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# Lakhpati Didi scheme

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## Why in news?

Prime Minister participated in the **Lakhpati Didi Sammelan** held in **Jalgaon, Maharashtra** and handed out certificates and felicitated 11 lakh new Lakhpati Didis who recently became Lakhpati during the third term of the present government

## About the scheme:

- **Launched in: 2023**
- **Nodal ministry: Ministry of Rural Development**
- **Aim:** To *catalyze economic empowerment and financial independence among women in rural areas.*
- **Criteria for identifying potential lakhpati Didi:**
- A **Self Help Group** member who has completed a minimum of two years and has availed of the **Community Investment Fund (CIF)**.
- A beneficiary of livelihood intervention through **DAY-NRLM** and practising *atleast two livelihood activities*
- **Key features:** A Lakhpati Didi is a Self-Help Group Member.
- The government aims to **train 3 crore women** to become influencers both at home and in their communities. The objective is to shift the focus from social and **financial inclusion** to **entrepreneurial success**.
- The programme is aimed at **training women in self-help groups (SHGs)** to earn a **sustainable income of at least Rs 1 lakh per annum per household**
- Women will be trained in various skills and after completing the training, women will be provided with opportunities to earn income using their skills.
- It facilitates diversified livelihood activities, by ensuring convergence across all Government departments/ Ministries, Private sector and Market players.
- **Subset of the programme:**
- **Drone Didi:** Under this scheme, **drones will be provided to approximately 15,000 women SHGs for agricultural activities.** Drones have the potential to revolutionize agriculture by enabling **precision farming, crop monitoring, and pest control.**
- **Skill training:** Women under this scheme receive training in diverse skills such as LED bulb making, plumbing, and more.

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