

SCHEMES LAUNCHED IN 2018

EKLAVYA MODEL RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL

- In the context of establishing quality residential schools for the promotion of education, Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRSs) for ST students are set up in States / UTs.
- The establishing of EMRSs are based on demand of the concerned States/UTs with availability of land as an essential attribute.
- As per budget 2018-19, every block with more than 50% ST population and at least 20,000 tribal persons, will have an Eklavya Model Residential School by year 2022.
- Across the country, as per census 2011 figures, there are 564 sub-districts having more than 50% ST population and at least 20,000 tribal persons. Out of these sub-districts, at present 102 sub-districts have EMRSs and rest 462 sub-districts do not have an EMRS.

OPERATION GREEN

- Launched on the lines of Operation Flood in the union budget 2018-19.
- Its aim is to promote farmer producers organisations, agri-logistics, processing facilities and professional management.
- Aims to aid the farmers and help control and limit the erratic fluctuations in the price of onions, tomatoes and potatoes.

AYUSHMAN BHARAT

- Launched in the union budget 2018-19.
- **Has two components:**
 - Health and Wellness Centre – Under this 1.5lakh centres will bring health care system closer to the homes of the people.
 - National Health Protection Scheme – It will cover over 10 crore poor and vulnerable families. It will have 50 crore beneficiaries.

REVITALISING INFRASTRUCTURE AND SYSTEMS IN EDUCATION (RISE)

- Its aim is to make India produce better research and make its institutions climb in the global rankings.
- Its objective is to set up investments in research and related infrastructure in premier educational institutions including health institutions.
- Higher Education Financing Agency (HEFA) is structured for funding this initiative.

UNNAT BHARAT ABHIYAN

- Launched by Ministry of Human and Resource Development.
- The objective is that the students from 750 colleges and universities across the country will adopt the nearby villages and visit them to get familiar with the life of the village people and the problems faced by them in day to day life.

ATAL PENSION YOJANA

- It is a social security scheme.
- Replace the earlier Swavalamban Scheme.
- Person in the age between 18-40 years can avail this scheme.
- Under this scheme subscriber will receive a minimum guaranteed pension of Rs 1000 to Rs 5000 per month depending on his contributions from the age of 60 years.
- UP has the largest subscribers followed by Bihar and Tamil Nadu.

KHUSHI

- Odisha government has launched the KHUSHI scheme.
- Its aim is to provide free sanitary napkins to school girls across the state.

RUPASHREE

- The scheme is launched by West Bengal government.
- Its aim is to ensure safe future for young women.
- Under this scheme government provides one time financial support for marriage of poor girls.
- An amount of Rs.25000 is credited to the girls bank account before the marriage.

GANGA HARITMALA SCHEME

- Also known as Ganga Hariyali Yojana.
- The scheme is started by the State of Utter Pradesh.
- The objective of the scheme is to increase the green cover in the catchment areas of the Ganga River and to control the erosion of the land.

SURYASHAKTI KISAN YOJANA

- The scheme is launched by the Gujarat government.
- It is a solar power scheme for the farmers enabling them to generate electricity for their captive consumption as well as the surplus power to the grid and earn an extra buck.

SWAYAM

- Launched by Ministry of Human and Resource Development.
- Its aim to train teachers using digital platform.
- The government will use the massive open online course platform to update the teaching technique of 1.5 million higher education faculty with focus on new and emerging trends.
- In the first phase 75 discipline specific National Resource Centre have been identified to prepare online training material and keep the teachers well informed of the latest developments in their disciplines through the online course.
- Several institutions such as Central, State and Open universities, National Institutes for technical teachers training, IITs, IITs, NITs and other have been notified as NRCs in this regard.

SEVA BHOJ

- Launched by Ministry of Culture.
- It aims to provide financial assistance on purchase of specific food items by Charitable Religious Institutions for free distribution among people.
- Under this scheme centres share of central GST (CGST) charged on the raw food materials purchased by the religious institutions will be refunded.

PRADHAN MANTRI JAN AROGYA YOJANA

- It is launched as part of Ayushman Bharat scheme.
- It aims to provide annual health insurance cover of Rs 5lakh to 10.74 crore beneficiary families.
- It is World's largest healthcare scheme.
- The beneficiaries will be identified from the Socio Economic Caste Census (SECC) 2011.

