

Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana -“Saubhagya”

Step towards illuminating every house in India

Uttar Pradesh achieves 100 per cent household electrification

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“People who have not seen darkness, don't understand the meaning of illumination. Those who have not spent their lives in the darkness don't realise the value of light.”

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi¹

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[SAUBHAGYA](#)², announced by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 25th September 2017, is one of the largest household electrification drives in the world.

Taking consideration of various studies, it came to light that major barriers in household electrification were lack of awareness, cost of obtaining new connections, complexity and other logistics difficulties faced in obtaining connections. Paying special attention to these requirements, the Government of India systematically designed and launched the SAUBHAGYA scheme.



[Source](#)

[Rural Electrification Corporation](#) (REC) Limited is the Nodal Agency for operationalisation of the scheme.

¹<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1539203>

²[Press Information Bureau \(pib.gov.in\)](https://www.pib.gov.in) Posted On: 25 SEP 2021 9:41AM by PIB Delhi, viewed on 13 Dec 2021

The objective of the scheme is achieving universal household electrification in the country, through last mile connectivity and providing access to electricity to all un-electrified households in rural areas and poor households in urban areas.

While launching the scheme, the Prime Minister pledged to provide access to electricity and work towards equity, efficiency and sustainability in New India.

SAUBHAGYA scheme is one of the world's biggest universal electrification initiatives with collaborative and concerted efforts of the Centre and the States. It is a concurrent program to '[Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana](#)' (DDUGJY). To know more about the guidelines of DDUGJY – [click here](#).



To expedite and monitor the electrification process under SAUBHAGYA, a web portal was launched by Shri R.K. Singh, Minister of State (IC) for Power and New & Renewable Energy on 16th November 2017. The SAUBHAGYA web portal has been designed and developed to disseminate information about the village wise household electrification status across the country. Currently 99.99 per cent households of the country have been electrified as per the

[Saubhagya dashboard](#) of the Ministry of Power. Only 18,734 households remain to be electrified throughout the country.³



Under the SAUBHAGYA scheme, DISCOMs organize camps in villages/cluster of villages to facilitate on-the-spot filling up of application forms including release of electricity connections to households. DISCOMs/Power Departments also adopt innovative mechanisms like dedicated web-portal/Mobile App for collection/consolidation of application form in electronic mode and also capturing process of release of electricity connections.

2.82 crore households have been electrified since the launch of scheme as on March 31, 2021. As of March 2019, 2.63 crore willing un-electrified households in rural and urban areas of the country were provided electricity

connections in a record time of 18 months. Subsequently seven states- Assam, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Manipur, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh reported that around 18.85 lakh un-electrified households, identified before March 31, 2019 which were unwilling earlier, but

³<https://saubhagya.gov.in/>, accessed on Dec 15, 2021

later expressed their willingness to get electricity connections, were also covered under the scheme.⁴

Scope of the Scheme:⁵

- Providing last mile connectivity and electricity connections to all un-electrified households in rural areas.
- Providing Solar Photovoltaic (SPV) based standalone system for un-electrified households located in remote and inaccessible villages / habitations, where grid extension is not feasible or cost effective.
- Providing last mile connectivity and electricity connections to all remaining economically poor un-electrified households in urban areas. Non-poor urban households are excluded from this scheme.

Salient Features of SAUBHAGYA:⁶

- Free metered connection for economically poor households and a charge of Rs. 500 (adjusted in electricity bills in 10 monthly installments) for households other than poor, only after release of connection.
- Establishing camps in villages/ cluster of villages for on-the-spot registration
- Use of Mobile App for identification of beneficiaries and electronic registration including requisite documentation
- Web-based near real-time monitoring and updating of progress
- SPV based standalone systems for households located in remote/ difficult areas
- Communication plan for creating awareness about the scheme and its benefits
- Flexibility to States in mode of implementation (Departmental/Turnkey/Semi-turnkey)

Financial Allocation:⁷

- The total financial implications of the project was Rs. 16,320 crore while the Gross Budgetary Support (GBS) was Rs. 12,320 crore.
- The outlay for the rural households was Rs. 14,025 crore while the GBS was Rs. 10,587.50 crore.
- For the urban households, the outlay stood at Rs. 2,295 crore while GBS was Rs. 1,732.50 crore.
- The Government of India provides funds for the Scheme to all States/UTs.



