassroots level.
- ❖ **DESCRIPTION:** It offers a package of six services such as Supplementary Nutrition, Pre-school non-formal education, Nutrition & health education Immunization, Health check-up and Referral services.

### **KISHORI SHAKTHI YOJANA**

- ❖ **AIM:** To redesign of the already existing Adolescent Girls (AG) Scheme being implemented as a component under the centrally sponsored Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme.

### **NATIONAL ACTION PLAN FOR CHILDREN, 2016**

- ❖ **OBJECTIVE:** Survival, health and nutrition; education and development protection and participation.

#### **e-DROPBOX**

- ❖ **AIM:** An e – drop box that will let children complain about abuse, molestation or harassment

#### **POCSO E-BOX**

- ❖ **AIM:** An online complaint management system for easy and direct reporting of sexual offences against children and timely action against the offenders under the POCSO Act, 2012

## MATERNITY BENEFIT PROGRAMME

- ❖ **AIM:** The Maternity Benefit Program will provide compensation for the wage loss in terms of cash incentives so that the women can take adequate rest before and after delivery and not be deprived of proper nutrition.
- ❖ **OBJECTIVE:** To improved health seeking behavior amongst the Pregnant Women and Lactating Mother (PW&LM) to reduce the effects of under-nutrition namely stunting, wasting and other related problems.
- ❖ **BENEFICIARIES:** All eligible Pregnant Women and Lactating Mothers (PW & LM) excluding the Pregnant Women and Lactating Mothers who are in regular employment with the Central Government or State Government or Public Sector Undertakings or those who are in receipt of similar benefits under any law for the time being.
- ❖ **DESCRIPTION:** It has been decided to give the benefit of Rs.5000/- to PW & LM in there installment for the birth of the first live child by MWCD and the remaining cash incentive as per approved norms towards Maternity Benefit under existing programmes after institutional delivery so that on an average, a woman will get ₹ 6000/-

## NATIONAL ALLIANCE AGAINST ONLINE CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE AND EXPLOITATION

- ❖ **LAUNCHED ON :** 16 JAN 2017
- ❖ **AIM:** Developing a comprehensive outreach system to engage parents, schools, communities, NGO partners and local governments (PRIs and ULBs) as well as police and lawyers to ensure better implementation of the legal framework, policies, national strategies and standards in relation to child protection and child rights
- ❖ **OBJECTIVE:**
  - Bring a common definition of child pornography including amendment of acts (Information technology Act, POCSO Act).
  - Set up a multi-member secretariat based in MWCD with a portal inclusive of a hotline for reporting and strengthening existing service delivery systems.
  - Provide a platform for Government/ NGOs and other child rights activists for networking and information sharing.
  - Document and showcases success stories and best practices in terms of prevention of online abuse and exploitation of children.
  - Inform and educate member organisations, parents, teachers, front line service providers and children on the rights of the children and various issues related to online child abuse and exploitation.
  - Provide a forum for advocacy for child rights and policy input based on research and studies

**BETI BACHAO, BETI PADHAO YOJANA - (Save girl child, educate girl child)**

- ❖ **LAUNCHED ON :** January 01, 2016
- ❖ **AIM:** To address the issue of declining Child Sex Ratio (CSR) through a mass campaign for creating awareness and changing the societal mindset.
- ❖ **OBJECTIVE:**
  - Preventing sex selective abortion
  - Ensuring survival and protection of a girl child
  - Ensuring education of the girl child
- ❖ **IMPLEMENTING AGENCY:** Ministry of Women and Child Development, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and Ministry of Human Resource Development.
- ❖ **DESCRIPTION:** India's Olympic Bronze medallist Sakshi Malik was announced as the new brand ambassador of Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao campaign.
- ❖ **Digital Gudda Guddi Board:**

SIt is a platform for dissemination of Information, Education and Communication (IEC) Material on BBBP, to update monthly birth statistics

**SUKANYA SAMRIDDHI YOJANA**

- ❖ **LAUNCHED ON :** 2015
- ❖ **AIM:** Parents to build a fund for the future education and marriage expenses for their female child.
- ❖ **BENEFICIARIES:** Girl child
- ❖ **MINIMUM AMOUNT:** 1000
- ❖ **MAXIMUM AMOUNT:** 1.5 Lakh.
- ❖ **MATURITY PERIOD:** 21 years
- ❖ **PARTIAL WITHDRAWAL:** 18 years
- ❖ **COMPLETE WITHDRAWAL:** after 18 years
- ❖ **DESCRIPTION:**
  - A part of the 'Beti Bachao Beti Padhao' campaign.
  - It is a small deposit scheme for girl child to motivate parents to open an account in the name of a girl child and for her welfare to deposit maximum of their savings.

**UJJAWALA SCHEME**

- ❖ **LAUNCHED ON :** 1 May 2016
- ❖ **AIM:** For Prevention of Trafficking and Rescue, Rehabilitation and Re-Integration of Victims of Trafficking for Commercial Sexual Exploitation
- ❖ **OBJECTIVE:**
  - To prevent trafficking of women



- Rescue of victims
  - Rehabilitation services
  - Reintegration of the victims
  - Repatriation of cross-border victims
- ❖ **BENEFICIARIES:** Women of BPL families

### **SWADHAR**

- ❖ **LAUNCHED ON :** 2002
- ❖ **AIM:** It caters to primary needs of women in difficult circumstances.
- ❖ **OBJECTIVE:** For integrated services to women in difficult circumstances like destitute widows, women prisoners released from jail and without family support, women survivors of natural disasters, trafficked women/girls , mentally challenged women etc.
- ❖ **BENEFICIARIES:** Widows deserted by their families and relatives, women prisoners released from jail and without family support, women survivors of natural disasters, women victims of terrorist/extremist violence etc
- ❖ **NATURE OF THE SCHEME:** Central sector scheme
- ❖ **SERVICES INCLUDED:** The package of services include provision for food, clothing, shelter, health care, counselling and legal support, social and economic rehabilitation through education, awareness generation, skill upgradation.
- ❖ **IMPLEMENTING AGENCY:** NGOs

### **SUPPORT TO TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMME FOR WOMEN (STEP)**

- ❖ **LAUNCHED ON :** 24-April-2015
- ❖ **AIM:** To provide skills that give employability to women and to provide competencies and skill that enable women to become self-employed/ entrepreneurs.
- ❖ **BENEFICIARIES:** women who are in the age group of 16 years and above across the country including rural women.
- ❖ **NATURE OF THE SCHEME:** Central Sector Scheme

### **PRIYADARSHINI SCHEME**

- ❖ **AIM:** Livelihood enhancement, the beneficiaries will be empowered to address their political, legal, health problems issues through rigorous capacity building
- ❖ **DESCRIPTION:** A women Empowerment and Livelihoods Programme in the Mid Gangetic Plains.

