

## Sankalp Se Siddhi - Village and Digital Connect Drive by TRIFED

Sankalp se Siddhi, a Village & Digital Connect Drive has been launched by the TRIFED under Ministry of Tribal Affairs. The scheme has emerged as a panacea for the tribals.

Aspirants can read in detail about the Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India - TRIFED on the linked page.

The details regarding Sankalp Se Siddhi Scheme are important for the IAS exam under General Studies Paper 2. It is also relevant for the current affairs section of various competitive examinations.

### Sankalp Se Siddhi - Overview

- The main aim of Sankalp Se Siddhi drive is to activate the Van Dhan Vikas Kendras in these villages.
- It is a 100 days scheme where 100 villages in each region and 1500 villages in the country will be covered.
- It will entail 150 teams (10 in each region from TRIFED and State Implementation Agencies/ Mentoring Agencies/ Partners) visiting ten villages each.
- Once the VDVks are activated in these 1500 villages, Rs 200 crore Sales during the next 12 months is targeted as a result of Sankal se Siddhi initiative.
- The visiting teams will identify locations and shortlist potential Van Dhan Vikas Kendras for clustering as TRIFOOD, and SFURTI units as larger enterprises.

1. SFURTI full form is Scheme for Fund for the Regeneration of Traditional Industries. It is a scheme of the Ministry of MSME. Read in detail about the Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSME).
2. TRIFOOD is a joint initiative of the Ministry of Food Processing and TRIFED. It was launched in August 2020. The TRIFOOD parks will produce processed foods from minor forest produce and also from the food gathered by the tribal people in that region. It promotes value addition to MFP.

- The teams will identify tribal artisans and other groups and empanel them as suppliers so that they can have access to larger markets through the Tribes India network – both physical outlets and TribesIndia.com.
- It is expected that Sankalp Se Siddhi will aid in effecting a complete transformation of the tribal ecosystem across the country.

### Actions by TRIFED

TRIFED's initiatives that have been put in place to help the disadvantaged tribal sections of the society are -

#### Van Dhan Vikas Kendras - VDVKS

1. The Van Dhan Vikas Kendras were established under the Van Dhan Yojana.
2. The first Van Dhan Vikas Kendra was established in Bijapur district, Chhattisgarh.
3. These VDVKS provide capacity building training and skill upgradation facilities for the tribal population.
4. Tribals are trained and provided with working capital to add value to the products they collect from forest.
5. The VDVKS also set up primary processing and value addition facilities.
6. A Van Dhan Vikas Kendra is formed by 15 tribal Self-Help Groups - SHGs. Each group consists of twenty artisans or tribal food gatherers.

#### Village and Digital Connect -

1. TRIFED's regional officials across the country went to identified villages with a significant tribal population to ensure that the existing initiative and schemes reach the tribal population.

#### Scheme that Ensure Fair Prices to Tribal Population -

1. Mechanism for Marketing of Minor Forest Produce (MFP) through MSP scheme & Development of Value Chain for MFP' scheme provides Minimum Support Price - MSP to gatherers of forest produce.
2. The objective of the MSP for MFP scheme is to establish a framework for ensuring fair prices for the tribal gatherers, primary processing, storage, transportation etc.
3. It also aims to ensure sustainability of the resource base addressing the problems tribes such as perishable nature of the produce, lack of holding capacity, lack of marketing infrastructure, exploitation by middlemen, and timely government intervention.

Also read in detail about Tribals and Issue of Land Rights on the link provided here.

#### Tech For Tribals Programme

1. It is an Entrepreneurship Skill Development Program which TRIFED is running in collaboration with IITs, IIMs, TISS, etc for 27 states.