⁴<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1757927>

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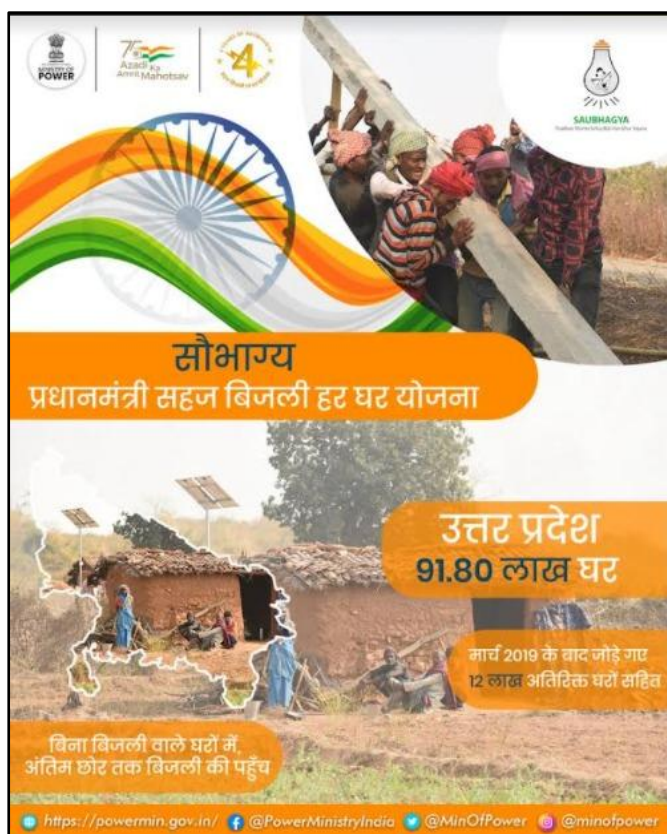
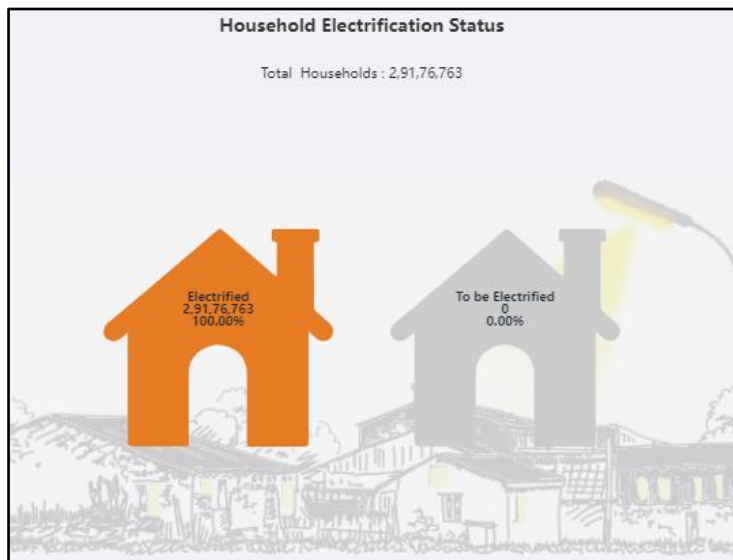
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Uttar Pradesh achieves 100 per cent Household Electrification

During the Covid-19 pandemic, Uttar Pradesh continued to implement SAUBHAGYA scheme and electrified households in 2020-21.

- Uttar Pradesh has reaped the maximum benefits under the scheme by electrifying 79,80,568 households, which is 27.83 per cent of the total households in the state. Now, 100 per cent of the 2,91,76,763 total households in the state are electrified.
- The districts of Unnao, Hardoi, Bahraich and Gorakhpur have received maximum benefits of the Scheme with record electrification of more than 2 lakh households.
- On request of Uttar Pradesh, Centre has launched the second phase of the scheme to cover all such households who were unwilling earlier but later expressed their willingness to get electricity connections.



- Since launch of SAUBHAGYA, in the State of Uttar Pradesh 91.80 Lakh (including 12 lakh households who got electrified post March, 2019) willing households have been electrified and State Government has declared saturation of all 75 districts.

- Government of Uttar Pradesh has launched a special campaign in all parts of the State to identify any left out un-electrified households and to provide electricity connections to such households. Under the campaign, a special vehicle 'Saubhagya Rath', is moving around in villages/towns and any left out households may approach them to avail electricity connection under the scheme.

- A mobile app “[E-Sanyojan Mobile App](#)⁸” was also launched with the aim to provide new electricity connections on-the-spot. Now consumers do not need to approach offices for new connection.



Source

After electrification through Saubhagya Yojana, people feel safe at night and the children can now study under LED lights after the sunset.

Anarkali
Shiv Nam Barabanki,
Uttar Pradesh

Way Forward:

While the set objectives of the scheme have been achieved, SAUBHAGYA has continued its work of providing [24x7 quality power supply to all](#)⁹. All states have been requested to launch special campaigns in their respective states to identify any left out un-electrified households and subsequently provide electricity connections to them. A dedicated toll-free helpline has also been launched for that purpose.

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