### **NARI SHAKTI PURASKAR**

- ❖ It is an award conferred on eminent women, organization and institutions rendering distinguished service to the cause of women especially belonging to the vulnerable and marginalized sections of the society on the occasion of



International Women's Day (IWD).

## **MAHILA E-HAAT**

- ❖ It is an initiative for meeting aspirations and needs of women.
- ❖ It is a bilingual portal provides unique direct online marketing platform leveraging technology for supporting women entrepreneurs/SHGs/ NGOs for showcasing their products / services.

## **DHANALAKSHMI SCHEME**

- ❖ **OBJECTIVE :** To provide a set of financial incentives for families to encourage them to retain a girl child, educate her and prevent child marriage.
- ❖ **BENEFITS:** The scheme provides for cash transfers to the family of the girl child on fulfilling certain specific conditions like immunization, enrolment and retention in school, insurance cover etc.

## **SABLA - RAJIV GANDHI SCHEME FOR EMPOWERMENT OF ADOLESCENT GIRLS**

- ❖ **LAUNCHED ON:** April 1, 2011
- ❖ **AIM:** To empower adolescent girls of 11-18 years and it is implemented through the State Governments/UTs.
- ❖ **OBJECTIVE:** Enable the adolescent girls for self-development and empowerment, Improve their nutrition and health status, Promote awareness about health, hygiene, nutrition, adolescent reproductive and sexual health (arsh) and family and child care and to educate, skill and make them ready for life's challenges.
- ❖ **BENEFICIARIES:** Adolescent girls of 11-18 years
- ❖ **NATURE OF THE SCHEME:** Centrally sponsored program
- ❖ **COMPONENTS:**
  1. Nutrition provision
  2. Iron and Folic Acid (IFA) supplementation
  3. Health check-up and Referral services
  4. Nutrition & Health Education (NHE)
  5. Counseling/Guidance on family welfare, Adolescent Reproductive and Sexual Health (ARSH) , child care practices and home management
  6. Life Skill Education and accessing public services
  7. Vocational training for girls aged 16 and above under National Skill Development Program (NSDP).

## **SAKSHAM - RAJIV GANDHI SCHEME FOR EMPOWERMENT OF ADOLESCENT BOYS**

- ❖ **LAUNCHED ON :** 2014
- ❖ **AIM:** Holistic development of Adolescent Boys, on the pattern of SABLA.
- ❖ **OBJECTIVE:** All-round development of Adolescent Boys to make them self-reliant, gender-sensitive and aware citizens, when they grow up.

- ❖ **BENEFICIARIES:** 11 to 18 years
- ❖ **COMPONENTS:**
  1. To make the Adolescent Boys gender sensitive, self-development and empowerment.
  2. To address the health needs i.e. the physical, mental and emotional health of ABs.
  3. To create sensitized Ahimsa Messengers to address Violence against Women.
  4. To provide relevant information and vocational skills through National Skill Development Program (NSDP) for future work-participation.
  5. To promote awareness about health, hygiene, nutrition and Adolescent Reproductive & Sexual Health (ARSH) and family and child care.

## **WEB PORTAL LAUNCHED BY MOWCD**

### **SHE-BOX PORTAL**

- ❖ **WHAT IS IT?** : An online platform launched by the Ministry of Women and Child Development.
- ❖ **AIM:** The platform is to enable women employees to file complaints related to sexual harassment at the workplace.

### **SAKTHI**

- ❖ It is a one-stop centre for providing medical, legal and rehabilitation facilities for women subjected to any kind of violence. These centres will be established across the country to provide integrated support and assistance under one roof both in private and public spaces in a phased manner

## **PENCIL: (PLATFORM FOR EFFECTIVE ENFORCEMENT FOR NO CHILD LABOUR)**

- ❖ **WHAT IS IT?:** An electronic platform for no child labour developed by the Labour Ministry.
- ❖ **AIM:** To connect the Centre to the state government, district and to all project societies for effective implementation of NCLP. The portal has a component of child tracking system.

### **JAN SAMPARK**

- ❖ It is a monthly programme to facilitate adoption, organized by the Ministry of Women and Child Development (MoWCD). The Central Adoption Resource Authority (CARA) under MoWCD is the nodal authority. The first of its kind programme was held recently in New Delhi. The Programme enables the public to have interaction with its officials and staff for seeking information related to Adoption.

## **HAUSLA 2017**

- ❖ **WHAT IS IT?:** is Child Rights Week, It is being celebrated every year by the ministry of Women and Child Development along with UNICEF support, from 16th to 20th November, 2017.

- ❖ **OBJECTIVE:** To promote child participation and showcase their talents in other creative activities.
- ❖ **BAAL UTSAV** – It is organized by the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) as part of Hausla – 2017.

## **LAQSHYA INITIATIVE - LABOUR ROOM QUALITY IMPROVEMENT INITIATIVE**

- ❖ **OBJECTIVE:** To reduce preventable maternal and new-born mortality, morbidity and still births by improving the quality of care provided in the labour room. It will be implemented in Government Medical Colleges besides District Hospitals, and Sub- District Hospitals and Community Health Centres.

### **NARI NARI:**

- ❖ An online portal developed will provide women citizens with easy access to information on government schemes and initiatives for women.

