



World's Largest Grain Storage Plan

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 [Primary Agricultural Credit Societies \(PACS\)](#) into **Multi-Service Societies**.**

Key Points

- The Pilot project has been **implemented by [National Cooperative Development Corporation \(NCDC\)](#)** with the support of **[National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development \(NABARD\)](#), [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:
 - **[Agriculture Infrastructure Fund \(AIF\)](#)**, **[Agricultural Marketing Infrastructure Scheme \(AMI\)](#)**, **[Sub Mission on Agricultural Mechanization \(SMAM\)](#)**, **[Pradhan Mantri Formalization of Micro Food Processing Enterprises Scheme \(PMFME\)](#)** etc.

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