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Pradhan Mantri Adarsh Gram Yojana (PMAGY)

Uttar Pradesh front runner in implementation of PMAGY; nearly 81 lakh people covered across 6174 villages

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"The development of India is dependent on the development of villages. Along with the people living in the villages, youth and farmers, the government is giving priority to schemes which will make the villages of India more efficient."

-<u>Prime Minister Narendra Modi</u> (October 2, 2021)

Background:¹

The Government of India had taken a number of initiatives for development of Scheduled Castes (SCs), which had yielded positive outcomes and had also resulted in narrowing the gap between the Scheduled Castes and the rest of the population. However, in the past, the focus of most of the welfare Schemes of SCs has been mainly centred on individual beneficiaries rather than on integrated development of SCs pockets.

PMAGY – BACKGROUND



Source

¹ https://socialjustice.nic.in/writereaddata/UploadFile/ANNUAL_REPORT_2021_ENG.pdf

Hence, to enable an area based development approach, a new scheme called the Pradhan Mantri Adarsh Gram Yojana (PMAGY) was launched on a Pilot basis during 2009-10, following the Finance Minister's declaration in his Budget Speech delivered on 06.07.2009 for integrated development of villages in which the population of Scheduled Castes is above 50 per cent. (For more information, <u>click here</u> and go to page number-55)

Aim:²

The scheme aims to achieve overall development of SC majority villages through convergent implementation of relevant schemes and providing gap filling funds to take up activities which do not get covered under existing schemes.

The major components of integrated development of villages under PMAGY are:

- Physical infrastructure such as construction of roads, street lighting, access to safe drinking water;
- Sanitation and environment;
- Social infrastructure, human development and social harmony; and Livelihood.

Vision of Adarsh Gram:³

The vision of the Scheme is to develop the village into an 'Adarsh Gram' wherein people have access to various basic services. So that the minimum needs of all the sections of the society are fully met and disparities are reduced to minimum.

Progress of Implementation of the scheme is monitored against 50 identified monitorable indicators in following 10 domains:



² https://pib.gov.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=147031

³ About : Pradhan Mantri Adarsh Gram Yojana (PMAGY) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment Government of India

To know about Uniform criteria for declaration of selected villages as "Adarsh Gram", - click here

Objectives of the Scheme:⁴

The principal objective of the Scheme is integrated development of SC majority Villages:

(a) Primarily through convergent implementation of the relevant Central and State/UT Government Schemes; and

(b) By taking up identified activities, which do not get covered under the existing Central and State Government Schemes, through 'Gap-filling' funds provided as Central Assistance to the extent of Rs.20.00 lakh per village. Implementation of the Scheme⁵:

Implementation of the Scheme:

Pilot Phase:

• The implementation of the Scheme was started in 2009-10 as a pilot phase and total of 1000 villages from Tamil Nadu (225), Rajasthan (225), Bihar (225), Himachal Pradesh (225) and Assam (100) were selected under this phase. All these 1000 villages have so far been declared as 'Adarsh Gram' by the respective State Governments.



Phase-1

• During 2014-15, the scheme was further extended (Phase-I) to cover another 1500 villages across 11 States namely Andhra Pradesh (7), Assam (75), Chhattisgarh

⁴ <u>https://pmagy.gov.in/new-dashboard/about</u>

⁵ https://pmagy.gov.in/new-dashboard/about

(175), Jharkhand (100), Haryana (12), Karnataka (201), Madhya Pradesh (327), Odisha (175), Punjab (162), Telangana (6) and Uttar Pradesh (260).

• Out of 75 villages selected in Assam, 68 villages were found eligible and out of 12 villages selected in Haryana, 09 villages found eligible for implementation of scheme. So far, a total of 659 villages have been declared as 'Adarsh Gram' by the respective State Governments.



Source

Phase-II:

- In light of the benefits accruing to the residents of the villages through successful implementation of this Scheme, it was decided in 2018-19 to extend the Scheme further as a continuous scheme by taking up certain number of villages every year for development.
- For this, it was decided to consider inclusion of all those districts which have villages having total population ≥500 and with more than 50 per cent persons belonging to the Scheduled Castes. The villages in descending order of SC population are proposed to be selected from each such district for implementation of the Scheme.
- As per this selection criteria there are a total of 27000 villages (approx) which are proposed to be covered under the Scheme by the end of 2024-25.

For more Information on selection of villages under phase II please, click here To know about Eligibility criteria for 'Adarsh Gram' please click here. To know about the Guidelines for PMAGY please click here.



Source

Funding under the PMAGY⁶

- For every new village selected, the Scheme provides a total of Rs. 21 lakh of which Rs. 20.00 lakh is for the 'Gap-filling' component and Rs.1.00 lakh is meant for 'administrative expenses' in the ratio of 1:1:1:2 at the Centre, State, District and Village level respectively.
- Further, for continuous development of the villages already covered under the earlier phases, there is a component of 'additional round of funding' of Rs. 10 lakh per village. Out of this, Rs. 9.50 lakh per village would be utilized for 'Gap-filling' component and Rs. 0.50 lakh per village are to be utilized amongst the Centre, State, District and Village in a ratio of 1:1:1:2 for Administrative and other expenses.

Phase	Period of Invention	No. of Villages Selected	Fund Released (in Crore)
Pilot Phase	2009-2014	1000	201.00
Phase-1	2014-2020	1500	346.85
Phase-2	2018-2021	13216	1291.15

Source

⁶ https://pmagy.gov.in/aboutPMAGY

Overall Progress of the country under PMAGY as on 28.12.2021⁷:

So far, PMAGY has covered nearly 2.54 crore population in 19,094 villages across 529 districts of 24 states of the country. Out of this ~1.61 crore are SCs. More than 40.10 lakh households have already benefitted from the scheme.