### **E-SAMVAD :**

- ❖ An online portal to provide a platform for NGOs and Civil Societies to interact with the Ministry of Women & Child Development. Through e-Samvad, NGOs and civil society can provide their feedback, suggestions, put up grievances, share best practices which will help in formulation of effective policies.

### **KHOYA PAYA WEB PORTAL**

- ❖ **WHAT IS IT?:** It is a citizen based website to exchange information on missing and found children.
- ❖ **DEVELOPED BY:** The Ministry of Women and Child Development and the Department of Electronics and Information Technology (DeitY).
- ❖ **TRACK CHILD PORTAL** Belongs to the Ministry of Home Affairs, but in that portal only police communicates with the police.

## **GENDER CHAMPIONS SCHEME**

- ❖ **IMPLEMENTING AGENCY :** Ministry of Women and Child Development and Ministry of Human Resource.
- ❖ **AIM:** To make young boys and girls gender sensitive and create positive social norms which value the rights of women and girls.

## **TAMILNADU GOVERNMENT SCHEMES**

### **JAYA LAUNCHES ‘AMMA SEEDS’ SCHEME FOR FARMERS**

- ❖ Tamilnadu Chief Minister J.Jayalalithaa has launched the scheme ‘Amma Seeds’ available through ‘Amma Service Centres’ across the state, executing an announcement made in the Tamil Nadu Assembly in 2014 for farmers’ welfare.
- ❖ **Aim:** To provide quality seeds and to encourage farmers to use certified seeds.
- ❖ **Earlier Schemes:** Amma Canteens providing subsidised food and Amma Mineral Water.



- ❖ Nodal Body: Tamil Nadu State Seeds Development Agency.
- ❖ Fund of Rs.5.37 crore towards expanding a scheme for urban citizens to grow vegetables at home to Tirchirappalli and Madurai.

### **JAYALALITHA LAUNCHES 'AMMA CALL CENTRE' FOR GRIEVANCE REDRESSAL**

- ❖ Tamil Nadu Chief J Jayalalithaa launched a round-the-clock call centre for ensuring fast response to grievances.
- ❖ Aim : Ensuing quick response to people's grievances wherein they can dial toll-free number '1100' at any point of time in the day.

### **JAYALALITHAA ANNOUNCESS 'AMMA KUDINEER THITTAM'**

- ❖ Jayalalithaa the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu had announced 'Amma Kudineer Thittam' a new scheme for supplying drinking water.
  - Under the Scheme the govt. will supply the water to those who cannot afford to buy purified drinking water from private players.
  - Under the first phase of the scheme water supplying points will be established.
  - The family of poor people is provided with 20 liters of pure water every day.
  - Smart Cards will be issued to beneficiaries.

### **TAMIL NADU ANNOUNCES FREE BUS TRAVEL FOR SENIOR CITIZENS**

- ❖ Tamil Nadu government had announced free bus travel for senior citizens in Chennai metropolitan areas.
  - To gain the benefits of the scheme person has to fill an application form and submit it to transport authorities for the tokens.
  - Free bus passes will be provided to the senior citizens. Ten tokens are given to the person for a month.

### **TAMIL NADU GOVT. ALLOTTED RS. 204 CRORE FOR 'THAALIKU THANGAM' SCHEME**

- Tamil Nadu government had allotted Rs.204 crore towards the implementation of enhanced gold scheme under a marriage assistance programme.
- 'Thaaliku Thangam' (Gold for Mangalsutra) scheme for the year 2016-17 would benefit 12,500 women. This scheme involves providing marriage assistance and gold for daughters of poor parents and widows among others to make 'thaali'.
- While 12,500 women who had applied for the scheme would be provided with 8 gm of gold this year., about 1.4 lakh others who had applied earlier will be provided with 4 gm.

### **TAMIL NADU GOVT. TO LAUNCH 50 'AMMA FREE WI-FI'**

- Jayalalithaa lead government issued order to set up 'Amma Free Wi-Fi' zones in 50 places across the Tamil Nadu on September 23, 2016.



- ii. In the first phase, 50 schools will be covered at a cost of Rs.10 crore.

## **TAMIL NADU CHIEF MINISTER PALANISWAMI LAUNCHES RS.1580 CR HOUSING SCHEME**

- ❖ The Tamil Nadu Chief Minister K. Palaniswai launched a Housing Scheme on March 9, 2017 for construction of concrete houses for the economically poor section of the society.
- The project is estimated at Rs.1,580 crore and will be implemented by the State Government with financial assistance from the Center.

## **AMMA UNAVAGAM**

- ❖ AIM: Subsidised low cost food to poor people.
- ❖ BENEFICIARIES : Economically disadvantaged sections of society.
- ❖ BENEFIT: Subsidised low cost food.

## **AMMA PHARMACY**

- ❖ AIM: Sell quality medicines at “fair price”.
- ❖ BRANCHES: Chennai, Erode, Salem, Cuddalore, Madurai, Sivaganga and Virudhunagar.

## **AMMA TWO-WHEELER SCHEME**

- ❖ AIM: The subsidised scooter scheme for working women
- ❖ BENEFICIARIES: Working Women
- ❖ BENEFIT: Subsidy component of 50 per cent upto Rs.25,000.

## **MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION**

## **NATIONAL FOOD SECURITY ACT, 2013**

- ❖ LAUNCHED ON : 12 September 2013
- ❖ AIM: To provide subsidized food grains to approximately two thirds of India's population (i.e 75% in rural areas and 50% in urban areas)
- ❖ BENEFICIARIES: Every pregnant and lactating mother (Maternal benefits not extend to Government employees)
- ❖ COMPONENTS:
  - Midday Meal Scheme
  - ICDS scheme
  - PDS
  - Maternity entitlements
- ❖ BENEFITS:
  - Under NFSA, each beneficiaries is entitled to 5 kilograms of food grains per month at Rs.3, Rs.2, Rs.1 per kg for rice, wheat and coarse

grains respectively.

