



Today's topic:

Why NPS Matters: The Smart Choice for Retirement Planning

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Retirement Needs - Why planning for retirement is critical

20-25 Yrs

Avg Retirement Duration

~7%

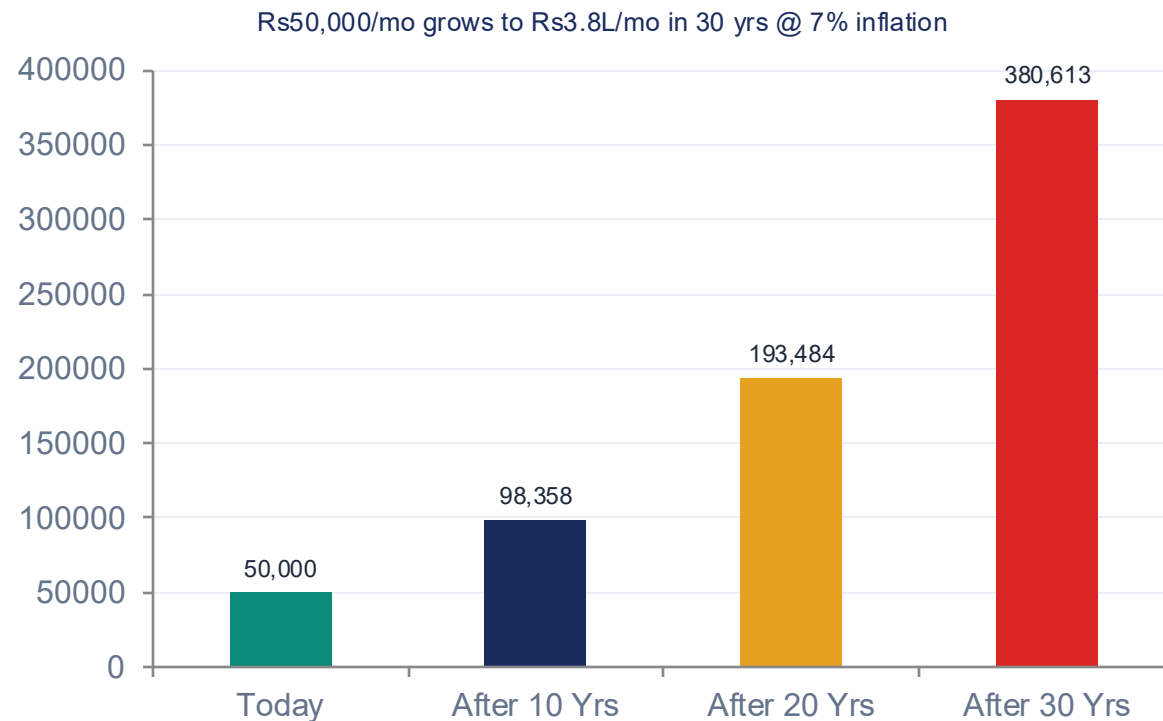
Avg Inflation Rate India

60%

Income Replaced Needed

Rs 17.25 Lakh Cr

Total NPS AUM (Jun 2026)



Only ~12% of India's workforce has any formal pension coverage

Corporate employees have no employer-funded pension after NPS transition

Life expectancy rising: plan for 85+ years of life

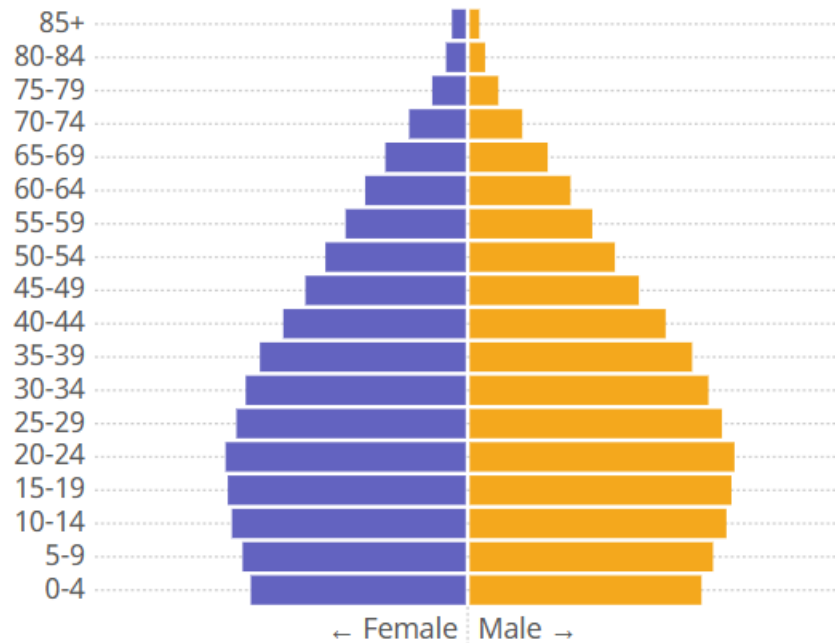
EPF alone is insufficient to fund post-retirement expenses

