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Operation SADBHAVANA

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Why is in news? OPERATION SADBHAVANA IN LADAKH

Sadbhavana means goodwill. The Operation Sadbhavana was launched by the **Indian Army in Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh**.

The main aim of the project was to **help people affected by terrorism in the region**. The operations mainly targets to address the aspirations of the people.

As part of 'Operation SADBHAVANA', Indian Army is **undertaking multiple welfare activities** such as running of Army Goodwill Schools, Infrastructure Development Projects and Education Tours etc. for the children living in remote areas of Union Territory (UT) of Ladakh.

To improve the standard of education and to provide them with quality education, Indian Army is presently running seven (07) Army Goodwill Schools (AGS) under 'Operation SADBHAVANA' in Ladakh Region.

In addition, a total of Rs 8.82 crore of 'Operation SADBHAVANA' funds have been allotted for the Union Territory of Ladakh during the current financial year 2022-23.

The funds are being utilised for various activities like Human Resource/Skill Development, Sports, Healthcare, National Integration, Infrastructure Development, Ecology, Environment and Education.

Women in remote areas of Ladakh are being empowered through various training programmes organised and funded through 'Operation SADBHAVANA' in Vocational Training Centres, Women Empowerment Centres and Computer Centres at various locations in Ladakh.

Why was the project launched?

The terrorist organizations in the Kashmir region are trying to subvert government officials and target the public symbols and services.

The organizations aim to alienate the local population by this. Once alienated they become easy targets. More people can be pulled into terrorism by this.

The project mainly **aims to integrate the locals into the national mainstream**.

It works to **reduce the proxy wars fought by Pakistan** in the region. Proxy wars are conflicts fought by the terrorist groups on behalf of the government. Pakistan government pays money and supplies ammunitions to the terrorist groups to fight such wars in the Kashmir region.

What does the project do?

It **mainly focuses on five areas**. They are infrastructure development, education, community development projects, women and youth empowerment, health and sanitation. The project will neutralise the anti-India propaganda sponsored by Pakistan in Kashmir.

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