- It guarantees age appropriate meal, free of charge through local anganwadi for children up to 6 months and one free meal for children in age group 6 - 14 years in schools.
- Every pregnant and lactating mother is entitled to a free meal at the local anganwadi as well as maternity benefits of Rs 6,000, in installments
- ❖ 4 Sub Schemes under ICDS

## **MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE**

### **KISAN VIKAS PATRA**

- LAUNCHED ON : 1988 by India post
- PERIOD: 1988-2011, Re-launched on : 2014
- AIM: Saving certificate scheme
- OBJECTIVE: Facility of unlimited investment by way of purchased certificates from post offices in various denomination.
- BENEFICIARIES: Targeted to poor farmers
- IMPLEMENTING AGENCY: India post
- DESCRIPTION: Denomination of Rs.1000, 5000,10,000 and 50,000 with no upper limit. lock in period of 2 years and 6 months. double in 100 months. maturity period of 8 years 4 months. interest rate 8.7%.

### **KRISHI AMDANI BEEMA YOJANA**

- LAUNCHED ON: June 2, 2014.
- AIM: Agricultural insurance
- OBJECTIVE: The farmers don't bear any financial burden if their produce get destroyed due to unexpected weather or for any other reason.
- BENEFICIARIES: Small and marginal farmers

### **PRATHAN MANTRI KRISHI SINCHAI YOJANA**

- LAUNCHED ON : 2015-16
- PERIOD: 2019 to 2022
- OBJECTIVE: To enhance physical access of water on farms; expand cultivable area under assured irrigation; improve water use efficiency in agriculture and introduce sustainable conservation practices
- AIM: Micro irrigation
- FUNDING: Funding mechanism through NABARD has been approved by the government for both central and state share.
- COMPONENTS: This scheme has subsumed three erstwhile schemes of three

different ministries as follows:

- Accelerated irrigation benefit programme of the Ministry of water resources
- Integrated watershed management programme of the Ministry of rural development
- Farm water management component of the National Mission on sustainable agriculture.
- IMPLEMENTING AGENCY : Ministries of agriculture, water resources and rural development.
- MISSION: “per drop more crop”

### **PARAMPARAGAT KRISHI VIKAS YOJANA**

- LAUNCHED ON : 2015
- AIM: organic farming
- OBJECTIVE: Encourage farmers to adopt eco-friendly concept of cultivation and reduce their dependence on fertilizers and agricultural chemicals to improve yields.
- IMPLEMENTING AGENCY: Ministry of agriculture
- DESCRIPTION: It is a cluster approach, which includes all the UPA Govt. schemes for organic farming.

### **FMD MUKTA BHARAT (FMD FREE INDIA)**

- LAUNCHED ON : 09-august-2016
- AIM: Seeking to end foot & mouth disease
- DESCRIPTION: Foot-and-mouth disease is an infectious and sometimes fatal viral disease that affects cloven-hoofed animals, including domestic and wild bovid.

### **ORNAMENTAL FISHERIES PROJECT**

- LAUNCHED ON : 09-march-2017
- AIM: To unlock the potential of country's ornamental fisheries sector.
- OBJECTIVE: (i) To promote ornamental fish culture with cluster-based approach, (ii) To augment ornamental fisheries trade and export earnings, (iii) to create employment opportunities for the rural & periurban population and (iv) use of modern technology and innovation to make ornamental fisheries a thriving activity.
- FUNDING: Funding patterns under cess blue revolution
- IMPLEMENTING AGENCY: The national fisheries development board (nfdb) through the fisheries departments of States/UTS
- ACTIVITIES UNDER IT: Ornamental fish project can be either 1) rearing only 2) breeding only 3) breeding and rearing depending upon the space available.

## **PANDIT DEENDAYAL UPADHYAY UNNAT KRISHI SHIKSHA SCHEME**

- **LAUNCHED ON :** 14-february-2017
- **AIM:** To promote agricultural education.

## **NATIONAL AGRICULTURE MARKET (e-NAM)**

- ❖ **LAUNCHED ON :** April 14 2016
- ❖ **AIM:** To connect e-mandis in several states and to enable farmers to get better price of their produce.
- ❖ **NATURE OF THE SCHEME :** Central Sector Scheme
- ❖ **FUNDING:** Agri-tech infrastructure fund (ATIF) which is set up through the small farmers agribusiness consortium (SFAC)
- ❖ **IMPLEMENTING AGENCY:** Small Farmers' Agribusiness Consortium (SFAC) is the lead promoter of NAM. SFAC is a registered society of Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers' Welfare (DAC&FW) under Ministry of Agriculture and Farmer Welfare.

## **PRADHAN MANTRI FASAL BIMA YOJANA**

- ❖ **LAUNCHED ON :** 2017
- ❖ **AIM:** To provide comprehensive insurance coverage for all food crops (cereals millets & pulses), oilseeds crops and annual commercial/horticultural crops against all non-preventable natural risks.
- ❖ **DESCRIPTION:** There is no capping in premium and one premium rate on pan-India basis. It is 1.5%, 2% and 5% for all Rabi, Kharif and annual horticultural/commercial crops, respectively. There is no upper limit on the government subsidy i.e the difference between premium and insurance charges paid by the farmer.

## **SOIL HEALTH CARD SCHEME**

- ❖ **LAUNCHED ON :** 19-February-2015
- ❖ **AIM:** To provide every farmer a Soil Health Card for focusing attention on the health of soil in agricultural areas across the country, to boost productivity and bring about increased prosperity.
- ❖ **FUNDING:** Cost will be shared in the ratio of 75:25 between the Centre and states
- ❖ **DESCRIPTION:** "Swasth Dharaa. Khet Haraa." - Healthy Earth. Green farm

## **E-PASHUHAAT PORTAL**

- **AIM:** To connect farmers and breeders of bovine animals.
- **SLOGAN :** India has the largest bovine population in the world. India accounts for 14% of the world cattle population, while share for buffalo alone is 53%
- The indigenous varieties are endowed with quality of heat tolerance, resistance to diseases and survive with little inputs.