NPS is the most tax-efficient retirement tool available today

Demographic change: India's Ageing Crisis , Why NPS Cannot Wait

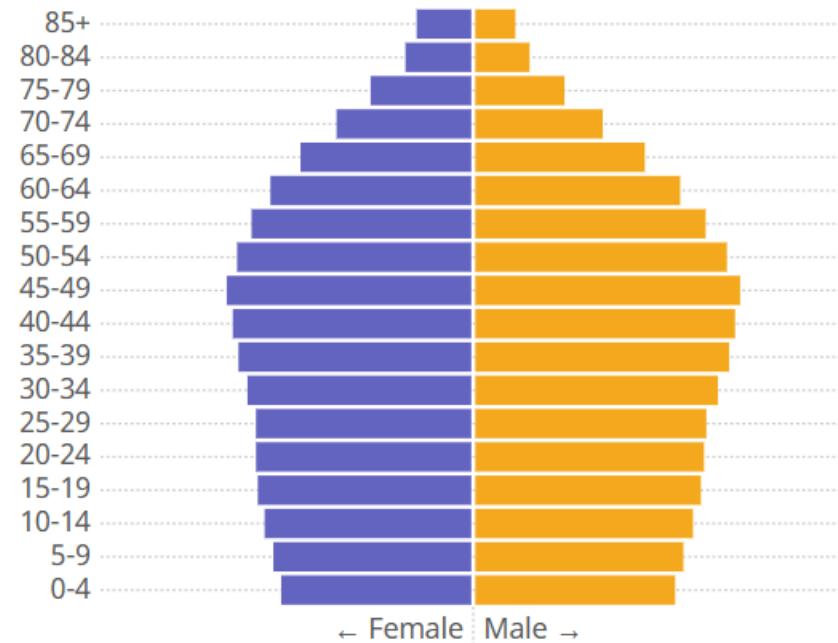
2023

Population by age and sex. India



2050

Projected population by age and sex. India



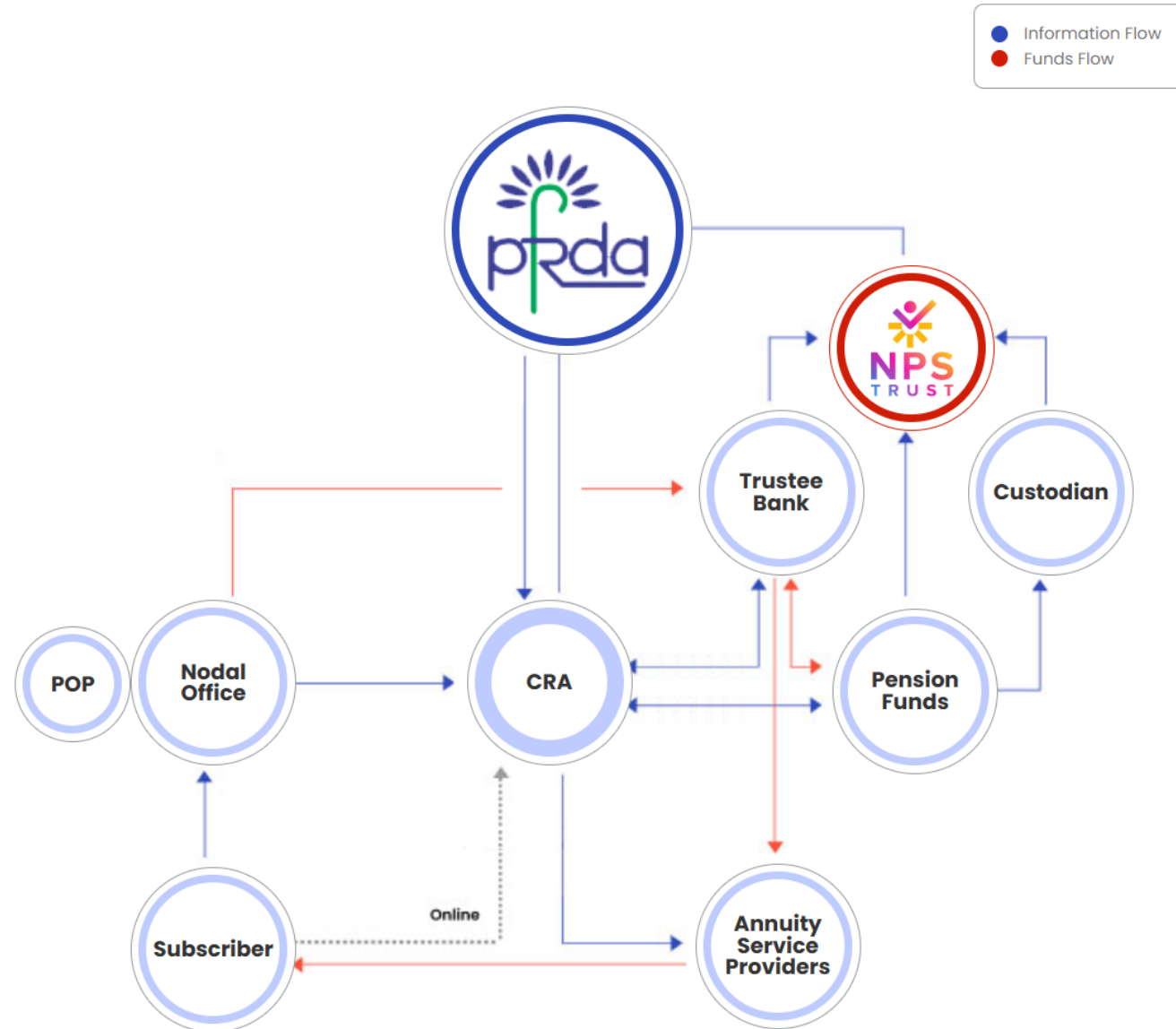
What is NPS?

NPS is a voluntary, retirement savings tool regulated by PFRDA (Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority). It helps individuals accumulate retirement corpus through market-linked investments with low cost and tax efficient manner



ELIGIBILITY AT A GLANCE				
Age	Citizenship	Corporate	Min Contribution	Min Annual
18 to 85 years	Indian Citizens, NRIs & OCI	Any registered company	Rs 500 per contribution	Rs1,000 per year

NPS Architecture



Central Recordkeeping Agencies (CRAs)

CRAs maintain all subscriber records, account balances, transactions and process withdrawals. They are the operational heart of NPS.

NCRA

First CRA, since 2008

Protean (Formerly NSDL e-Gov)

✓ Web portal: enps.nsdl.com

✓ Mobile App: NSDL NPS

✓ Protean eGov Technologies

✓ PRA Opening fee: Rs 40

KCRA

CRA since 2017

KFin Technologies Ltd.

✓ Web portal: mykfin.in

✓ Mobile App: KFin NPS

✓ Technology focused CRA

✓ PRA Opening fee: Rs 39.36

CAMS CRA

Newest CRA

CAMS Pension Services

✓ Web portal: camsnps.com

✓ CAMS group company

✓ Pan-India presence

✓ PRA Opening fee: Rs. 40

CRA Functions: Account opening | Record maintenance | Transaction processing | Contribution accounting | Withdrawal processing | Grievance handling

TYPES OF NPS SCHEMES

NPS – Government Sector

- Foundation of NPS architecture. Applies to employees of central / state governments, including PSU's
- Subscribers can choose any one of the pension funds (including private-sector PFs) and change the option once a year.
- Choice of investment pattern: (a) default scheme, (b) Scheme G, (c) Life Cycle 25 (Low, 5E/55Y), (d) Life Cycle 50 (Moderate, 10E/55Y).

NPS – All Citizen Model

- Open to any Indian citizen aged 18–85; **allowing individuals outside the government and corporate framework**
- Investment approach: (a) Active Choice and (b) Auto Choice.
- Also allows access to the Multiple Scheme Framework (MSF).

NPS – Corporate

- Corporates can define the contribution structure: equal contributions, unequal contributions, or contribution by only the employer / employee.
- Employer / employees can select a Pension Fund (PF) and asset-allocation strategy.
- The Multiple Scheme Framework (MSF) is available.

Multiple Scheme Framework (MSF)

- Effective 1 Oct 2025 for non-government subscribers (All Citizen & Corporate); built on the principle of “One PAN, One PRAN, Multiple Schemes.”
- Lets you hold multiple distinct schemes under a single PRAN — each with its own PFM, asset allocation, NAV & risk profile.
- High-risk variant allows up to 100% equity (vs the old 75% cap); also enables PFM/manager diversification.
- Available in both Tier I & Tier II; total charges capped at 0.30% of AUM. (15-yr vesting on MSF schemes.)

