

TRIFED TAKES UP INITIATIVE FOR CARRYING OUT RESEARCH PROJECTS AROUND TRIBAL DEVELOPMENT

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The Van Dhan Vikas Yojana, further complements MSP skilfully and has emerged as a source of employment generation for tribal gatherers and forest dwellers and the home-bound tribal artisans. The objective of the programme is to ensure that the proceeds from the sales of these value-added products go to the tribals directly.

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