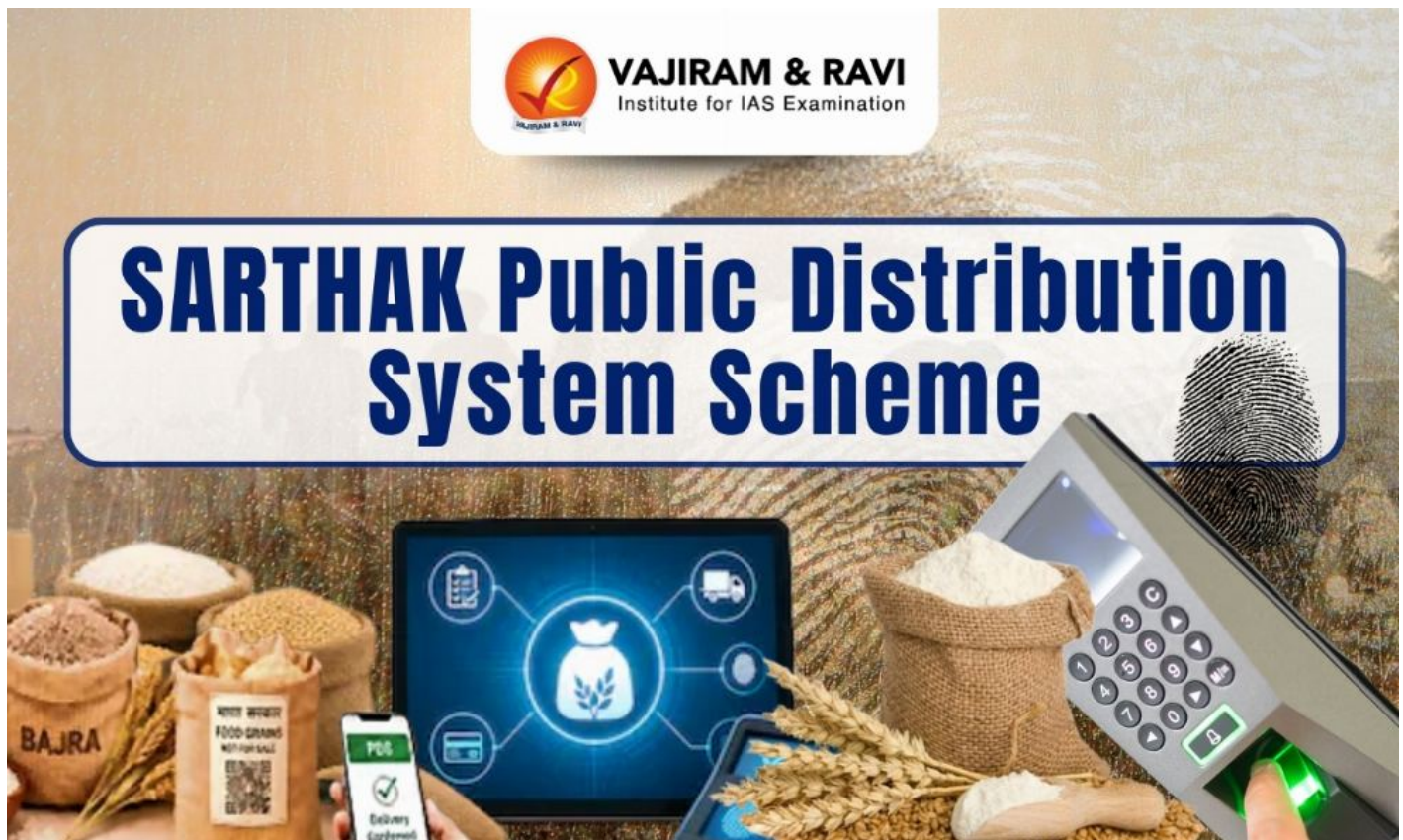


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Recently, the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs chaired by the Prime Minister approved the SARTHAK Public Distribution System (PDS) scheme.

About SARTHAK Public Distribution System (PDS) Scheme

- SARTHAK PDS (**Scheme for Assistance in Ration Transport and Handling-Income with Automation in PDS**) is conceived as an umbrella scheme that integrates two ongoing initiatives
 - Assistance to State Agencies for intra-State movement of foodgrains and FPS dealers' margin under NFSA
 - Scheme for Modernization and Reforms through Technology in Public Distribution System (SMART PDS)"
- **Aim:** The government aims to create a **single administrative structure** for improving **foodgrain distribution** and strengthening **implementation of the National Food Security Act, 2013**.
- It will run **until March 2031**.

Components of SARTHAK Public Distribution System (PDS) Scheme

- **Advanced Technology Use:** It involves the use of advanced technologies such as **Artificial Intelligence (AI), Machine Learning (ML), Natural Language Processing (NLP)** and Blockchain to streamline operations in the public distribution system.
- **Unified Data& Architecture:** Under the approved plan, the government intends to create unified databases and standardised digital architecture for real-time monitoring of the PDS network.
 - The scheme also proposes AI-enabled analytics and grievance redressal systems along with State Command Control Centres for monitoring operations through data-based oversight.
- **Certification:** Government will introduce ISO-certified process frameworks to strengthen transparency, security standards and operational sustainability within the system.

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