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# Pradhan Mantri Virasat Ka Samvardhan (PM VIKAS)

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**Why is in news?** Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Ko Kaam Karyakram (PMKKK) now named as Pradhan Mantri Virasat Ka Samvardhan (PM VIKAS) Scheme

The Ministry of Minority Affairs (MoMA) seeks to **facilitate opportunities for minority communities** in education, skilling, and employment to ensure their inclusive development in the national fabric.

These components compliment each other in the ultimate objective of the scheme to increase the incomes of the beneficiaries and provide support by facilitating credit and market linkages.

Ministry of Minority Affairs has designed an integrated scheme, called the Pradhan Mantri Virasat Ka Samvardhan (PM VIKAS), **combining five (5) existing schemes** of MoMA viz. **Seekho aur Kamao, USTTAD, Hamari Dharohar, Nai Roshni and Nai Manzil.**

PM VIKAS is aligned to the 15th Finance Commission cycle period up to 2025-26 and is a **Central sector (CS) scheme** under the Ministry of Minority Affairs.

## Objectives:

To build capacity of minority and artisan communities through targeted interventions by providing **skill training** support in need-based courses and ensuring **employment / livelihood opportunities** for them.

To **preserve and promote the cultural heritage** of traditional art and craft forms including propagation of literature/ documents/ manuscripts.

To provide **formal education and certification** up to 8th, 10th, and 12th through open schooling to school dropouts of families of minority and artisan communities.

To **empower women** from families of minority and artisan communities and instil confidence amongst them by providing leadership, and entrepreneurship support.

To improve employability of and generate better livelihood opportunities for minorities and artisan communities through market and credit linkages and bring them to mainstream.

To develop model and sustainable art and craft villages, generating livelihood and employment / entrepreneurship opportunities for minorities and artisan communities.

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