



Darbhanga : Makhana Hub

Why in News?

- On April 27, 2022, Darbhanga MP Dr. Gopal G. Thakur inaugurated the one-day workshop at Makhana Research Centre, Darbhanga under the '**Formation and Promotion of 10,000 New FPO Scheme**' scheme of the Central Government by lighting a lamp.

Key Point

- The objective of the workshop is to consider measures to establish Darbhanga on the world stage as a makhana hub by forming a cooperative farmers producers' association of makhana growing farmers in the district.
- It may be recalled that darbhanga district has been awarded by the Prime Minister and the Chief Minister at the State level for outstanding work in the field of production and development of Makhana under '**One District One Product**'.
- Speaking on the occasion, Mp Dr. Thakur said that the construction of cargo complex at Darbhanga airport will give a boost to the global business of makhana and other local products.
- It may be mentioned that the scheme was launched in February 2020 at Chitrakoot in Uttar Pradesh with a budgetary provision of Rs 6,865 crore.
- Under this, more than 2200 **FPOs generation clusters** have been allocated for formation of **FPOs** in the year 2020-21.
- The financial assistance provided under it is as under:
 - 18.00 lakh per FPO for a period of 3 years.
 - Each farmer member of the FPO will be provided an equity grant of Rs 2,000 (maximum of Rs 15 lakh per FPO).
- In order to ensure institutional credit access to FPOs, a provision has been made for credit guarantee facility up to Rs.2 crore per FPO from eligible lending institution.