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Center Launches National Coastal Mission 2.0 Guidelines

The Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has launched the official guidelines for National Coastal Mission (NCM) 2.0.

National Coastal Mission 2.0 is a Central Sector Scheme aimed at providing integrated coastal protection, ecosystem restoration, and sustainable Blue Economy development.

KEY EXAM POINTS

- The Union **Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change** launched guidelines for **National Coastal Mission 2.0**.
- NCM 2.0 is a 100% centrally funded **Central Sector Scheme** with an approved outlay of ₹**767 crore**.
- The scheme implementation tenure extends up to the financial year **2030-31**.
- The Mission covers **9 coastal States** including **Tamil Nadu** and 4 Union Territories across India.
- It integrates climate resilience, coral-reef and **mangrove conservation**, marine research, and **Blue Economy** initiatives.

DID YOU KNOW..!?

India has a total coastline of **7,516.6 km**, comprising 5,422.6 km of mainland coastline and 2,094 km of island territories.

Tamil Nadu has the second longest mainland coastline in India at **1,076 km** across 14 coastal districts.

Coastal Regulation Zone (**CRZ**) Notification was first issued in **1991** under the **Environment (Protection) Act, 1986**.

The **MISHTI** scheme for mangrove restoration along coastline was announced in the Union Budget **2023-24**.

Pichavaram Mangrove Forest in Tamil Nadu is the second largest mangrove ecosystem in the world and a **Ramsar site** since 2022.

Central Sector Schemes are 100% funded by the Central Government, whereas Centrally Sponsored Schemes involve cost-sharing between Centre and States.

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National Coastal Mission 2.0: Outlay ₹767 crore up to 2030-31 covering 9 coastal States and 4 UTs.

Syllabus Relevance: High relevance for Group 1/2/4 Geography & Environment topics (Coastal Ecosystems, CRZ, Mangroves, Blue Economy).

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