NPS Vatsalya

- Scheme designed for minors, including minor NRIs and OCIs.
- Guardians can choose any one pension fund registered with PFRDA to manage investments.
- Minimum contribution is INR 250.
- Besides parents / guardians, relatives & friends can gift contributions to the NPS Vatsalya account.

How NPS Works



Features of NPS

Low Cost

Among lowest fund management fees: 0.04%–0.12% p.a. vs >1% for other categories

Portable

One PRAN number follows you across jobs, cities and employers throughout your career

Tax Efficient

Triple tax benefit - on contribution, on growth, and on 60% lump sum at exit

Flexible Choices

Choose your pension fund manager, asset class and allocation - up to 75% in equity

Transparent

Daily NAV published, online access 24×7, Monthly Portfolio Disclosures

Regulated

Governed by PFRDA - a statutory body. Subscriber funds held in NPS Trust

Market Returns

Equity allocations have delivered 10–13% CAGR since inception; higher than EPF/PPF

Online Access

Web portal and mobile app for contributions, withdrawals, changes - no paperwork

Types of NPS Accounts - Tier I & Tier II

TIER I

Mandatory Pension Account

Purpose: **Core retirement savings**

Tax Benefit: **Yes (80CCD(1), 80CCD(1B), 80CCD(2))**

Withdrawal: **Restricted - on exit/retirement**

Min Contribution: **Rs500 per contribution**

Min Annual: **Rs1,000 per year**

Max Contribution: **No upper limit**

TIER II

Optional Savings Account

Purpose: **Flexible savings (not just retirement)**

Tax Benefit: **No**

Withdrawal: **Unrestricted — anytime**

Min to Open: **₹1,000 (requires active Tier I)**

Min Contribution: **₹250 per contribution**

Max Contribution: **No upper limit**

Tax Benefits on NPS Contributions

OLD REGIME

80CCD(2)

Employer contribution

Up to 10% of Basic + DA contributed by the employer is deducted from your taxable income.

80CCD(1)

Your own contribution

Self-contribution deductible within the overall ceiling of Rs1,50,000.

80CCD(1B)

Extra self contribution

An additional Rs50,000 deduction - over and above the Rs1,50,000 limit.

VS

NEW REGIME

80CCD(2)

Employer contribution

Up to **14% of Basic + DA** - even higher than the old regime's 10%. It directly reduces your taxable salary.

✗ Not available in the New Regime

Self-contribution deductions under 80CCD(1) (Rs1,50,000) and 80CCD(1B) (extra Rs50,000) cannot be claimed.

Overall cap: Employer contribution to NPS + EPF + Superannuation combined is tax-exempt only up to **Rs7,50,000** per financial year.

Common Scheme vs MSF Schemes

FEATURE	Common Scheme (existing E / C / G)	MSF Schemes (from 1 Oct 2025)
Structure	One scheme + one fund manager per asset class (Active or Auto choice)	Multiple theme-based schemes under one PRAN: mix across fund managers
Maximum equity	Up to 75%	Up to 100% (aggressive variant)
Flexibility	Standardised allocation, a single strategy	Persona / theme-based; mix conservative & aggressive strategies
Vesting & switching	Standard NPS switching rules	15-year minimum vesting to switch between MSF schemes
Fund-management charges	~0.04%–0.12% p.a. of AUM + Upto 0.20% for PoP	0.30% p.a. of AUM (including PoP)
Best suited for	simpler needs	Aggressive investors wanting 100% equity

Both co-exist: Common Schemes continue unchanged; MSF is an optional new layer you can combine with them.

Asset Classes under Common Schemes of NPS

Asset Class/ Scheme	Category	Investment Pattern
E	I	Equities and Related Investments. - Top 250 Stocks by MCap. 90% of the PF shall be in top 200 stocks with flexibility to invest upto 10% in the remaining 50 stocks - Units of REITs, Gold/Silver ETFs, Equity Oriented AIFs (Max 5%) - Exchange Traded Derivatives (hedging only)
C	II	Debt Instruments and Related Investments - Listed Debt securities issued by Body Corporates, Commercial Banks, Public Financial Institutions - Bank Term Deposits of > 1 Year, Debt Mutual Funds, Municipal Bonds, INVITs
G	III	Government Securities and Related Investments - T-Bills, Central Govt Secs, SDLs
Short-term investment	Applicable to I, II and III	Short term debt instruments and related investments (not exceeding 10% of the scheme corpus on temporary basis only)

Asset Allocation

ACTIVE CHOICE* - You Decide

E – Equity

Max 75%

Constituents of Nifty 250 Stocks

C – Corporate Bonds

Max 100%

Investment grade debt instruments

G – Govt Securities

Max 100%

Central & State Govt bonds

Can be changed 4 times per year

**Non-Govt Employees*

Source: PFRDA

AUTO CHOICE - Age-Based Allocation

LC-75 High

75% equity up to age 35, reduces by 4% per year. For young, risk-tolerant investors.

LC-50 Moderate (Default)

50% equity up to age 35, reduces by 2% per year.

LC-25 Low

25% equity up to age 35, reduces by 1% per year. For risk-averse investors.

LC-Aggressive

Designed for investors who want growth with controlled volatility. 50% equity up to age 45, reduces by 2% per year

Equity allocation automatically reduces as you age — protecting your corpus as retirement approaches

Life Cycle Funds - Asset Allocation

Age	Life Cycle Fund High			Life Cycle Fund Moderate			Life Cycle Fund Low			Life Cycle Fund Aggressive		
	Asset Class (in %)			Asset Class (in %)			Asset Class (in %)			Asset Class (in %)		
	E	C	G	E	C	G	E	C	G	E	C	G
Up to 35 years	75	10	15	50	30	20	25	45	30	50	30	20
36 years	71	11	18	48	29	23	24	43	33			
37 years	67	12	21	46	28	26	23	41	36			
38 years	63	13	24	44	27	29	22	39	39			
39 years	59	14	27	42	26	32	21	37	42			
40 years	55	15	30	40	25	35	20	35	45			
41 years	51	16	33	38	24	38	19	33	48			
42 years	47	17	36	36	23	41	18	31	51			
43 years	43	18	39	34	22	44	17	29	54			
44 years	39	19	42	32	21	47	16	27	57			
45 years	35	20	45	30	20	50	15	25	60			
46 years	32	20	48	28	19	53	14	23	63	48	28	24
47 years	29	20	51	26	18	56	13	21	66	46	26	28
48 years	26	20	54	24	17	59	12	19	69	44	24	32
49 years	23	20	57	22	16	62	11	17	72	42	22	36
50 years	20	20	60	20	15	65	10	15	75	40	20	40
51 years	19	18	63	18	14	68	9	13	78	39	18	43
52 years	18	16	66	16	13	71	8	11	81	38	16	46
53 years	17	14	69	14	12	74	7	9	84	37	14	49
54 years	16	12	72	12	11	77	6	7	87	36	12	52
55 years and beyond	15	10	75	10	10	80	5	5	90	35	10	55

NPS — Government Sector

Where NPS began — the default retirement system for government recruits since 2004

WHO IS COVERED

Mandatory for **Central Government employees joining on or after 1 Jan 2004**. Nearly all State Governments have adopted NPS as well.

