

PM-FME Scheme

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In news

Union Minister for Food Processing Industries virtually inaugurated the capacity building component of the Pradhan Mantri Formalisation of Micro food processing Enterprises scheme (PM-FME Scheme) and launched the GIS One District One Product (ODOP) digital map of India.

The capacity building component of PM-FME

- The scheme envisages imparting training to food processing entrepreneurs, various groups, viz., SHGs / FPOs / Co-operatives, workers, and other stakeholders associated with the implementation of the scheme
- Under the capacity building component of the PM-FME scheme, training of the Master Trainers would be delivered through online mode, classroom lecture and demonstration, and self-paced online learning material.
- National Institute of Food Technology **Entrepreneurship and Management**(NIFTEM) and **Indian Institute of Food Processing Technology**(IIFPT) **are playing a key role by providing training and research support** to selected enterprises/groups/clusters in partnership with State Level Technical Institutions.
- The Master Trainers will train the District Level Trainers, who will train the beneficiaries. The current training is based on Fruits and Vegetable processing & EDP.
- The assessment and certification of the training program under the capacity building will be provided by FICSI.
- Under the PM-FME scheme, states have identified the food products of districts, keeping in view the availability of existing clusters and raw materials.

One District One Product (ODOP) digital map of India

- The Scheme adopts One District One Product (ODOP) approach to reap benefit of scale in terms of procurement of inputs, availing common services and marketing of products.
- The States would identify food product for a district keeping in view the existing clusters and availability of raw material.
- The ODOP could be a perishable agri-produce, cereal based product or a food product widely produced in a district and their allied sectors
- **The digital ODOP map provides** detailed information about ODOP product to all stakeholders
- The GIS ODOP digital map of India provides details of ODOP products of all the states and facilitate the stakeholders.
- The digital map also has indicators for tribal, SC, ST, and aspirational districts.
- It will enable stakeholders to make concerted efforts for its value chain development.

About PM-FME Scheme

The scheme was launched under the Aatmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan

The objectives of the scheme are :

- Support for capital investment for upgradation and formalization with registration for GST, FSSAI hygiene standards and Udyog Aadhar
- Capacity building through skill training, imparting technical knowledge on food safety, standards & hygiene and quality improvement
- Hand holding support for preparation of DPR, availing bank loan and upgradation
- Support to Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs), Self Help Group (SHGs), producers cooperatives for capital investment, common infrastructure and support branding and marketing

Key features

PM-FME Scheme is a centrally sponsored scheme aims to enhance the competitiveness of existing individual micro-enterprises in the unorganized segment of the food processing industry and promote formalization of the sector and provide support to Farmer Producer Organizations, Self Help Groups, and Producers Cooperatives along their entire value chain.

With an outlay of Rs. 10,000 crore over a period of five years from 2020-21 to 2024-25, the scheme envisions to directly assist the 2,00,000 micro food processing units for providing financial, technical, and business support for upgradation of existing micro food processing enterprises.