## **PANDIT DEENDAYAL UPADHYAY UNNAT KRISHI SHIKSHA SCHEME**

- **LAUNCHED ON :** 14-February-2017
- **AIM:** To promote agricultural education
- **OBJECTIVE:** To provide complete knowledge and skill on processing, value addition and marketing of coconut and banana products through capacity building programmes involving research and development organizations.
- **ARYA :** “Attracting and retaining youth in Agriculture (ARYA)” is a project sanctioned by the Indian Council of Agriculture (ICAR) and is being implemented at Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVKs).

## **KRISHI VIGYAN KENDRAS**

- **AIM:** To serve as a single window mechanism for addressing the technology needs of farmers and acts as a link among researchers, extension functionaries like NGOs and farmers.
- **DESCRIPTION:** Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) are agricultural extension centers created by ICAR to provide various types of farm support to the agricultural Sector.

## **MERA GAON - MERA GAURAV**

- **AIM:** Scientists to select villages and provide information to the farmers on technical and other related aspects
- **IMPLEMENTING AGENCY:** They may function with the help of KVKs and Agriculture Technology Management Agency (ATMA)

## **RASHTRIYA KRISHI VIKAS YOJANA (RKVY)**

- **LAUNCHED ON :** August 2007
- **AIM:** To achieve 4% annual growth in agriculture through development of Agriculture and its allied sectors during the period under the 11th Five Years Plan
- **OBJECTIVE:** To incentivize the states that increase their investment in Agriculture and allied sectors
- To provide flexibility and autonomy to the States in planning and executing programmes for agriculture
- **NATURE OF THE SCHEME:** 100% Centrally Sponsored Scheme
- **DESCRIPTION:**
- Sub-schemes include
  - Bringing Green Revolution to Eastern India (BGREI)
  - Additional Fodder Development Programme (AFDP)
  - Saffron Mission

- Crop Diversification Program
- Livestock Health & Disease Control / Foot & Mouth Diseases (FMD)
- Bee keeping
- Targeting Rice Fallow Areas (TRFA)

### **NATIONAL FOOD SECURITY MISSION**

- **LAUNCHED ON :** October 2007
- **AIM:** To enhance the production of Rice, Wheat, Pulses, Coarse Cereals and commercial crops ( Cotton, jute and Sugarcane).
- **TARGETS:** To increase the production of rice by 10 million tons, wheat by 8 million tons and pulses by 2 million tons by the end of the Eleventh Plan (2011-12).
- **NATURE OF THE SCHEME:** Centrally Sponsored Scheme,
- **FUNDING:** 50:50 by Centre and State for food crops and 100% centre funding for cash crops.
- **COMPONENTS:**
  - **NFSM- Rice**
  - NFSM-Wheat
  - NFSM-Pulses
  - NFSM-Coarse cereals
  - NFSM-Commercial Crops.
- **IMPLEMENTING AGENCY:** Through cluster demonstration, distribution of high yield seeds with farm mechanization, & Integrated pest management.

### **NATIONAL INITIATIVE ON CLIMATE RESILIENT AGRICULTURE (NICRA)**

- **LAUNCHED ON :** February 2011
- **LAUNCHED BY:** Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)
- **AIM:** To make farmers self-reliant by use of climate resilient agricultural technologies and management of natural and manmade resources for sustaining agriculture in the era of climate change.
- **OBJECTIVE:**
  - Strategic research
  - Technology demonstrations
  - Capacity building
- **FUNDING:** Ministry of Agriculture
- **COMPONENTS:**
  - Strategic research on adaptation and mitigation
  - Technology demonstration to cope with current climate variability in

100 vulnerable districts

- Capacity Building
- Sponsored competitive research to fill critical gaps.

### **SMALL FARMER'S AGRICULTURE-BUSINESS CONSORTIUM (SFAC)**

- **LAUNCHED ON :** 1994
- **AIM:** To facilitate agri-business ventures by catalyzing private investment through Venture Capital Assistance (VCA) Scheme in close association with financial institutions

### **MISSION FINGERLING**

- **LAUNCHED ON :** 11-March-2017
- **PERIOD:** By 2020-21
- **AIM:** To achieve Blue Revolution
- **OBJECTIVE:**
  - To enable holistic development and management of fisheries sector in India.
  - To strengthen the fish seed infrastructure and facilitate the establishment of hatcheries and Fingerling rearing pond.
- **TARGET:** To increase the fisheries production from 10.79 mmt (2014-15) 15 mmt by 2020-21.

### **NATIONAL PROGRAMME ON USE OF SPACE TECHNOLOGY FOR \ AGRICULTURE (NPSTA)**

- **AIM:** Envisages integrated use of Space and Geospatial Tools for Mapping, Monitoring and Management of Agriculture.
- **OBJECTIVE:**
  - Crop Assessment & Monitoring
  - Agricultural Resources Management
  - Disaster Monitoring and Mitigation and Satellite Communication
  - Navigation Applications
- **OTHER RUNNING PROGRAMMES:**
  - FASAL (for crop forecasting)
  - NADAMS (for drought assessment)
  - CHAMAN (for horticultural assessment and development)
  - KISAN (for crop insurance and Crop Intensification planning)
- **OTHER PROPOSAL UNDER IT:** To increase the availability of certified/quality seeds to the farmers locally, the Government has proposed to set up 500 umbers of seed production and seed processing units at Gram Panchayat Level.