HOW IT IS INVESTED

Default scheme run by **SBI, UTI & LIC pension funds** in a set proportion, a conservative pattern with limited equity. Choice of pension fund and pattern is now available.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Employee: **10% of Basic + DA**. Government: **14% of Basic + DA** (Central, since 2019) - credited monthly to the employee's PRAN.

EXIT AT SUPERANNUATION

Up to **60% of the corpus as a tax-free lump sum**; at least **40% buys an annuity** for a lifelong pension.

UNIFIED PENSION SCHEME (UPS) - OPTIONAL FROM 1 APRIL 2025

Eligible Central Government employees can opt for an assured payout built on NPS: **50% of the last 12-month average basic pay** after 25 years of service - minimum **Rs 10,000 / month**. Contributions: employee **10%** + Government **18.5%** of Basic + DA.

Multiple Scheme Framework (MSF)

WHAT IS MSF?

Objective: expand choices, transparency and efficiency in pension planning - and widen reach.

- ▶ One PAN, One PRAN, Multiple Schemes - effective 1 October 2025
- ▶ Pension Fund Managers now offer multiple schemes with different investment themes.
- ▶ Equity exposure can go up to 100% (vs the 75% cap).
- ▶ Invest across multiple assets: equity, debt, gold, REITs & AIFs.
- ▶ Access the top 250 companies - full large & mid-cap spectrum.
- ▶ Mix conservative and aggressive strategies.
- ▶ Build a portfolio of schemes across different pension fund managers

FRAMEWORK AT A GLANCE



Subscriber Incentives

Extra incentives for bringing in new subscribers.



Target Audience

Schemes designed for groups like digital workers and women.



Equity Exposure

High equity exposure allowed — up to 100%.



Vesting Period

Minimum 15-year vesting period for MSF schemes.



Additional Benefits

Partnerships with other financial providers.



Charges

Total charges capped at just 0.30% of AUM.

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WHAT IS IT?

A contributory savings and long-term security scheme built **exclusively for minors** to encourage financial literacy and grow a retirement corpus from childhood.

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Who can join

Any minor below 18. A parent or legal guardian operates the account.

Rs

Contributions

Just Rs250 to open and Rs250 a year minimum with no upper limit. Relatives and friends can gift contributions too.

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One PRAN

A Permanent Retirement Account Number is issued in the child's own name.

KEY RULES & LIFECYCLE

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Partial withdrawal

Up to 25% of contributions after 3 years; max 2 times before age 18 (2 more up to 21), for education, specified illness or disability (>75%).

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At age 18

Continue in the scheme (up to 21), shift the corpus to a regular NPS account

Rs

On exit (after 18)

If corpus is below Rs8 lakh, take it all as lump sum. If Rs8 lakh or more: up to 80% as lump sum, at least 20% to an annuity.

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If undecided by 21

The account auto-shifts to a MSF variant of the same fund and follows regular NPS rules.

Tax benefits (Old Regime): guardians may claim up to Rs50,000 under 80CCD(1B); at exit, up to 60% lump sum and the annuity portion are tax-exempt.

NPS Vatsalya vs Sukanya Samriddhi (SSY)

FEATURE	NPS VATSALYA	SUKANYA SAMRIDDHI (SSY)
Who can join	Any minor below 18: Boy or Girl	Girl child below 10 only (max 2 girls per family)
Contributions	Rs 250 to open, Rs 250 / year minimum: No upper limit	Rs 250 / year minimum, capped at Rs 1.5 lakh / year ; deposits for first 15 years
Returns	Market-linked: Equity + Debt mix	Fixed, set quarterly: 8.2% p.a. currently , sovereign guarantee
Tenure	Becomes a regular NPS account at 18; corpus compounds till 60	Matures 21 years from opening (or on marriage after 18)
Withdrawals	Up to 25% of contributions after 3 years: Education, illness, disability	Up to 50% of balance once the girl turns 18 for higher education
Tax benefits	Up to Rs 50,000 u/s 80CCD(1B) for the guardian (old regime)	EEE u/s 80C up to Rs 1.5 lakh; interest & maturity fully tax-free

Not either-or: SSY gives assured, tax-free growth for a daughter's education and marriage; Vatsalya builds a market-linked retirement corpus for any child. Families can run both.

Flexibility to Change Fund Manager (PFM)

10 PFRDA-regulated Pension Fund Managers to choose from

SBI Pension Funds Pvt. Ltd.

PSU / Largest by AUM

LIC Pension Fund Ltd.

PSU / Life Insurance

UTI Retirement Solutions Ltd.

PSU / AMC backed

HDFC Pension Fund Ltd.

Private / HDFC Group

ICICI Prudential Pension Fund

Private / ICICI Group

Kotak Mahindra Pension Fund

Private / Kotak Group

Aditya Birla Sun Life Pension

Private / ABSL Group

Tata Pension Management

Private / Tata Group

Axis Pension Fund

Private / Axis Group

DSP Pension Fund Managers

Private / DSP Group

FLEXIBILITY RULES



PFM Change

Once per year



**Investment Option
(Active/Auto)**

4 times per year



**Asset Allocation (within
Active)**

4 times per year



Process to make changes

Anytime online

New: PFRDA has approved 4 new Sponsors to set up pension funds — PPFAS AMC, Motilal Oswal AMC, Bank of Baroda & Bajaj.

Normal Exit from NPS

At 60 / superannuation — or on completing 15 years of subscription, whichever is earlier (Retail)

Corpus up to Rs 8 Lakh

100% lump sum withdrawal allowed — no annuity required

Or draw it gradually via SLW / SUR

Or the standard split: 80% lump sum + at least 20% annuity

Corpus Rs 8 – 12 Lakh

Up to Rs 6 lakh as an immediate lump sum

Balance paid out via SUR / SLW over a minimum of 6 years

...or use the balance to purchase an annuity

Corpus above Rs 12 Lakh

Up to 80% as lump sum — raised from the earlier 60%

At least 20% must buy an annuity: a pension for life

Lump sum & annuity purchase can be deferred to age 85 — corpus keeps earning

Tax today: 60% of the corpus is tax-free u/s 10(12A) • Government sector continues with 60% lump sum + minimum 40% annuity

Partial Withdrawal, Premature Exit & Death

✓ Partial Withdrawal (while invested)

After 3 years — up to 25% of your own contributions

Up to 4 times till 60: education, illness, disability, first home

100% tax-free — and the corpus keeps compounding

⚠ Premature Exit (before vesting)

No lock-in — exit anytime

Maximum 20% lump sum; minimum 80% must buy an annuity

If corpus < Rs 5 lakh — 100% withdrawal (or SLW / SUR)

