

World's Largest Grain Storage Plan | Uttar Pradesh | 06 Jun 2024

Why in News?

Recently, the National Level Coordination Committee (NLCC) for the World's largest grain storage plan held its maiden meeting in New Delhi.

 The plan envisages transforming <u>Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS)</u> into Multi-Service Societies.

Key Points

- The Pilot project has been implemented by <u>National Cooperative Development Corporation</u> (NCDC) with the support of <u>National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development</u> (NABARD), Food Corporation of India (FCI), Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC), NABARD Consultancy Services (NABCONS) in coordination with States/ UTs concerned.
 - NCDC was established by an Act of Parliament in 1963 as a statutory Corporation under the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare.
 - NCDC functions through its Head Office at New Delhi and multiple Regional Offices.
- The committee reviewed the status of implementation of its pilot project in 11 States, which was initiated in 2023.
 - States of Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Assam, Tripura, Uttarakhand and Telangana have implemented its pilot project.
- The Plan envisages creation of various agricultural infrastructure at PACS level, including warehouses, custom hiring center, processing units, Fair Price Shops, etc. through convergence of various existing schemes:
 - <u>Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF)</u>, Agricultural Marketing Infrastructure Scheme (AMI), <u>Sub Mission on Agricultural Mechanization (SMAM)</u>, <u>Pradhan Mantri</u> <u>Formalization of Micro Food Processing Enterprises Scheme (PMFME)</u> etc.

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