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Investment in infrastructure has a transformative effect on agricultural development and also facilitates wider societal and economic advancement. This exemplifies the fundamental essence of the ambitious Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF) initiative, which was introduced in August 2020 under the Aatmanirbhar Bharat program. This initiative covers lending institutions, including all commercial banks, making a staggering investment of 100,000 crore in medium and long-term infrastructure projects by FY 2025-26. The Central Project Management Unit (CPMU) was created under the aegis of NABCONS to serve as the central coordinating body responsible for implementing, monitoring, overseeing and overall functioning of the Scheme to ensure efficient and effective utilization of funds, adherence to project timelines, and achievement of desired outcomes.

As the central hub for managing and assessing the progress of projects funded under the AIF initiative, CPMU comprises a core team of 16 experts with diverse backgrounds, including disciplines such as post-harvest management, agriculture, banking, accountancy, information technology, social media, bio-technology and more. The diverse functions range from policy formulation to providing insights, recommendations, and handholding support to the lending institutions from linkage till disbursement of loan and facilitating reaching the Scheme benefits to the ultimate beneficiaries' accounts. It also includes coordination and collaboration with lending institutions, state government, preparation of periodic reports on the progress, impact, and outcomes of projects funded under the AIF.

NABCONS, CPMU-AIF has been consistently endeavouring, combining innovation and dynamism, to demonstrate the AIF Scheme as a true catalyst for change with the sole purpose of transforming the country's agro-infrastructure landscape.