

## UPSC Civil Services Examination

### UPSC Notes [GS-III]

#### Topic: Integrated Processing Development Scheme (IPDS)

Integrated Processing Development Scheme (IPDS) was implemented during the 12th Five Year Plan under the Ministry of Textile, Government of India. IPDS is a government-sponsored scheme which was launched as an initiative to establish four to six brownfield projects and three to five Greenfield projects under the cost of Rs. 500 crore. This scheme aims at addressing the environmental issues faced by the textile units in India under the approval of the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA).

#### Objectives of IPDS

From recent years, the textile processing sector in India has been facing a lot of challenges which includes the availability of water, safe treatment and disposal of effluents and generation of solid wastes. Textile processing in India is a very important component of the textile industry value chain. Some of the major objectives of the Integrated Processing Development Scheme (IPDS) are as follows:

- To provide government support to develop a common infrastructure that will speed up the private sector investments in the major processing clusters.
- To make the textiles industry globally competitive by setting up new processing parks and adopting to processing standards and technology which are environmentally friendly.
- To support the up-gradation of existing processing clusters/centres specifically in the field of water and wastewater management.
- To promote works related to research and development in the textiles-processing sector.

#### Implementation of IPDS

IPDS was implemented to solve various challenges faced by the textile units. These challenges include non-availability of water for processing and environmental pollution caused by the discharge of untreated effluents. IPDS also aimed at developing processing parks with effluent treatment plants and water supply systems. The implementation of the Integrated Processing of Development Scheme was done during the 12th Five Year Plan through the formation of Special Purpose Vehicles (SPVs). SPV is a corporate body registered under the Companies Act which functions as per the guidelines of the government. It is also responsible for obtaining bank loans and licenses required for the development of processing units in the park.

IPDS focuses majorly on the following three areas:

1. Wastewater management
2. Adequate and timely supply of water
3. Safe treatment of effluents before disposal

## Agencies involved under IPDS

Apart from Special Purpose Vehicles (SPVs), there are several other agencies that are involved in the implementation of the Integrated Processing Development Scheme. These agencies are:

1. **Project Management Consultant (PMC):** Appointed by the Ministry of textiles, PMC is an advisory panel which provides assistance for the utilisation of funds, monitoring the progress of the project and assessment of proposals.
2. **Project Scrutiny Committee (PSC):** This body is headed by the Joint Secretary to the Ministry of textiles which appraise the proposals for feasibility after submission to PMC.
3. **Project Approval Committee (PAC):** This offers administrative support to the scheme and is headed by the Secretary to the Ministry of Textiles.
4. **Project Management Agency (PMA):** PMA is appointed by the SPVs after the approval of PAC and is responsible for preparation of project plan and other implementation assistance.
5. **Operation & Maintenance (O&M) agency:** It is responsible for the professional maintenance of the assets of SPV for a period of at least 15 years.

The respective state government also had a major role to play in the implementation process. They provided assistance with approvals, suitable land, labour and any other relevant schemes.

IPDS is an important scheme launched by the Government of India. Candidates preparing for [UPSC 2020](#) are also advised to keep a track on the latest [current affairs](#) related to several economic developments in the country.