

Ministry of Panchayati Raj
Atmanirbhar Panchayat Programme

About the Initiative

Atmanirbhar Panchayat Programme is implemented under the Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA) and is designed to transform Panchayats from grant-dependent institutions into financially self-reliant local governments. Under this, the Ministry provides technical handholding to convert local assets and opportunities into investable projects, with financing facilitated through Public Private Partnerships, Corporate Social Responsibility contributions, convergence with other schemes and bank finance. NABARD and HUDCO are institutional partners providing project development expertise, and the Ministry has already engaged a technical support agency to work with Panchayats on the ground.

How the Atmanirbhar Panchayat Programme Works

- Panchayats identify local assets and opportunities and submit project ideas through the eGramSwaraj portal, with participatory planning ensured through the mandatory involvement of the Gram Sabha.
- States screen submissions at the State level against objective selection criteria.
- Shortlisted ideas are taken forward through a national challenge process.
- Selected ideas receive technical support and capacity building from the Ministry to be developed into bankable projects.
- Progress is tracked through transparent, digital monitoring systems.

Expected Outcomes

The Atmanirbhar Panchayat Programme is expected to build sustainable revenue generation and stronger financial self-reliance for Panchayats, encourage community-led local economic development, improve local infrastructure and services, and enable efficient, locally driven implementation of projects across the country.

Scale and Eligibility

Under the Atmanirbhar Panchayat Programme, 350 projects are to be developed over four years, 50 in the first year and 100 in each of the following three years, across the country. Gram Panchayats with a minimum Own Source Revenue of Rs. 50 lakh and Block Panchayats with a minimum Own Source Revenue of Rs. 1 crore, each with at least three years of tenure remaining, are eligible to apply, with relaxed thresholds applicable for special category States.

Finalisation of Guidelines

The guidelines of the Scheme (<https://egramswaraj.gov.in/atmanibharguidelines.do>) have been finalised through a consultative process involving all States.