🛡 Death of Subscriber

Nominee receives 100% of the corpus as a tax-free lump sum

Nominee may instead opt for an annuity or SLW / SUR

Applies at any age and any corpus size

SLW & SUR — the new systematic payout routes — are explained on the next slide ►

Systematic Payouts — SLW & SUR

Two phased-withdrawal routes

Features

Take your lump-sum share in instalments — monthly, quarterly or annual — instead of one shot

The balance stays invested, still earning market-linked returns

Runs on normal exit or while deferring — for any period up to age 85

Stop or change anytime; whatever remains can be taken as lump sum or used to buy an annuity

SLW — Amount is Fixed

A set payout — say Rs 50,000 a month — and units are redeemed to match it. **Income is predictable; how long the corpus lasts depends on returns.**

IN FORCE SINCE OCTOBER 2023

SUR — UNITS are Fixed

A set number of units is redeemed each period, so the rupee payout moves with NAV. **Income varies; the corpus lasts exactly the period you chose.**

INTRODUCED BY THE EXIT & WITHDRAWAL (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS, 2025

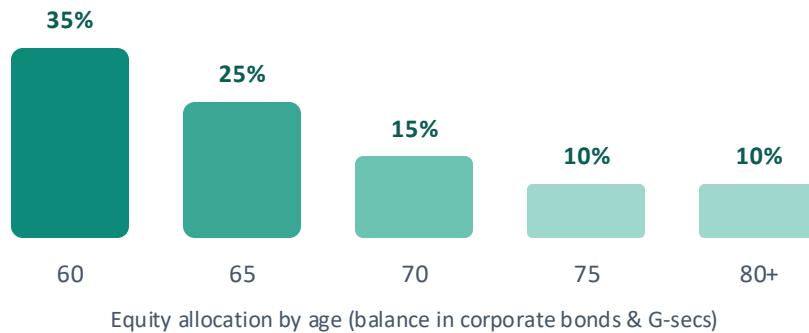
Why it matters: stay invested through retirement, smooth out market timing, and bridge the years before buying an annuity — while managing longevity risk.

New: Retirement Income Schemes (RIS)

A dedicated life-cycle fund for the payout years — your drawdown corpus stays invested and pays you till 85

RIS STEADY — where the corpus stays invested

A new life-cycle fund built only for the payout phase — equity glides from **35% at 60 to a 10% floor at 75**, held till 85; G-secs rise to 75%.



PAYOUTS

Monthly, quarterly or annual — for a period up to age 85

WHO

Government and non-government subscribers alike

ANNUITY Requirement doesn't go away

Drawdown does not touch the mandatory 20% / 40% annuity

FLEXIBILITY

Keep or switch your pension fund (once every 2 FYs); leftover corpus — lump sum or annuity

DRAWDOWN OPTIONS — how you get paid

SPR — Systematic Payout Rate (default)

Each year you receive $1 \div (\text{years left})$: 4% at 60 rising to 10% at 75 for an 85 end-age — reset every birthday on market value.

SUR — Systematic Unit Redemption

Your units split evenly over the chosen period: 8,00,000 units over 25 years = 2,667 units a month — payout varies with NAV.

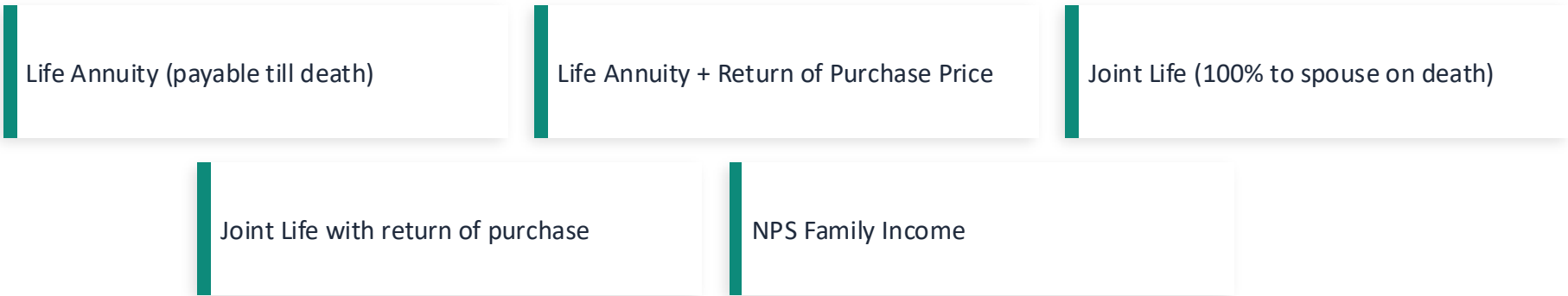
Market-linked, no guaranteed payout — effective from a date to be notified by PFRDA once systems are ready.

Annuity Service Providers (ASP)

At exit, minimum 20% of your NPS corpus must be used to purchase an Annuity - a pension paid for life. You choose the ASP and annuity variant.

LIC of India	SBI Life Insurance	HDFC Life Insurance	ICICI Prudential Life	Bajaj Allianz Life
Kotak Mahindra Life	Tata AIA Life	Axis Max Life Insurance	PNB MetLife	Aditya Birla SunLife
Canara HSBC Life	Star Union Dai-ichi	Edelweiss Life	India First Life	Shriram Life

ANNUITY PLAN VARIANTS



Annuity Options

Annuity Rates Depend on Plan variant, Age of subscriber (& Spouse), prevailing Interest rate Environment and Frequency

		Annuity Service Provider - Scheme Name					
		With Return of Purchase Price (With ROP) ₹			Without Return of Purchase Price (Without ROP) ₹		
Subscriber Type	Private Sector Subscriber	Annuity Service Provider 🏠	Annuity for Life 🏠	Joint Life Annuity 🏠	NPS - Family Income 🏠	Annuity for Life 🏠	Joint Life Annuity 🏠
First Annuitant Age	60 years						
Purchase Price (excluding taxes in ₹)	1,00,00,000						
		HDFC Life Insurance Co. Ltd	58,000 (6.96%)	57,600 (6.91%)	57,600 (6.91%)	71,760 (8.61%)	63,840 (7.66%)
		ICICI Prudential Life Insurance Co. Ltd	55,167 (6.62%)	55,146 (6.62%)	51,215 (6.15%)	64,542 (7.75%)	57,008 (6.84%)

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First Annuitant Age	65 years						
Purchase Price (excluding taxes in ₹)	1,00,00,000						
		HDFC Life Insurance Co. Ltd	58,080 (6.97%)	58,000 (6.96%)	58,000 (6.96%)	78,000 (9.36%)	67,440 (8.09%)
		ICICI Prudential Life Insurance Co. Ltd	55,157 (6.62%)	55,238 (6.63%)	51,310 (6.16%)	70,111 (8.41%)	59,875 (7.18%)