### PROJECT CHAMAN

- LAUNCHED ON: 02-August-2016
- AIM: To provide strategic development to the horticulture sector, so as to increase farmers' income
- IMPLEMENTING AGENCY: National Crop Forecast Centre (MNCFC) using remote sensing technology
- COMPONENTS:
  - Crop intensification
  - Orchard rejuvenation
  - Aqua-horticulture

### NATIONAL MISSION ON AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION AND TECHNOLOGY (NMAET)

- LAUNCHED ON : 05-February-2014
- AIM: To restructure and strengthen agricultural extension machineries to enable delivery of appropriate technology and improved agronomic practices to farmers.
- OBJECTIVE:
  - To make the extension system farmer-driven and farmer-accountable by way of new institutional arrangements for technology dissemination
  - To restructure and strengthen agricultural extension to enable delivery of appropriate technology and improved agronomic practices to farmers.
- COMPONENTS:
  - Sub Mission on Agricultural Extension (SMAE)
  - Sub-Mission on Seed and Planting Material (SMSP)
  - Sub Mission on Agricultural Mechanization (SMAM)
  - Sub Mission on Plant Protection and Plant Quarantine (SMPP)

### e-RaKAM

- A digital platform portal enables farmers to sell their agricultural products through auction.
- AIM: To facilitate farmers for online sale their products across the country.
- MAINTAINED BY: Central warehousing Corporation.
- DIFFERENCE FROM e-NAM: Middle man eliminated.

### RASHTRIYA GOKUL MISSION

- ❖ AIM: For conservation and development of indigenous breeds in a focused and scientific manner.
- ❖ OBJECTIVE:



- Conservation of indigenous breeds and their development to improve their genetic makeup
- Enhancing the milk productivity
- Distribution of disease free high genetic merit bulls for natural service.
- ❖ **IMPLEMENTING AGENCY:** State Implementing Agencies (SIA) viz livestock Development Boards.
- ❖ **FUNDING:** 100% grant-in-aid basis
- ❖ **INITIATIVES UNDER IT:**
  1. Establishment of Integrated Indigenous cattle centres "Gokul Gram".
  2. Establishment of Breeder's societies "Gopalan Sangh".
  3. Award to Farmers "Gopal Ratna" and Breeders' societies "Kamadhenu".
  4. Assistance to institution which are repositories of best germplasm.

### **NATIONAL DAIRY PLAN-I**

- ❖ **PERIOD:** 2011-12 to 2018-19.
- ❖ **OBJECTIVES :**
  - i. To help increase productivity of milch animals and thereby increase milk production to meet the rapidly growing demand for milk
  - ii. To help provide rural milk producers with greater access to the organized milk-processing sector.
- ❖ **FUNDING:** Through the International Development Association (IDA).

### **PASHUDHAN SANJIVANI**

- ❖ An animal wellness programme encompassing provision of Animal Health Cards - "Nakul Swasthya Patra".
  - It also issues UID identification of animals in milk and establish a National Database for controlling the spread of animal disease and keep tracking of trade in livestock and its products.

### **E-PASHUDHAN HAAT PORTAL**

- ❖ It is launched under the National Mission on Bovine Productivity for connecting breeders and farmers of indigenous breeds.

### **“QUALITY MARK” AWARD SCHEME**

- ❖ **AIM:** To promote and encourage enhancement of safety, quality and hygiene of milk and milk products manufactured by dairy cooperatives.
- ❖ **SPONSORED BY:** The National Dairy Development Board with the support of Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries.



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### **MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS**

#### **MISSION XI MILLION**

- ❖ **LAUNCHED ON :** 01-August-2017
- ❖ **AIM:** To instill the passion for football in 11 million children from every part of the country
- ❖ **OBJECTIVE:** Equip parents and schools with the equipment and the knowledge about how to make regular play a reality for their wards.
- ❖ **DESCRIPTION:** The vision of making football the sport of choice in India Mission XI Million, the biggest school sport outreach programme was launched by the government.

#### **RASHTRIYA YUVA SASHAKTIKARAN KARYAKRAM (RYSK)**

- ❖ **AIM:** A flagship programme to enable youth to realise their potential.
- ❖ **DESCRIPTION:** This umbrella scheme consolidates Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS), National Youth Corps (NYC), National Programme for Youth & Adolescent Development (NPYAD) and National Discipline Scheme (NDS), National Young Leaders Programme (NYLP) mentor students at more than 900 Atal Tinkering Labs, established across the country as a part of the Atal Innovation Mission.

#### **LUCKY GRAHAK YOJANA AND DIGI-DHAN VYAPAR YOJANA**

- ❖ **AIM:** To incentivize digital transactions so that electronic payments are adopted by all sections of the society, especially the poor and the middle class.
- ❖ **BENEFICIARIES :** It is to give cash awards to consumers and merchants who utilize digital payment instruments for personal consumption expenditures.

### **MINISTRY OF AYUSH**

#### **NATIONAL AYUSH MISSION**

- ❖ **LAUNCHED ON :** 23-December-2014
- ❖ **OBJECTIVE:**
  2. To provide cost effective and equitable AYUSH health care.
  3. To revitalize and strengthen the AYUSH systems
  4. To improve educational institutions capable of imparting quality AYUSH education
  5. To promote the adoption of Quality standards of AYUSH drugs and making available the sustained supply of AYUSH raw-materials.

## **NIRYAT BANDHU SCHEME**

- ❖ **LAUNCHED ON :** 27-March-2017
- ❖ **AIM:** To reach out to the new and potential exporters and mentor them through orientation programmes, counselling sessions, individual facilitation, etc., for being able to get into international trade and boost exports from India.
- ❖ **DESCRIPTION:** Under the scheme, officers of DGFT will be investing time and knowledge to mentor the interested individuals who want to conduct the business in a legal way.

## **SCHEME FOR IPR AWARENESS**

- ❖ **LAUNCHED ON :** 07-July-2017
- ❖ **LAUNCHED BY:** Cell for IPR Promotion and Management (CIPAM)
- ❖ **PERIOD:** In next three years (2017 – 2020).
- ❖ **AIM:** Raising IPR awareness amongst students, youth, authors, artist, budding inventors and professionals to inspire them to create, innovate and protect their creations and inventions across India including Tier 1, Tier 2, Tier 3 cities as well as rural areas
- ❖ **OBJECTIVE:** To conduct over 4000 IPR awareness workshops/seminars in academic institutions (schools and colleges) and the industry, including MSMEs and Startups, as also IP training and sensitization programmes for enforcement agencies and the judiciary.
- ❖ **CATEGORIES OF TRAINING :**
  - Primary School
  - Secondary school
  - University/ College
  - Industry including MSMEs and Start ups.
- ❖ **SLOGAN:** “Creative India; Innovative India”

## **MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT**

## **AAJEEVIKA GRAMEEN EXPRESS YOJANA**

- ❖ **LAUNCHED ON :** 10-August-2017
- ❖ **PERIOD:** 3 years from 2017-18 to 2019-20
- ❖ **AIM:** Creating efficient and effective institutional platforms of the rural poor, enabling them to increase household income through sustainable livelihood enhancements and improved access to financial services.
- ❖ **OBJECTIVE:** To operate public transport services in backward rural areas
- ❖ **BENEFICIARIES:**
  - The programme has a special focus on women empowerment including a

dedicated component for promoting farm and non-farm based livelihoods for women farmers in rural areas.

