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Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (State Series)

LPG coverage improves to 104.1% in 2022 as compared to 62% in 2016

Over 9 crore deposit-free LPG connections distributed under PMUY in last 6 years

48.01 lakh LPG connections distributed in Maharashtra till July, 2022

(Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas)

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“I was born in a very humble abode where there were no windows and only one door. My mother used firewood for cooking. I have experienced and lived the pain and that is why we resolved to provide clean cooking fuel to more than 8 crore families.”

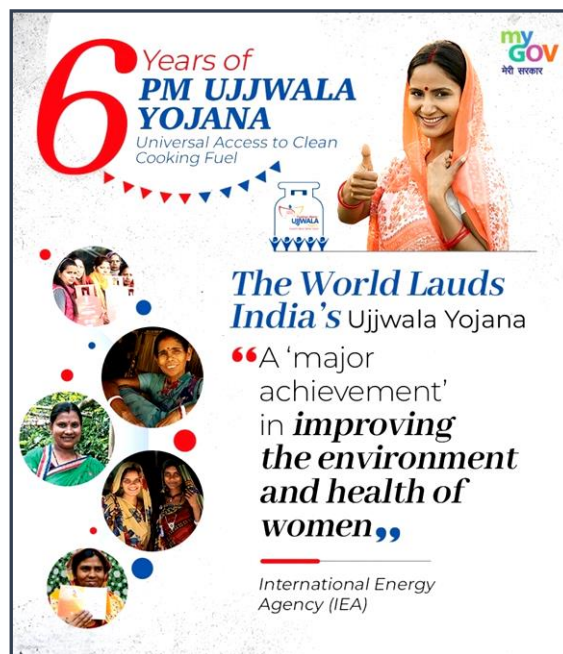
- *Prime Minister Narendra Modi*

About [100 million Households in India were deprived of clean LPG Fuel](#) and used traditional Biomass Fuels such as firewood, dried cow dung; agricultural waste, charcoal etc as smoking fuels which contain particulate matter and harmful chemicals causing acute and chronic respiratory illness.

The spread of LPG cylinders had been predominantly in the urban and semi-urban areas with the coverage mostly in middle-class and affluent households. According to experts, having an open fire in the kitchen is like burning 400 cigarettes an hour.

Therefore, **Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on May 01, 2016**, with the [aim to safeguard the health of women and children by providing them with clean cooking fuel](#), so that they don't have to compromise their health in smoky kitchens.

After the successful completion of Ujjwala Phase 1, provision for an additional One crore LPG connections under the PMUY scheme was announced in the Union Budget 2021-22. These One crore additional PMUY connections (under Ujjwala 2.0) aim to provide deposit-free LPG



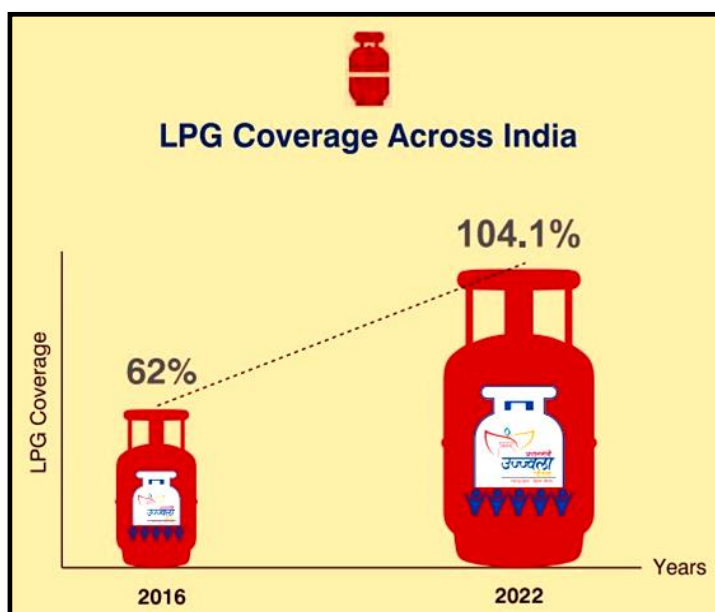
connections to those low-income families who could not be covered under the earlier phase of PMUY.

