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Kurukshetra's May 2026 issue, themed “**Advancing Towards Greener Growth in Rural India**” (Hindi: “Harit Vikas ki Or Agrasar Gramin Bharat”), connects the climate transition to rural livelihoods: SHGs as green-action agents, carbon markets as a new farm income stream, community water management under panchayats, and the four Labour Codes as the worker-welfare floor beneath it all.

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KEY CONCEPTS

TERM	MEANING
VCM	Voluntary Carbon Market; 1 credit = 1 tonne CO ₂ equivalent removed or avoided
DSR	Direct Seeded Rice; methane-cutting, water-saving rice technique
AWD	Alternate Wetting and Drying; irrigation method cutting methane in paddy
Green Credit Programme	Credits for positive environmental actions like plantation on degraded land
Mission Amrit Sarovar	Pond rejuvenation mission, ~70,000 ponds
GPDP	Gram Panchayat Development Plan, the village planning instrument
DAY-NRLM	Rural livelihoods mission under which SHGs operate
PMVBRY	PM Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana (2025); Rs 1 lakh crore employment-linked incentives

UPSC GS RELEVANCE

- **GS3:** climate-smart agriculture, carbon markets, renewable energy in villages, water resources
- **GS2:** panchayati raj (Eleventh Schedule subjects), welfare architecture for workers, SHG-state partnership

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