- ❖ **FUNDING:** The financial support under the programme is mainly in the form of Revolving Fund and Community Investment Funds, given as grants to the Self Help Groups (SHGs) and their federations.
- ❖ **ASSISTED BY:** Investment from World Bank.
- ❖ **IMPLEMENTING AGENCY:** Partnerships with NGOs and linkages with Panchayat Raj Institutions
- ❖ **DESCRIPTION:** A sub-scheme under Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM).
- ❖ **EXCEPTION UNDER IT :** The Government is implementing DAY-NRLM across the country in all States and Union Territories (except Delhi and Chandigarh).
- ❖ **FEATURES:**
  1. Universal Social Mobilisation
  2. Participatory identification of Poor
  3. Community Funds as Resources
  4. Financial Inclusion
  5. Livelihood
- ❖ **THREE PILLARS** - 'Vulnerability reduction and livelihoods enhancement', 'employment' and 'enterprises'.

#### **DEEN DAYAL UPADHYAYA GRAMEEN KAUSHALYA YOJANA (DDU-GKY)**

- ❖ **LAUNCHED ON :** 25 September 2014
- ❖ **AIM:** Transforming rural poor youth into an economically independent and globally relevant workforce.
- ❖ **OBJECTIVE:**
  - Adding diversity to the incomes of rural poor families
  - Cater to the career aspirations of rural youth.
- ❖ **BENEFICIARIES:** rural youth between the ages of 15 and 35 years from poor families.
- ❖ **COMPONENTS:**
  1. Himayat : A special scheme for the youth (rural & urban) of Jammu & Kashmir.
  2. Roshni: A special initiative for the rural youth of poor families in 27 left-wing Extremist (LWE) districts across 9 states.
- ❖ **IMPLEMENTING AGENCY:** involves State Governments, Technical Support Agencies like the National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj (NIRD & PR), and Project Implementing Agencies (PIAs).



**PRADHAN MANTRI AWAAS YOJANA (GRAMIN) - “Housing for All” in rural areas.**

- ❖ **LAUNCHED ON:** 2015
- ❖ **AIM:** To provide an environmentally safe and secure pucca house to every rural household by 2022
- ❖ **OBJECTIVE:** To complete one crore houses by March 2019.
- ❖ **SELECTION OF BENEFICIARIES:** Using the Socio Economic Census 2011 data and validating it through the Gram Sabha
- ❖ **PAYMENT:** The entire payments are through IT/DBT mode with Aadhaar linked Bank accounts with consent.
- ❖ **Minimum support of nearly Rs. 1.5 lakh to Rs. 1.6 lakh to a household is available. There is also a provision of Bank loan upto Rs. 70,000/-, if the beneficiary so desires.**
- ❖ **IMPLEMENTING AGENCY:** Partnership with Public & Private sectors
- ❖ **DESCRIPTION:** A major step forward in bringing together Skill India, Digital India, Make In India, IT/DBT Aadhaar platform and Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY).

**STARTUP VILLAGE ENTREPRENEURSHIP PROGRAMME (SVEP)**

- ❖ **LAUNCHED ON :** 2015
- ❖ **AIM:** To create sustainable self-employment opportunities for youths residing in selected villages.
- ❖ **OBJECTIVE:** To promote networking of banks and financial institutions with village entrepreneurs.
- ❖ **FUNDING:**
  - NRLM-promoted SHGs and federations and banking systems. including the proposed MUDRA bank.

**PRADHAN MANTRI GRAM SADAK YOJANA (PMGSY)**

- ❖ **LAUNCHED ON :** 25th December, 2000
- ❖ **AIM:** To provide all-weather road connectivity to all eligible unconnected habitations in rural areas of the country.
- ❖ **ELEGIBILITIES FOR CONNECTIVITY:**
  - Population of 500 persons and above (as per 2001 Census) in plain areas.
  - 250 persons and above (as per 2001 Census) in Special Category states.
  - Tribal (Schedule-V) areas.
  - In Select Tribal and Backward Districts (as identified by the Ministry of Home Affairs).
  - The Desert Areas (as identified in Desert Development Programme)
- ❖ **NATURE OF THE SCHEME:** 100% Centrally Sponsored Scheme and 50% of the Cess on High Speed Diesel (HSD) is earmarked for this Programme.

## MAHATMA GANDHI NATIONAL RURAL EMPLOYMENT GUARANTEE ACT (MGNREGA)

- ❖ LAUNCHED ON : 2006
- ❖ AIM: To guarantee the 'right to work'.
- ❖ OBJECTIVE: To enhance livelihood security in rural areas by providing at least 100 days of wage employment in a financial year to every household whose adult members volunteer to do unskilled manual work.
- ❖ BENEFICIARIES: willing rural population, unskilled manual labourers and seasonally unemployed. At least one-third beneficiaries shall be women.
- ❖ FUNDING: The central government bears the 100 percent wage cost of unskilled manual labour and 75 percent of the material cost including the wages of skilled and semi-skilled workers.
- ❖ FEATURES:
  - A 60:40 wage and material ratio has to be maintained.
  - No contractors and machinery is allowed.
  - Wages are linked to Consumer Price Index (Agriculture labour).
- ❖ IMPLEMENTING AGENCY: Gram panchayats. Social audit has to be done by the gram sabha atleast once in every 6 months
- ❖ DESCRIPTION: To create durable assets (such as roads, canals, ponds, wells). Employment is to be provided within 5 km of an applicant's residence, and minimum wages are to be paid. If work is not provided within 15 days of applying, applicants are entitled to an unemployment allowance. Thus, employment under MGNREGA is a legal entitlement.

