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# Convergence Portal between AIF, PMFME scheme & PMKSY

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**Why is in news?** MoFPI jointly launches Convergence Portal between AIF, PMFME scheme & PMKSY

- The **Ministry of Food Processing Industries** launched the convergence module between the **Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF)** scheme of the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, **Pradhan Mantri Micro Food Enterprises Upgradation Scheme (PMFME)** and **Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana (PMKSY)**.
- This initiative will contribute to the **realization of Atma Nirbhar Bharat campaign** and take forward the projects of public welfare by increasing the power of marginalised section and contribute in the building of the New India.
- This initiative **will benefit different sections of the country, including farmers and Small scale entrepreneurs of processing industry**.
- **Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF) scheme**: The Union Cabinet in July 2020 has approved a **new pan India Central Sector Scheme** called Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (National Agriculture Infra Financing Facility).
- The scheme shall provide a **medium - long term debt financing facility for investment** in viable projects **for post-harvest management Infrastructure and community farming assets** through interest subvention and financial support.
- Scheme duration: The duration of the Scheme shall be from **FY2020 to FY2032 (10 years)**.
- Under this, Rs 1 lakh crore from 2020-21 to 2025-26 provision of funds has been made and interest subvention and credit guarantee assistance will be given till the year 2032-33
- AIF scheme has the facility of convergence with any other scheme of State or Central Government, therefore in order to optimize the benefits of multiple government schemes for a particular project, these are being integrated with multiple external systems/portals for convergence of schemes on a large scale
- **Pradhan Mantri Micro Food Enterprises Upgradation Scheme**: The **centrally sponsored** Pradhan Mantri Formalisation of Micro food processing Enterprises (PMFME) Scheme was launched on 29th June, 2020 by the Ministry of Food Processing Industries, Government of India **under the Aatmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan**.
- The PM FME scheme intends to provide financial, technical and business support to upgrade existing micro food processing enterprises.
- **Objectives**: Capacity Building of Micro Food entrepreneurs, Technology up-gradation, Enable microenterprises to avail common services, A regulatory framework to encompass existing unorganized micro food processing enterprises, Branding and marketing to be strengthened in order to support the integration of existing enterprises with organized supply chains.
- **Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana**: A **Central Sector Scheme** of the Ministry of Food Processing Industries.
- In 2016, MoFPI introduced an **umbrella Scheme** for Agro-Marine Processing and Development of Agro-Processing Clusters or SAMPADA, which was proposed to be implemented with an allocation of ₹6,000 crores for the period of 2016-20.
- In 2017, SAMPADA was **renamed as the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana (PMKSY)**.
- **Objectives**: To supplement agriculture, To create processing and preservation capacities, To modernise and expand existing food processing units with a view to increasing the level of processing. To add value leading

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to the reduction of wastage.