Charges

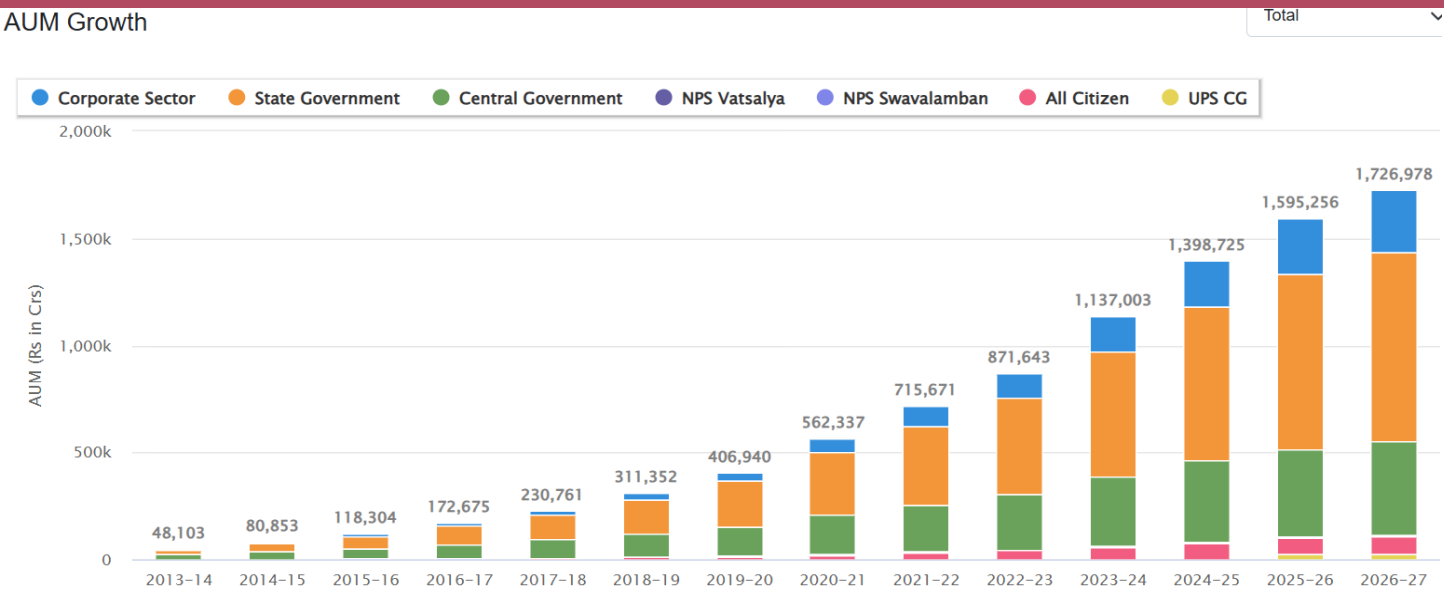
Entity	Common Scheme		MSF
PoP*	0.2% p.a. of AUM (min. Rs. 30)		0.30% p.a. of AUM
PF*		Slabs of AUM (in Rs.)	
		IMF for Non Government Sector Schemes	
		Upto 25,000 crore.	
		Above 25,000 & Upto 50,000 crore	
		Above 50,000 & Upto 1,50,000 crore	
		Above 1,50,000 crore	
CRA#	i. PRAN opening charges – Rs. 18 (ePRAN Kit) / Rs. 40 (Physical PRAN card) ii. AMC –		
		Corpus	Max charges
		Re. 1 – Rs. 2,00,000	Rs. 100
		Rs. 2,00,001 – Rs. 10,00,000	Rs. 150
		Rs. 10,00,001 – Rs. 25,00,000	Rs. 300
		Rs. 25,00,001 – Rs. 50,00,000	Rs. 400
		Above 50,00,000	Rs. 500
NPST*	0.003% p.a. of the AUM		
Custodian*	0.00000000177% p.a. of AUC		

* NAV Adjustment

#Unit deduction

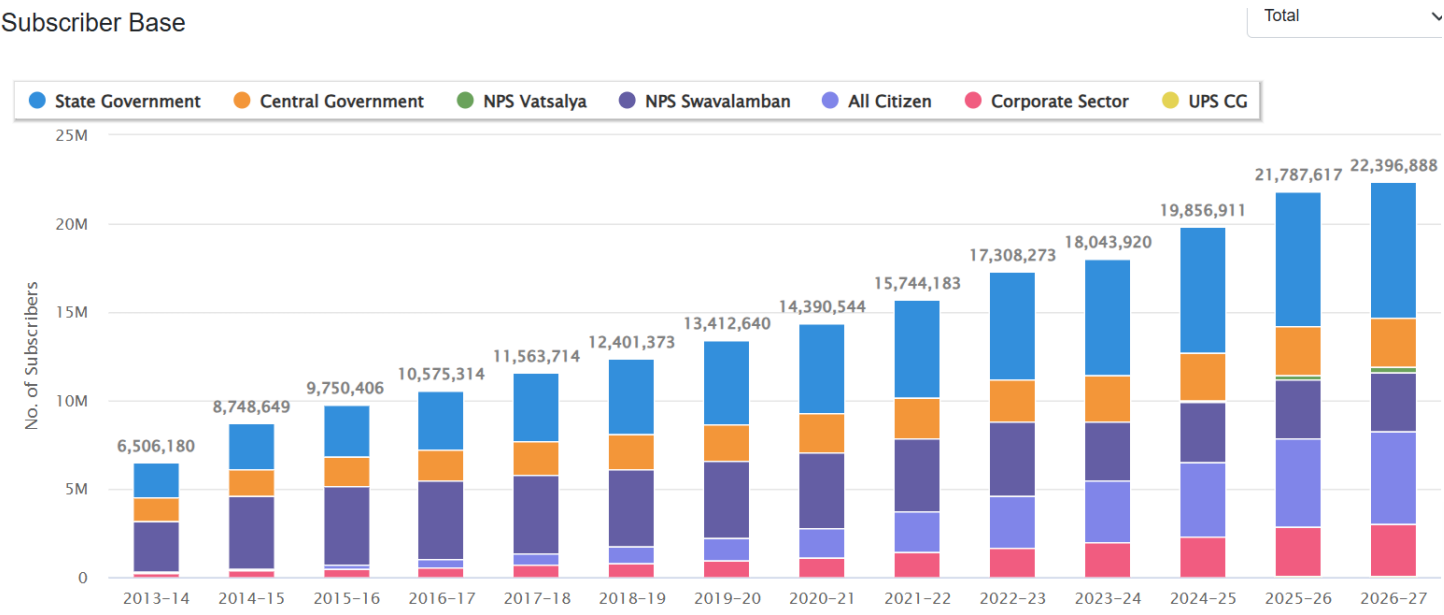
At <0.35%, NPS is one of the lowest cost investment product available for retirement.

