

5. Van Dhan Internship Programme

Prelims: Governance

Mains: GS-II- Welfare schemes for Vulnerable Sections of the Population by the Centre and States and the Performance of These Schemes.

Why in News?

- ▶▶ The Union Minister of Tribal Affairs launched the “Van Dhan Internship Programme” organised by TRIFED under the Ministry of Tribal Affairs.

Van Dhan Internship Programme:

- ▶▶ 18 interns (to be called Minister’s interns) from some of the reputed Institutes of Rural Management/Management Institutions/Institutes of Social Work/Social Services of the country are participating in the “Van Dhan Internship Programme”.
- ▶▶ These interns have been selected to go and work on Van Dhan programme in the field. These interns have an inclination towards involving in matters related to tribal livelihood.
- ▶▶ After their selection through the walk-in-interview, these interns are undergoing a one-week training programme. The period of internship is 6 months (extendable depending upon the need of the organisation and mutual sustainability).
- ▶▶ These interns will work with the team of TRIFED in various states and districts in tribal areas in development of tribal welfare and inclusive growth (a dissertation has to be submitted on the conclusion of the internship).
- ▶▶ They will support the TRIFED activities on livelihood promotion, value addition of NTFTs, marketing and credit linkages.
- ▶▶ They will develop tools and techniques on institutional development including mechanism for determination of a just price or producer price of Minor Forest Products.

TRIFED:

- ▶▶ TRIFED stands for Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India Limited. It was formed in 1987 is a national-level apex organization functioning under the administrative control of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, GOI.
- ▶▶ The ultimate objective of the cooperative is socio-economic development of tribal people in India by way of marketing and development of the tribal products on which the lives of tribals depend heavily on.