



Atal Bhujal Yojana

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- The Atal Bhujal Yojana (ABHY) is a **central sector scheme worth Rs.6,000 crore** for **sustainable management of groundwater with community participation**.
It envisages people's participation through the formation of 'Water User Associations', water budgeting, preparation & implementation of Gram-panchayat-wise water security plans, etc.
- It is being implemented by the **Ministry of Jal Shakti** (earlier known as Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation).
- The scheme is being funded by the **Government of India and the World Bank** on **50:50** basis.
- The identified **over-exploited and water-stressed areas** for the implementation of the scheme are Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, and Uttar Pradesh.
The States have been selected according to the degree of groundwater exploitation and degradation, established legal and regulatory instruments, institutional readiness, and experience in implementing initiatives related to groundwater management.

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