Economic Development

❖ **Income Generation:**

Ensuring economic development, upgradation of livelihood and self dependency of scheduled tribes is the main objective of this scheme. Various schemes like assistance to ARDD Activities, Horti activities, Agricultural Activities, Pisciculture activities, Plantation are being implemented for economic development of scheduled tribes under Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub-Schemes.

❖ **Pradhan Mantri Van Dhan Yojana:**

Pradhan Mantri Vandhan Yojna is an initiative targeting livelihood generation for tribals by harnessing the wealth of forest i.e. Vandhan. The programme aims to tap into traditional knowledge & skill sets of tribals by adding technology & IT to upgrade it at each stage and to convert the tribal wisdom into a viable economic activity.

It is a Mechanism for Marketing of Minor Forest Produce (MFP) through Minimum Support Price (MSP) & Development of Value Chain. Van DhanVikas Kendra shall be constituted with 10 tribal Van DhanVikas Self Help Group (SHG). Each SHG will comprise of up to 30 MFP gatherers i.e. about 300 beneficiaries per Kendra (subject to variability as per local conditions.

Hon'ble Chief Minister, launched the **Pradhan Mantri Van Dhan Yojana** in Tripura on 11th January, 2020 with the aim of promoting entrepreneurship among Minor Forest Produce (MFP) gatherers and artisans.

❖ **Skill Development**

The main objective of this scheme is to upgrade the skills of the tribal youths in various traditional/ modern vocations depending upon their educational qualifications, present economic trends and the market potential. The emphasis is to develop skills among tribal youths which would enable them to gain suitable employment. Under this scheme training, support and guidance for all occupations like carpentry, motor driving, beautician, mason, bar binder, plumber, plastic engineering, Spoken English & communication skill, Terracotta Leather and Rexene goods maker, Bag maker, Toy maker etc. are provided.

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