AUM & Subscribers



23% AUM growth in last 5 years.
Corporate AUM is growing at 25%

For FY 2026-27, AUM as on 30th June, 2026.



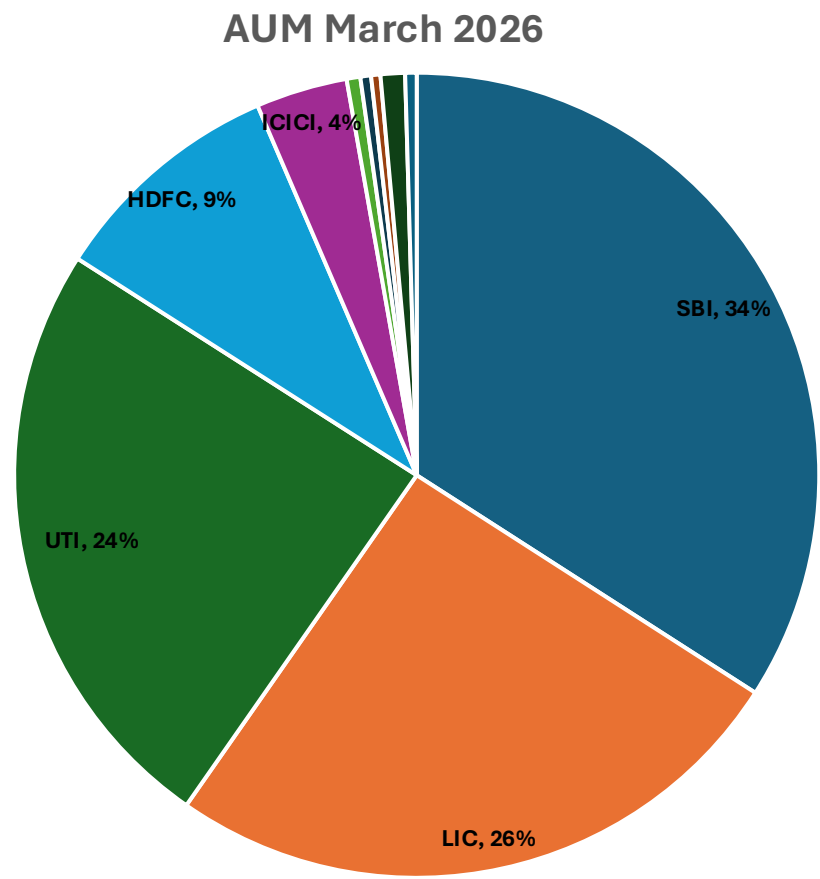
9% Subscriber growth in last 5 years.
Corporate subscriber base is growing at 20%

Source: NPS Trust

For FY 2026-27, Subscriber Base as on 30th June, 2026.



PFM Share



	Mar-2025	Mar-2026	Growth
SBI	5,14,335	5,60,802	9%
LIC	3,82,004	4,21,327	10%
UTI	3,58,793	4,00,539	12%
HDFC	1,15,627	1,56,007	35%
ICICI	45,455	60,545	33%
Kotak	6,378	9,025	41%
Aditya Birla	4,025	7,042	75%
Tata	4,385	6,147	40%
Axis	8,854	16,118	82%
DSP	2,049	7,580	270%
Total	14,43,511	16,45,132	14%

Returns

Category	SBI	LIC	UTI	ICICI	Kotak	HDFC	Aditya Birla	TATA	Axis	DSP
Scheme CG	9.29%	9.15%	9.13%							
Scheme SG	9.01%	9.09%	9.07%							
UPS	4.80%	2.95%	4.62%							

Tier I - E	10.67%	12.28%	12.20%	12.42%	11.83%	13.95%	12.25%	12.87%	10.15%	8.46%
Tier I - C	9.37%	8.76%	8.61%	9.34%	9.09%	9.07%	8.16%	7.30%	7.72%	7.95%
Tier I - G	8.75%	9.25%	8.05%	8.22%	8.14%	8.53%	7.62%	7.04%	7.25%	7.19%

Tier II - E	10.57%	10.75%	11.15%	11.31%	11.40%	12.70%	12.39%	12.70%	10.93%	6.94%
Tier II - C	8.96%	8.37%	8.59%	9.18%	8.48%	8.48%	7.71%	7.43%	7.29%	8.49%
Tier II - G	8.81%	9.47%	8.53%	8.30%	7.93%	8.69%	7.18%	7.22%	6.98%	7.48%

Returns Since Launch as on July 20, 2026

NPS vs EPF vs PPF

Feature	NPS	EPF	PPF
Who Can Join	Any Indian 18-85 yrs	Salaried employees only	Any individual
Returns	Market-linked <i>Returns since inception: ~10.5%*</i>	Fixed ~8.25% p.a.	Fixed ~7.1% p.a.
Employer Contribution	Yes, up to 14% Basic+DA	Yes, 12% of Basic+DA	No employer contribution
Tax on Contribution	80CCD(1)+80CCD(1B)+80CCD(2) Max:- Rs 7.5 Lacs pa#	80C up to Rs1.5L	80C up to Rs1.5L
Tax on Withdrawal	60% tax-free	Fully exempt after 5 yrs	Fully exempt
Liquidity	Partial (25% after 3 yrs)	Partial (specific conditions)	Loan after 3rd year / Partial withdrawal 7 th year
Investment Choice	Yes – Equity/Bonds/G-Sec	No choice	No Choice

Note: EPFO has clarified that EPF contribution can be limited to Rs 1,800 / month (12% of the Rs 15,000 statutory wage ceiling) — freeing a larger share of the employer contribution to be diverted to NPS within the Rs 7.5 lakh tax-free limit.

* 50% Equity investment and another 50% in Corp Bonds / G-secs (median returns)

Rs 7.5 Lacs pa limit includes NPS & EPF & Superannuation

Corporate NPS in Action — How Much Tax Can You Save?

An employee aged 35, earning Rs 30 lakh a year (Basic Rs 15 lakh), 30% tax slab.

