



Watershed Development Component 2.0 of PMKSY

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- Why in News?
- The **Ministry of Rural Development** sanctioned **56 new Watershed Development Projects** under the **Watershed Development Component 2.0** of [Prime Minister Krishi Sinchayee Yojna \(PMKSY-WDC 2.0\)](#), in 10 best performing States.
- 10 States include **Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka**, Odisha, Tamil Nadu, Assam, Nagaland, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand and Sikkim covering around **2.8 lakh hectares of degraded land**.

Note: In **2021-22**, **1150 projects** covering an area of about **50 Lakh hectares** were sanctioned under **PMKSY-WDC 2.0**.

What is the Watershed Development Component of PMKSY 2.0?

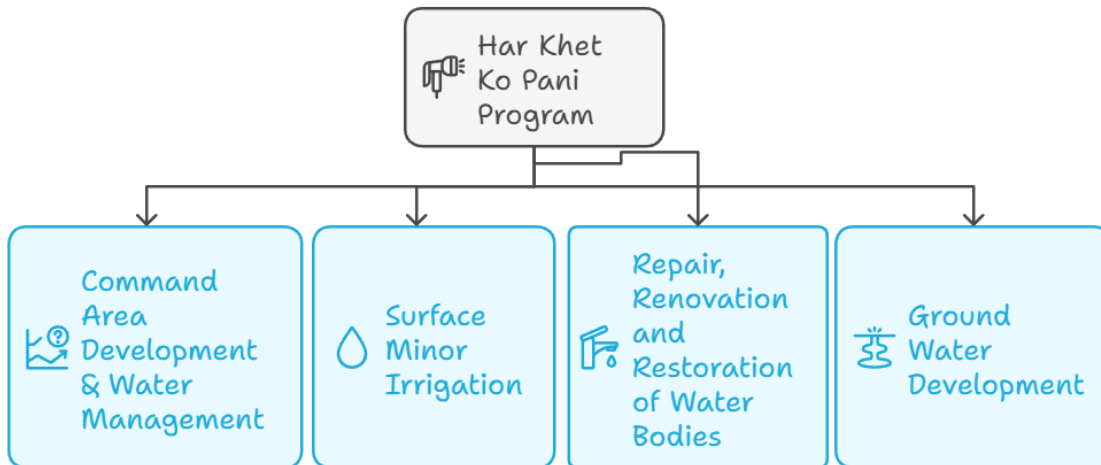
- **About:** PMKSY-WDC 2.0 is a **sub-component** of the overarching **PMKSY initiative** for conserving **water and soil resources**.
- **Background:** The scheme started as the [Integrated Watershed Management Programme \(IWMP\)](#) in **2009-10** and merged into the **Watershed Development Component of PMKSY (PMKSY-WDC)** in **2015-16**.
 - **PMKSY-WDC 2.0** was launched for **2021-2026** with **enhanced targets and revised guidelines**.
- **Objectives:** Enhance **rainfed and degraded land productivity** through integrated watershed management.
 - Strengthen **community institutions** for livelihoods and **watershed sustainability**.
 - Boost **watershed project efficiency** via cross-learning and incentives.
- **Targets:** The scheme targets coverage of **49.50 lakh hectares** of degraded land between **2021-2026**.
 - **Rejuvenation of springsheds** has been added as a new activity.
- **Approach (Next-Generation Focus):** Emphasize **water productivity over quantity** and transition from mechanical treatments to **biological measures**.
 - Promote [crop diversification](#) and [integrated farming](#) systems like [horticulture](#), [fisheries](#), [apiculture](#), and [animal husbandry](#).

What is PMKSY?

- **About:** Launched in **2015-16** by the **Ministry of Jal Shakti**, PMKSY aims to improve **water access for farming, expand irrigated areas, enhance water use efficiency**, and promote sustainable water conservation.
 - It is a [Centrally Sponsored Scheme](#) with a **75:25 Centre-State share**, and **90:10 for the north-eastern and hilly states**.
- **Components:** It consists of **two major components** being implemented by the **Ministry of Jal Shakti**.

- **Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP):** **AIBP** aims to focus on **faster completion** of ongoing Major and Medium Irrigation including National Projects.
- **Har Khet Ko Pani (HKKP):** **HKKP** consists of **four sub-components**.

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- PMKSY also consists of **two other components** being implemented by **other Ministries**:
 - **Per Drop More Crop (PDMC)** by the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare.
 - **Watershed Development component (WDC)** of **PMKSY** by the Ministry of Rural Development.

UPSC Civil Services Examination Previous Year Question (PYQ)

Prelims

Q. With reference to the economic history of medieval India, the term 'Araghatta' refers to (2016)

- (a) bonded labour
- (b) land grants made to military officers
- (c) waterwheel used in the irrigation of land
- (d) wasteland converted to cultivated land

Ans: (c)

Q. Consider the following statements: (2015)

1. The Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme was launched during 1996-97 to provide loan assistance to poor farmers.
2. The Command Area Development Programme was launched in 1974-75 for the development of water-use efficiency.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

(a) 1 only

(b) 2 only

(c) Both 1 and 2

(d) Neither 1 nor 2

Ans: (b)

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