## NATIONAL RURBAN MISSION (NRuM)

- ❖ LAUNCHED ON : 21st February, 2016
- ❖ AIM: Developing such rural areas by provisioning of economic, social and physical infrastructure facilities
- ❖ OBJECTIVE: To stimulate local economic development, enhance basic services and create well planned Rurban clusters.
- ❖ FUNDING: Public -private partnerships.
- ❖ CATEGORIES OF CLUSTERS: The process of selection will vary for each of these categories.
  1. Non-Tribal: identify a large village/gram panchayat that are growth centers with resources available in the area that could potentially lead the economic transformation of the region.
  2. Tribal :
    - Decadal growth in Tribal Population
    - Current Tribal Literacy Rate
    - Decadal growth in Non- Farm Work force participation

- Decadal growth in Rural Population and
- Presence of Economic Clusters.

## **SANSAD ADARSH GRAM YOJANA (SAGY)**

- ❖ **LAUNCHED ON :** 2014
- ❖ **PERIOD:** 2014-2019
- ❖ **AIM:** Developing physical and institutional infrastructure and improve the standard of living in three villages.
- ❖ **CRITERIA:** MPs cannot pick villages which belong to themselves or their spouses
- ❖ **DESCRIPTION:** SAGY is a village development project under which each Member of Parliament will take the responsibility of developing physical and institutional infrastructure and improve the standard of living in three villages by 2019

## **NATIONAL SOCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (NSAP)**

- ❖ **LAUNCHED ON :** 15th August, 1995.
- ❖ **AIM:** Social security and welfare programme to provide support to aged persons, widows, disabled persons and bereaved families on death of primary bread winner.
- ❖ **BENEFICIARIES:** Below poverty line households. (The Gram Panchayat / Municipalities are expected to play an active role in the identification of the beneficiaries.)
- ❖ **NATURE OF THE SCHEME:** 100% Central Assistance
- ❖ **COMPONENTS:**
  - National Old Age Pension Scheme (NOAPS)
  - National Family Benefit Scheme (NFBS)
  - National Maternity Benefit Scheme (NMBS)
- ❖ **DESCRIPTION:** The National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP) represents a significant step towards the fulfillment of the Directive Principles in Article 41 and 42 of the Constitution recognizing the concurrent responsibility of the Central and the State Governments in the matter.
- ❖ **LIST OF SCHEMES UNDER IT:**
  - Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme (IGNOAPS)
  - Indira Gandhi National Widow Pension Scheme (IGNWPS)
  - Indira Gandhi National Disability Pension Scheme (IGNDPS)
  - National Family Benefit Scheme NFBS)
  - Annapurna



## **NEERANCHAL WATERSHED PROGRAM**

- ❖ **LAUNCHED ON :** 07-October-2015
- ❖ **AIM:** To further strengthen and provide technical assistance to the Watershed Component of PMKSY (Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana).
- ❖ **OBJECTIVE:**
  - Bring about institutional changes in watershed and rainfed agricultural management practices in India,
  - Build systems that ensure watershed programmes and rainfed irrigation management practices are better focused, and more coordinated, and have quantifiable results,
  - Devise strategies for the sustainability of improved watershed. management practices in programme areas, even after the withdrawal of project support,
  - Through the watershed plus approach, support improved equity livelihoods, and incomes through forward linkages, on a platform of inclusiveness and local participation.
- ❖ **FUNDING:** World Bank assisted National Watershed Management Project
- ❖ **IMPLEMENTING AGENCY:** Department of Land Resources (DoLR)

## **ANNAPURNA SCHEME**

- ❖ **LAUNCHED ON :** 1st April, 2000
- ❖ **AIM:** Providing food security to meet the requirement of those senior citizens who, though eligible, have remained uncovered under the National Old Age Pension Scheme(NOAPS).
- ❖ **BENEFICIARIES:** Senior citizens of 65 years of age or above
- ❖ **DESCRIPTION:** 10 kg of food grains per person per month free of cost.

## **STARTUP VILLAGE ENTREPRENEURSHIP PROGRAMME (SVEP)**

- ❖ **ANNOUNCED IN :** Budget speech 2014-2015
- ❖ **AIM:** To create sustainable self-employment opportunities for youths residing in selected villages
- ❖ **OBJECTIVE:** To promote networking of banks and financial institutions with village entrepreneurs.
- ❖ **NATURE OF THE SCHEME:** Pilot project
- ❖ **FUNDING:** Entrepreneur Development Institute of India (EDII) has been selected as the National Resource Organization (NRO) for Government of India's 4-year (January 2016 – March 2020) Start-up Village Entrepreneurship Programme (SVEP).
- ❖ Loans will be made available through Self Help Groups for starting the enterprise.



## **RSETI DIWAS 2017**

- ❖ Skill development through Rural Self Employment and Training Institutes (RSETI) provides skilling, thereby enabling the trainee to take bank credit and start his/her own Micro-enterprise.

## **Mobile app launched by MRD**

- 1. AARAMBH - A mobile App for road maintenance in rural areas.**
  - ❖ AIM: Use of GIS based mapping for making road inventories, condition survey producing cost estimates and other relevant data for preparation and monitoring of annual road maintenance plans.
- 2. DISHA PORTAL- A data intelligence platform that will provide all information to the elected representatives to track the performance of all the major flagship schemes of the different central ministries in their respective districts and constituencies.**
  - ❖ APPLICATIONS: The portal will help in planning and evaluating time-bound development of the districts with regards to a scheme, such as Swachh Bharat Mission, Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme, Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana, among others.
- 3. KAUSHAL PANJEE - A mobilisation platform for skill development**
  - ❖ AIM : To be citizen centric end-to-end solution to aid mobilization of candidates for Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY) and Rural Self Employment Training Institutes (RSETI)