RYTHU BANDHU

- The scheme is launched by Telangana Government.
- Rythu bandhu means friend of farmers.
- The Rythu Bandhu (Agriculture Investment Support Scheme) takes care of Initial Investment Needs Of Every Farmer.
- It Provides A Grant Of Rs 4000 Per Acre Per Farmer Each Season For The Purchase Of Inputs Like Seeds, Fertilizers, Pesticides, Labour And Other Investments In The Field Operations Of Farmers Choice Form Crop Season.

SCHEME FOR PROMOTION OF ACADEMIC AND RESEARCH COLLABORATION (SPARC)

- Launched by Ministry of Human and Resource Development.
- The objective is to boost India specific research in social and pure sciences.
- It aims at providing the research ecosystem of India's higher educational institutions by facilitating academic and research collaborations between Indian Institutions and the best institutions in the world.
- IIT Kharagpur is the National Coordinating Institute to implement the SPARC programme.

IMPACTFUL POLICY RESEARCH IN SOCIAL SCIENCES (IMPRESS)

- Launched by Ministry of Human and Resource Development.
- Its objective is to identify and fund research proposals in social sciences with maximum impact on the governance and society.
- It will provide an opportunity for social science researchers in any institution in the country which includes all universities.
- The scheme will be implemented by Indian Council of Social Science and Research (ICSSR).
- Under IMPRESS 1500 research projects will be awarded for two years to support social science research in the higher educational institutions.

UDYAM ABHILASHA

- Launched by SIDBI.
- It is a national level entrepreneurship awareness campaign.

- Launched in 115 Aspirational Districts identified by NITI Aayog in 28 states.
- Its objective is to inspire rural youth in aspirational districts to be entrepreneurs by assisting them to set up their own enterprise.

KRUSHAK ASSISTANCE FOR LIVLIHOOD AND INCOME AUGMENTATION (KALIA)

- Launched by Odisha government.
- Involves payment to encourage cultivation and allied activities.
- Primary targets are small farmers, cultivators and landless agricultural labourers.
- All farmers will be provided Rs 10000 per family as assistance for cultivation.
- Each family will get Rs. 5000 separately for Kharif and Rabi season for five cropping season between 2018-19 and 2021-22.
- Targets 10 lakh landless households and specifically SC and ST families. They will be supported with a unit cost of Rs. 12500 for activities like goat rearing, mushroom cultivation, beekeeping and poultry farming.

ATAL BIMIT VYAKTI KALYAN YOJANA

- Launched by Employees State Insurance Corporation (ESIC).
- The scheme is a relief payable in cash directly to their bank account in case of unemployment and while they search for new engagement.

SWAYANGSIDDHA SCHEME

- Launched by West Bengal government.
- The scheme aims to empower young boys and girls to make informed choices so that they are less vulnerable to trafficking and child marriage.
- Swayangsiddha means self reliance and it will be executed by West Bengal police.

BORDER INFRASTRUCTURE AND MANAGEMENT SCHEME (BIM)

- The scheme includes construction of roads, schools, primary health centres, promotion of rural tourism, border tourism, cleanliness mission, promotion of sports activities, supply of drinking water to enable sustainable living in border areas.

PRADHAN MANTRI ANNADATA AAY SANRAKSHAN ABHIYAN (PM-AASHA)

- The scheme is aimed at ensuring remunerative prices to the farmers for their produce as announced in Budget 2018.
- Its objective is to empower farmers and strengthen the agriculture sector.
- **It has three components:**
 - Price Support Scheme (PSS)
 - Price Deficiency Payment Scheme (PDPS)
 - Pilot of Private Procurement and Stockist Scheme (PPPS)

O-SMART SCHEME

- Launched by Ministry of Earth Sciences.
- O-SMART stands for Ocean Services, technology, Observations, Resources Modelling Sciences.

- The scheme encompasses 16 sub projects related to ocean development activities and science for implementation during 2017-18 and 2019-20.

MUKHYAMANTRI YUVA NESTAM

- Launched by Andhra Pradesh government.
- It is an unemployment allowance scheme to provide Rs 1000 per month unemployed youth in state.
- The allowance will be directly be credited in bank accounts of selected beneficiary through biometric authentication in transparent manner.

