

Matsya Shakti Project

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The 'Matsya Shakti' project will be launched by the Union Minister of State for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying.

About Matsya Shakti Project

- It is designed to empower **minority fishing communities**.
- It aims to equip participants with **comprehensive skills** for improved livelihoods and community welfare.
- The initiative will be implemented by the Vizhinjam Regional Centre of the ICAR-Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI), under the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare.
- It is **conceived under the Pradhan Mantri Virasat Ka Samvardhan** (PM VIKAS) scheme.

Features of Matsya Shakti Project

- The project seeks to enhance the socio-economic well-being of minority fisherfolk families in the district.

- It promises a year-long, **phased training programme for members of the community**, focusing on sustainable livelihood practices and modern skill development.
- Through hands-on training in areas such as **integrated aquaculture, seed production**, and advanced fisheries technologies.

Key Facts about Pradhan Mantri Virasat Ka Samvardhan (PM VIKAS) scheme

- The PM VIKAS Scheme launched under the **Ministry of Minority Affairs** is a central sector scheme.
- It provides **skill development, leadership training and entrepreneurship** to minorities and artisan communities all over India.
- The scheme is divided into four components and is expected to benefit around 9 lakh candidates **during the 15th Finance Commission Cycle (2025-26)**.
- The PM VIKAS Scheme also consolidates five already existing schemes: **Seekho aur Kamao, USTTAD (Upgrading the Skills and Training in Traditional Arts/Crafts for Development), Hamari Dharohar, Nai Roshni Nai Manzil**
- The merging of the scheme provides financial support to minorities and artisans while also integrating Skill India Mission and also working with other ministries like Women and Child Development, Panchayati Raj, Tourism and Education for the overall development in minority concentrated areas.

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