*	24 No. of States covered		529 No. of Districts covered		3,353 No. of Blocks
	17,228 No. of Gram Panchayats	8	19,094 No. of Villages	Did	40,10,300 No. of Households
#	2,53,94,157 Total Population Covered		1,60,82,537 SC Population Covered	٩	43.71 Average Village Score

- No of Households provided Individual Households Latrines (IHHL): 61,290
- No. of households covered under health protection scheme: 76,493
- No of Households provided AWAS under PMAGY: 93,132
- No. of Households provided electricity connections: 26,028
- No. of households provided LPG connections under UJJAWALA: 33,795
- No. of youth imparted the Skill Development Training: 29,750

Steps taken by the Government during the COVID pandemic⁸:

The implementation of PMAGY requires preparation of Village Development Plans (VDPs) for each selected village based on assessment of gaps in infrastructure and services with reference to the framework defined under the Scheme.

Due to the pandemic situation arisen out of the outbreak of Corona Virus, carrying out the house-hold surveys prescribed under the Scheme was difficult. Therefore, with a view to ease the implementation of the scheme, it was decided to allow preparation of interim VDPs (iVDPs) based on only Infrastructure need assessment of villages. Further, it was also decided that the entire gap filling amount of Rs. 20 lakhs would be released to the districts for those villages for which the VDPs have been approved by the DLCC.

This helped in quick commencement of the identified works, including those under other schemes, which not only lead to improvement in the village infrastructure but also generated employment for the migrant labourers, who had moved back to the villages.

⁷ https://pmagy.gov.in/new-dashboard/

⁸ <u>https://socialjustice.nic.in/writereaddata/UploadFile/ANNUAL_REPORT_2021_ENG.pdf</u>

Progress in Uttar Pradesh under PMAGY as on 28.12.2021

Uttar Pradesh is one of the front runners in implementation of PMAGY. So far, 6174 villages with a population of 81,60,845 (including 50,42,521 SC population) have been covered under this scheme. 15,437 households have been provided Awas under PMAY-G. 20,139 households have Individual Household Latrines (IHHL). 13,033 houses have been given LPG connection under Ujjwala. Detailed progress of PMAGY in UP is given below.



Source

- No. of villages covered under PMAGY: 6,174
- Total population (including Schedule Cast population i.e., 50,42,521) covered: 81,60,845
- No. of Gram Panchayat covered: 5,705

- No of Households provided Individual Household Latrines (IHHL) : 20,139
- No of children enrolled in Primary schools: 5, 755
- No. of children enrolled in Middle schools: 2,581
- No. of households covered under health protection scheme: 31,414
 - No. of Households provided Awas under PMAY-G. 15,437
- No. of women provided widow pension: 6,452
- No. of person provided Old Age Pension: 12,482
- No. of person provided Disability Pension: 2,178
- No. of Households provided electricity connections: 10,370
- No. of households provided LPG connections under UJJAWALA: 13033

- No. of youth imparted the Skill Development Training: 7,765
- > To know about the List of Schedule Casts in U.P, please click here

Other Schemes for the welfare of Schedule Casts:

1. Scholarship Schemes:

- Post Metric Scholarship Scheme
- > Pre-Matric Scholarship to the SC Students studying in classes IX & X
- Post Matric Scholarship for SC Students
- Central Sector Scholarship Scheme of Top-Class Education for SC Students
- National Overseas Scholarship Scheme for SC etc. candidates
- National Fellowship for Schedule Casts Students

2. NGOs Scheme:

Scheme of Grant in Aid to Voluntary Organisations working for Scheduled Castes

3. Hostels

Babu Jagjivan Ram Chhatrawas Yojana

4. Free Coaching:

Free Coaching for SC and OBC Students

5. Schemes for Economic Development

- Credit Enhancement Guarantee Scheme for the Scheduled Castes (SCs)
- > National Safai Karmchari Finance and Development Corporation
- > National Schedule Casts Finance and Development Corporation.
- Special Central Assistance (SCA) to Scheduled Castes Sub-Plan (SC SP
- Scheme of Assistance to Scheduled Castes Development Corporations (SCDCs)
- Self-Employment Scheme for Rehabilitation of Manual Scavengers (SRMS)
- Venture Capital Fund for Scheduled Castes

6. Scheme for Social Empowerment

- Centrally Sponsored Scheme for implementation of the Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955 and the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989
- 7. Associated Organizations working in favor of Schedule Castes
 - * National Commission for Schedule Castes.
 - ✤ Babu Jagjivan Ram National Foundation.

DR. B.R Ambdekar Foundation.

8. Development Action Plan for Scheduled Castes (e-Utthaan): The government is committed to the upliftment and development of all the weaker sections of society, particularly the scheduled castes. As part of the socioeconomic and financial inclusion strategy of the Government to ensure that all segments of the society, particularly the Scheduled castes, are benefited.

The Government allocates funds across Ministries/Departments for different schemes where targeted financial and physical benefits can accrue to the Scheduled Castes. The allocation under the scheme of welfare of Scheduled Castes deals with this matter across Ministries through earmarking of a certain percentage of funds exclusively for welfare of Scheduled Castes.

The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment has developed an online web-portal eutthaan.gov.in for monitoring of Allocation for Welfare of Scheduled Castes.

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