

## SEVEN YEARS OF PRADHAN MANTRI UJJWALA YOJANA (PMUY)

*LPG coverage improves to 105.4% in 2023 as compared to 62% in 2016*

*Over 9.59 crore deposit-free LPG connections distributed under PMUY*

(Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas)

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### LAUNCH

PMUY was launched on **May 01, 2016**.  
Ujjwala 2.0 was launched on **August 10, 2021**.



### 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.

### SCHEME

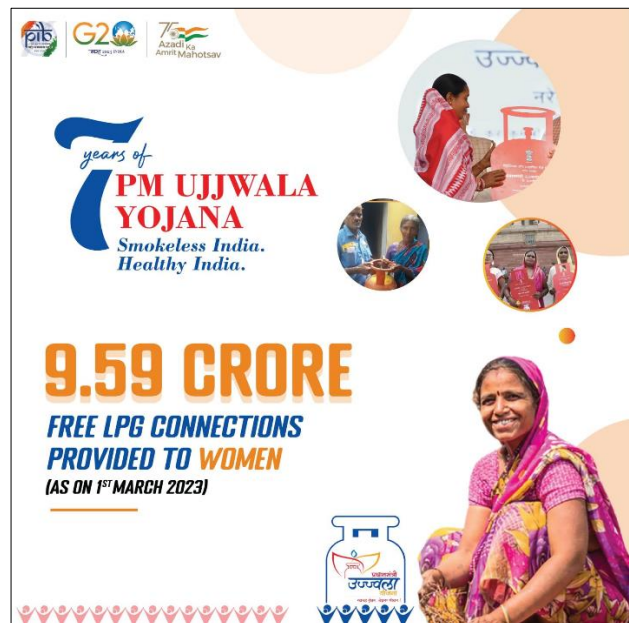
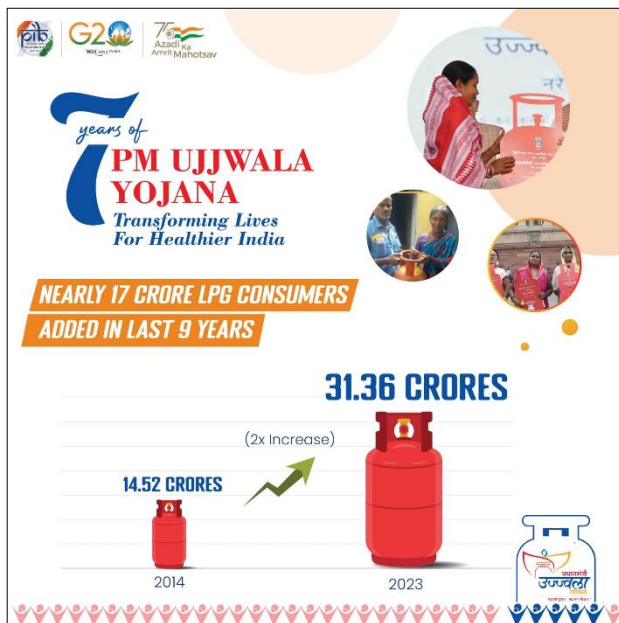
Deposit-free LPG connection is given to the eligible household with the financial assistance of **Rs 1,600 per connection** to cover the cost of a cylinder, pressure regulator, LPG hose, consumer card and installation charges.

### TARGET

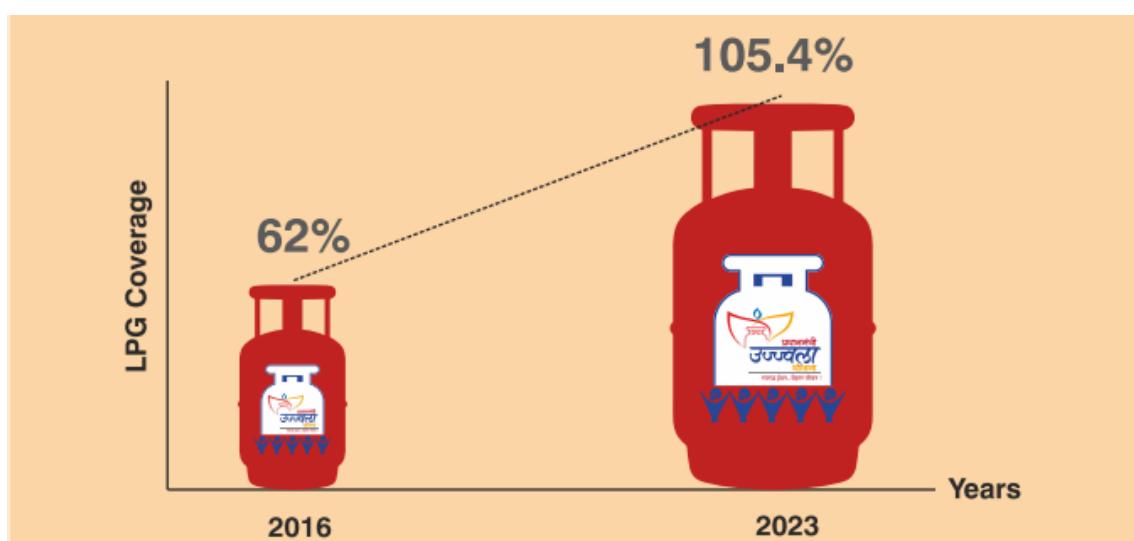
- The initial target was to provide LPG connections to 5 crore women members of BPL households. Subsequently, the scheme was expanded and the target was revised to **8 crore LPG connections**. This target was achieved in September 2019, [seven months ahead of the scheduled date](#).
- To cover the remaining households under PMUY, **Ujjwala 2.0** was started on August 10, 2021, on pan India basis **to provide an additional one crore LPG connections**. Based on a large number of applications, Government further extended the scheme with 60 lakh more connections under Ujjwala 2.0.

## ACHIEVEMENTS

- As on March 1, 2023, the **total number of connections released under PMUY is 9.59 crore.**<sup>1</sup>
- The active domestic LPG consumers have increased from **14.52 crore in April 2014 to 31.36 crore as of March 2023**<sup>2</sup>.



- On March 24, 2023, Union Cabinet approved a **subsidy of Rs.200 per 14.2 kg cylinder for up to 12 refills per year** for the beneficiaries of Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY).



<sup>1</sup> Press Information Bureau ([pib.gov.in](http://pib.gov.in))

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- As part of **Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Package**, [more than 14 crore free LPG refills](#) were provided to the PMUY beneficiaries during COVID-19.
- Under the **Give-It-Up initiative**, more than [One crore people themselves gave up the subsidy on LPG](#), which benefited the needy people.

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## GLOBAL RECOGNITION OF THE SCHEME

- **International Energy Agency** said it is 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.

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## TOP STATES WITH MAXIMUM CONNECTIONS UNDER PMUY

All [LPG connection are released in the name of adult woman](#) of the poor family. Women in the states of **Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan** have been the biggest beneficiaries of PMUY. For complete data of state wise beneficiaries, [click here](#).<sup>1</sup>



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