



PM-DAKSH Scheme

Why in News

Recently, **Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment** has launched '**PM-DAKSH**' (**Pradhan Mantri Dakshta Aur Kushalta Sampann Hitgrahi**) **Portal** and '**PM-DAKSH**' **Mobile App** to make the skill development schemes accessible to the target groups - Backward Classes, Scheduled Castes and Safai Karamcharis.

Key Points

▪ About

- PM-DAKSH Yojana is **being implemented from the year 2020-21.**
- Under this, **eligible target groups are provided with the skill development training programmes** on Short Term Training Program; Up-Skilling/Reskilling; Entrepreneurship Development Programme, and Long Term Training Programme.
 - These **training programmes are being implemented through** the government training institutes, sector skill councils that have been constituted by **the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship**, and other credible institutions.

▪ Eligibility:

- Marginalized persons of [SC \(Scheduled Caste\)](#), [OBC \(Other Backward Classes\)](#), [Economically Backward Classes](#), [Denotified tribes](#), [Sanitation workers](#) including waste pickers, manual scavengers, transgenders and other similar categories.

▪ Implementation:

- It is implemented by the three Corporations under the Ministry:
 - National Scheduled Castes Finance and Development Corporation (NSFDC),
 - National Backward Classes Finance & Development Corporation (NBCFDC),
 - National Safai Karamcharis Finance and Development Corporation (NSKFDC).

▪ Status of Skill Development Training of Target Groups:

- Skill development training has been imparted to 2,73,152 people of the target groups in the last 5 years.
- A target, **during the year 2021-22**, has been set to provide the skill development training **to approx 50,000 people of the target groups through these three corporations.**

▪ Significance of the Scheme:

- Most of the persons of the target groups have minimal economic assets; therefore, provision of training and enhancing their competencies is essential for economic empowerment/ upliftment of these marginalized target groups.
- Many of the persons of the target groups belong to the category of rural artisans who have become marginalized owing to the coming of better technologies in the market.
- Women due to their overall domestic compulsions, cannot be involved in wage

employment which normally involves long working hours and sometimes migration to other cities, there is a need to empower the women amongst the target groups.

Initiatives Related to Skill Development

- [Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana 3.0](#): It was launched by the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) in 2021 in a bid to empower India's youth with employable skills by making over 300 skill courses available to them.
- [National Career Service Project](#): Launched in 2015 to offer free online career skills training to job-seekers registered with it. It is an initiative of the **Ministry of Labour & Employment**.
- [Skills Acquisition and Knowledge Awareness for Livelihood \(SANKALP\)](#): Its focus is on district-level skilling ecosystem through convergence and coordination. It is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme which is collaborated with the World Bank.
- [Kaushalacharya Awards](#): Launched to recognize the contribution made by skill trainers and to motivate more trainers to join the Skill India Mission.
- [Scheme for Higher Education Youth in Apprenticeship and Skills \(SHREYAS\)](#): The scheme is to provide industry apprenticeship opportunities to the general graduates exiting in April 2019 through the National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS). It was **launched by the Ministry of Education**.
- [Atmanirbhar Skilled Employee Employer Mapping \(ASEEM\)](#): Launched by MSDE in 2020, it is a portal to help skilled people find sustainable livelihood opportunities.

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