SAMBAL

- Launched by Madhya Pradesh government.
- It is a power bill waiver and subsidised power scheme for labourers and poor families.
- Under the scheme the below poverty line families would be provided electricity at a cost of Rs 200 per month.

SURYASHAKTI KISAN YOJANA

- Launched by Gujarat government.
- It is a solar power scheme.
- It enables farmers to generate electricity for their captive consumption as well as sell the surplus power to the grid and earn an extra buck.

BIJLI BILL MAFI YOJANA

- Launched by Madhya Pradesh government for poor families and labourers.
- Labourers falling under the unorganised sector will get power supply at a subsidized rate.

GOPABANDHU SAMBADIKA SWASTHYA BIMA YOJANA

- Launched by Odisha government.
- It is a health insurance scheme for journalists.
- The scheme provides Rs 2 lakh per annum health insurance cover to all working journalists of the state.

SAMAGRA SHIKSHA SCHEME

- Launched by Ministry of Human and Resource Development.
- It aims to improve quality of school education.
- It also aims at enhancing learning outcomes and using technology to empower children and teachers.

PRAAPTI

- Launched by Ministry of Power.
- PRAAPTI stands for Payment Ratification and Analysis in Power Procurement for Bringing Transparency in Invoicing of Generators.

- It aims to bring transparency in power purchase transactions between generators and discoms.
- It also launched the web portal www.praapti.in

IP NANI

- It is a Mascot.
- It is a tech-savvy grandmother who helps the government and enforcement agencies in combating IP (Intellectual Property) crimes with the help of her grandson “Chotu” aka Aditya.
- It will spread awareness about the importance of IPRs among people especially children.

PROJECT DHOOP

- In order to address rising incidence of Vitamin 'D' Deficiencies, particularly amongst the young people, Food Safety and Standards Authority of India has launched a unique initiative, 'Project Dhoop' in association with NCERT, NDMC and North MCD Schools.
- This unique initiative urges schools to shift their morning assembly to noon time mainly between 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. to ensure maximum absorption of Vitamin D in students through natural sunlight.

UTTAM APP

- The app is launched for coal quality monitoring.
- UTTAM stands for Unlocking Transparency by Third party Assessment of Mined Coal.
- It ensures accountability, transparency, effectiveness and efficiency in coal ecosystem.
- It provides a platform for monitoring of sampling and coal dispatches.

ATAL AMRIT ABHIYAN

- It is health assurance scheme in Assam state.
- The scheme will offer free medical care of up to 2 lakh rupees for every individual from Below Poverty Line (BPL) and Above Poverty Line (APL) families.
- The scheme will cover 92% of the state's population with annual income below 5 lakh rupees.
- The Assam govt. earmarked 400 crore rupees for the scheme in the financial year 2018-19.

DARPAN-PLI APP

- Launched by Ministry of Communications.
- It will help in the collection of a premium for PLI and RPLI policies at branch post offices anywhere in India.
- DARPAN stands for – Digital Advancement of Rural Post office for a New India.

AMA GAON, AMA VIKAS

- Launched by Odisha government.
- It aims to reach out to the people in rural areas and involve themselves in the developmental activities.

UDYAM SAKHI PORTAL

- Launched by Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises.
- It is launched for women entrepreneurs of India.

PRIME MINISTER FELLOWSHIP SCHEME

- A Prime Minister Fellowship Scheme is announced for top 1,000 BTech students in the country to provide opportunity to the students to pursue a PhD in IITs and Indian Institute of Science (IISc).

MUKHYAMANTRI KALAKAR SAHAYATA YOJANA

- Launched by Odisha government.
- The objective is to provide financial assistance to the artists of the state.
- The government has decided to give Rs 1200 per month as artist assistance.

NANAJI DESHMUKH KRISHI SANJIVANI YOJANA

- Launched by Maharashtra government.
- The objective is to promote climate resilient agriculture in the state.

NATIONAL BAMBOO MISSION

- It is a Central Sponsored Scheme.
- The objective is to promote the bamboo sector in the country. This will help the people of rural and tribal areas.

NIRMAN KUSUMA

- Launched by Odisha government.
- It aims to provide financial assistance to the children of the construction workers for their technical education in the state.
- The children will get financial assistance for their education in ITIs and polytechnics.
- The ITI student will be entitled to get Rs 23600 and a diploma student Rs 26300 per annum.