OLD REGIME

WITHOUT NPS

WITH NPS

Self NPS
u/s 80CCD(1B)

—

Rs 50,000

Corporate NPS
10% of Basic, u/s 80CCD(2)

—

Rs 1,50,000

Taxable income

Rs 29,50,000

Rs 27,50,000

Tax payable

Rs 7,25,400

Rs 6,63,000

Tax saved: Rs 62,400

NEW REGIME

WITHOUT NPS

WITH NPS

Self NPS
80CCD(1B) — not available in new regime

—

—

Corporate NPS
14% of Basic, u/s 80CCD(2)

—

Rs 2,10,000

Taxable income

Rs 29,25,000

Rs 27,15,000

Tax payable

Rs 4,75,800

Rs 4,10,280

Tax saved: Rs 65,520

Illustrative computation as per FY 2025-26 slabs

Source: Income Tax Act — Sections 80CCD(1B) & 80CCD(2)

Corporate NPS VS Mutual Fund: Retirement Advantage Through Upfront Tax Savings

Same Employee opting for new regime can set aside Rs 17,500 a month till 60 — through Corporate NPS, or a mutual fund SIP.		
	CORPORATE NPS	MUTUAL FUND SIP
Invested each month after income tax	Rs 17,500 pre-tax via employer — u/s 80CCD(2)	Rs 12,040 after 31.2% tax on the same Rs 17,500
Corpus at 60 Return 12% p.a. · Contribution Increases 7% p.a.	Rs 5.17 Cr	Rs 3.56 Cr
Tax on the corpus at withdrawal	0% on 60% Slab Rate on 20% Slab Rate on 20% Annuity Income	LTCG 12.5% + cess Slab Rate on gains, as units are redeemed
Monthly income from 60 Return 9%. SWP 6% of corpus. Annuity 6.5% all figures pre-tax	SWP on 60% (Rs 3.10 Cr): Rs 1.55 lakh — tax-free SWP on 20% (Rs 1.03 Cr): Rs 0.52 lakh — taxed at slab Annuity on 20% (Rs 1.03 Cr): Rs 0.56 lakh — taxed at slab Total: Rs 2.63 lakh / month	One SWP on the full corpus (Rs 3.56 Cr @ 6%) LTCG applies on the gains portion of each instalment Total: Rs 1.78 lakh / month
Same cost to Employee, same 12% returns — NPS delivers ~48% higher income, because money goes in pre-tax and compounds tax-free.		

Source: Illustration based on the infographic by Suraj Dixit (source: Floatr Wealth LinkedIn). Not a guarantee of returns.

Ease of Operations - Options & Holdings



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Tier I Account Holding Summary

Current Scheme Preference		
Investment Option	Scheme Details	Percentage
ACTIVE CHOICE	LIC PENSION FUND SCHEME G - TIER I POP	10.00%
	NPS TRUST- A/C HDFC PENSION FUND MANAGEMENT LIMITED SCHEME C - TIER I POP	15.00%
	NPS TRUST A/C DSP PENSION FUND MANAGERS PRIVATE LIMITED SCHEME E - TIER I POP	75.00%

Account Summary For Current Schemes							
Scheme Name	Total Units	Blocked Units	Free Units	NAV (Rs.)	Amount (Rs.)	Amount in Transition (Rs.)	Total Value of Scheme (Rs.)
NPS TRUST- A/C HDFC PENSION FUND MANAGEMENT LIMITED SCHEME C - TIER I POP							
LIC PENSION FUND SCHEME G - TIER I POP							
NPS TRUST A/C DSP PENSION FUND MANAGERS PRIVATE LIMITED SCHEME E - TIER I POP							
Total							

Ease of Operations - Scheme Allocation

Common Schemes

Common Schemes*

50

Pension Schemes (MSF)

PFM*	Scheme*	Percentage*
UTI PENSION FUND LIMITED ▾	NPS TRUST A/C - UTI PF WEALTH B ▾	10
KOTAK MAHINDRA PENSION FUND ▾	NPS TRUST A/C - KOTAK PF NPS KI ▾	10
TATA PENSION FUND MANAGEMEN ▾	NPS TRUST A/C - TATA PENSION FL ▾	10
HDFC PENSION FUND MANAGEMEN ▾	NPS TRUST A/C - HDFC PF NPS SU ▾	10
DSP PENSION FUND MANAGERS P ▾	NPS TRUST A/C - DSP PF NPS LON ▾	10

Add

Remove

Total Percentage

Total*

100

Ease of Operations - Active Vs Auto

New Investment Scheme Choice

Scheme Preference Type

☒ Active Choice

☐ Life Cycle 25 - Low (5E / 55 YY)

☐ Life Cycle 50 - Moderate (10E / 55 Y)

☐ Life Cycle 75 - High (15E / 55 Y)

☐ Life Cycle - Aggressive(35E / 55 Y)

AddRemove

Sr No.	PFM Name		Scheme Name		Percentage Contribution
1	DSP PENSION FUND MANAGERS PRIVATE LIMITED	▼	NPS TRUST A/C DSP PENSION FUND MANAGERS PRIVATE LIMITED SCHEME E - TIER I POP	▼	75.0
2	HDFC PENSION FUND MANAGEMENT LIMITED	▼	NPS TRUST- A/C HDFC PENSION FUND MANAGEMENT LIMITED SCHEME C - TIER I POP	▼	15.0
3	LIC PENSION FUND LIMITED	▼	LIC PENSION FUND SCHEME G - TIER I POP	▼	10.0

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Ease of Operations - Asset Allocation

Common Schemes

Scheme*	Percentage*	Amount*
LIC PENSION FUND SCHEME G - TIER I POP	5.00%	₹250.00
NPS TRUST- A/C HDFC PENSION FUND MANAGEMENT LIMITED SCHEME C - TIER I POP	7.50%	₹375.00
NPS TRUST A/C DSP PENSION FUND MANAGERS PRIVATE LIMITED SCHEME E - TIER I POP	37.50%	₹1,875.00

Pension Schemes (MSF)

Scheme*	Percentage*	Amount*
NPS TRUST A/C - UTI PF WEALTH BUILDER NPS EQUITY SCHEME - TIER I	10.00%	₹500.00
NPS TRUST A/C - KOTAK PF NPS KUBER EQUITY FUND - TIER I	10.00%	₹500.00
NPS TRUST A/C - TATA PENSION FUND NPS SMART RETIREMENT FUND - TIER I	10.00%	₹500.00
NPS TRUST A/C - HDFC PF NPS SURAKSHIT INCOME FUND - TIER I	10.00%	₹500.00
NPS TRUST A/C - DSP PF NPS LONG TERM EQUITY FUND - TIER I	5.00%	₹250.00
NPS TRUST A/C - LIC PFL NPS SMART BALANCE - TIER I	5.00%	₹250.00

Total Percentage

Total*	100%	₹5,000.00
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Common Criticisms and the Reality

THE CONCERN

Lock-in till retirement

THE REALITY

Only a small portion of savings is locked in - up to 14% of Basic + DA (about 7% of total salary), all from pre-tax income. You can convert to All citizen Model in case of early retirement and exit after a total of 15 years.

Forced annuity

Annuity is a hedge against longevity risk, and the mandatory annuity portion has already been reduced to just 20%.

Regulatory uncertainty

Regulatory changes have consistently improved the product - e.g. MSF with 100% equity, reduced annuity, and multiple PFMs.

Summary - Key Takeaways



Low cost & Flexible

A low-cost, flexible product purpose-built for long-term retirement saving.



Tax-efficient

One of the very few tax-saving products that still works under the New tax regime.
Tax Benefit at exit for 60%
Even more beneficial in higher tax brackets



Market Linked Returns

Long term Retirement savings compounding with Market linked Returns

Thank You

Questions and discussion are welcome.