Based on a large number of applications, the Government has further extended the scheme with 60 lakh more connections under Ujjwala 2.0.

Along with a deposit-free LPG connection, [Ujjwala 2.0 will provide the first refill and hotplate free of cost to the beneficiaries.](#)

Achievements under UJJWALA Scheme

- The target to provide 8 crore deposit-free LPG connections was achieved in September, 2019, [seven months ahead of the scheduled date.](#)
- The Eighth crore PMUY connection was handed over by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on September 07, 2019.
- The target of releasing another one crore LPG connections under [Ujjwala 2.0](#) was achieved on January 31, 2022.
- As on [July 01, 2022](#), the **total number of LPG connections released under PMUY is 9.34 crore.**

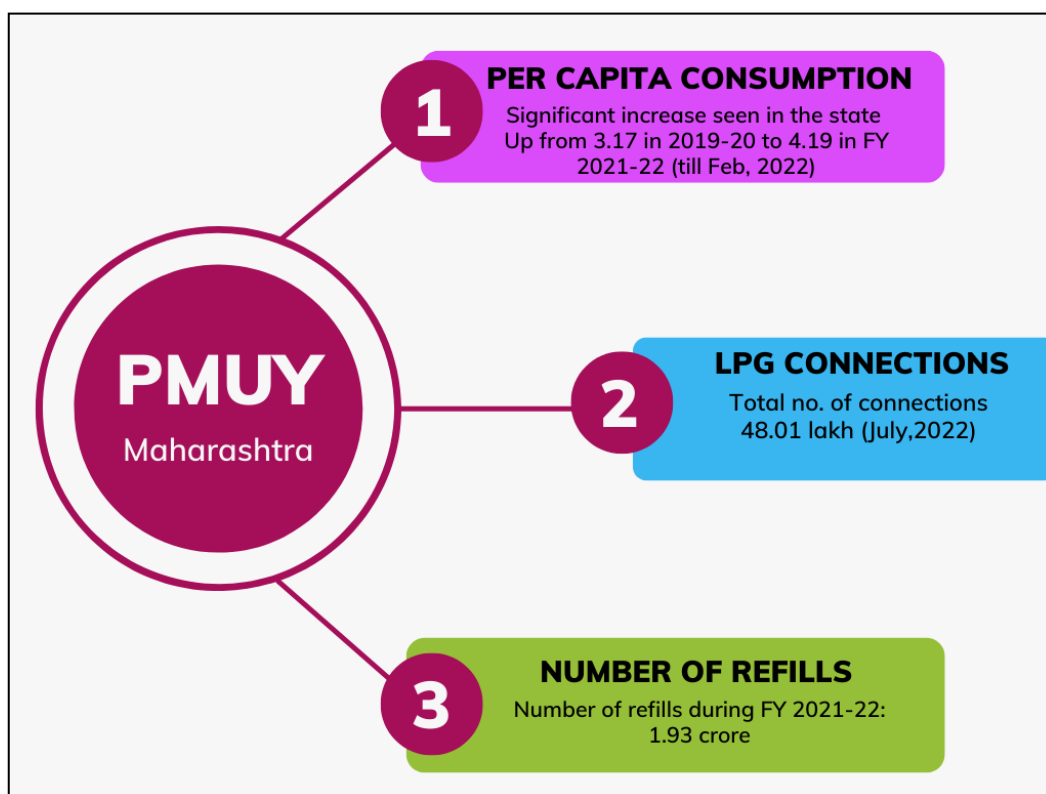


- **LPG coverage in India has improved to 104.1%** as on January 01, 2022, as compared to 62% as on May 01, 2016.
- International Energy Agency has called PMUY a “major achievement” in improving the environment and health of women.
- WHO report (2018) said that [Ujjwala Yojana has provided 37 million women, living below the poverty line, with free LPG connections](#) to support them to switch to clean household energy use.

Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) in Maharashtra

Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) is being successfully implemented in Maharashtra with a pledge to empower women and keep their future pollution-free.

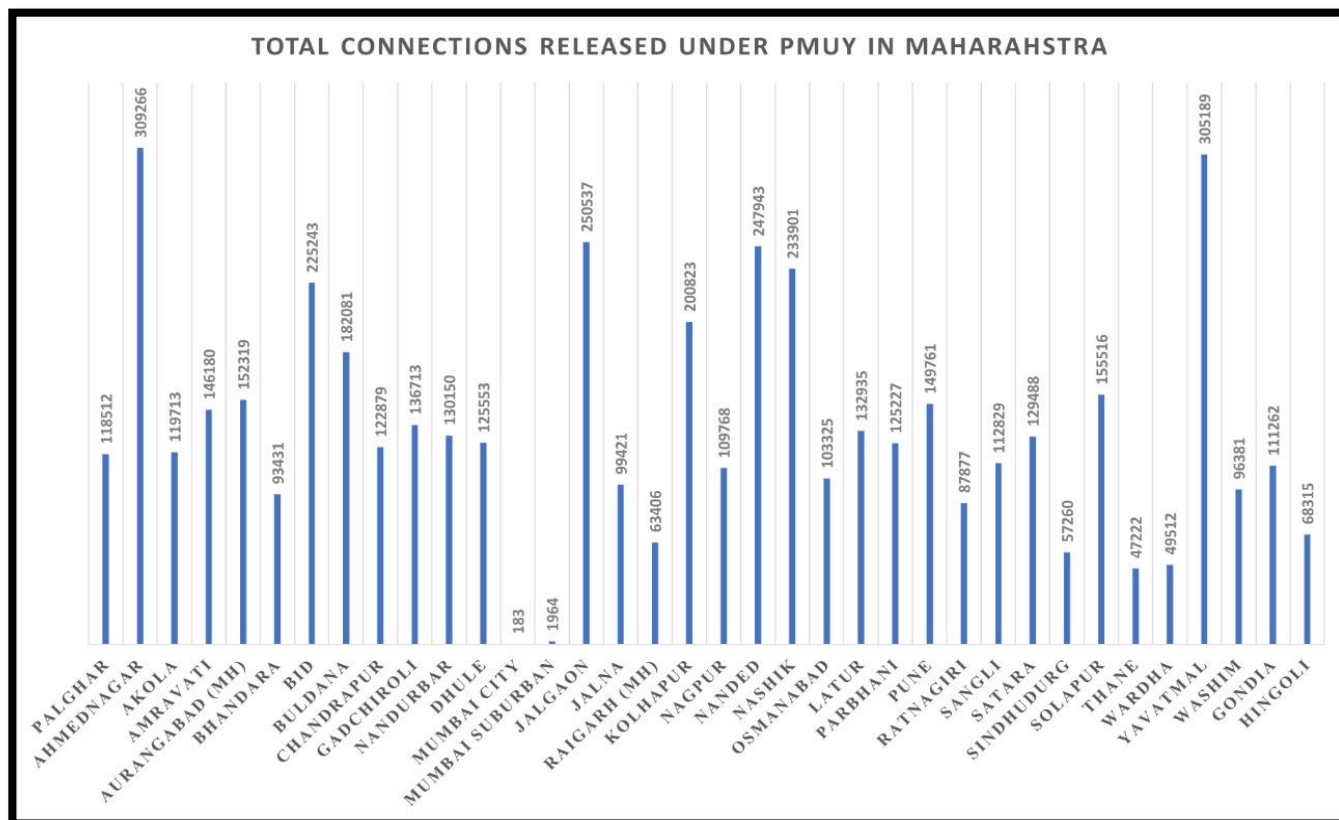
The achievements under the scheme in Maharashtra are given below:¹²



¹ <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1843444>

² <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1807691>

The graph below shows the district-wise LPG connections released in Maharashtra:



Further Readings:

- [PRADHAN MANTRI UJJWALA YOJANA](#)
- [PMUY- 2021](#)

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