



## Ujjwala 2.0

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### Why in News

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On August 10, 2021, Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the second phase of **Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana 'Ujjwala Yojana 2.0' in Mahoba district of Uttar Pradesh.**

### Key Points

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- The Prime Minister launched the Ujjwala 2.0 scheme by giving new LPG connections to 1,000 women in the state. Under Ujjwala Yojana 2.0, **one crore poor families** will be given LPG connections free of cost.
- Under this scheme, the beneficiaries will not only get deposit-free LPG connection but also free of cost first **refill and hotplate.**
- The poor families left out in the first phase of this scheme and not covered under the scheme will get the benefit in this second phase.
- It is noteworthy that the Ujjwala scheme was launched on **May 1, 2016, from the Ballia district of Uttar Pradesh.** At that time a target was set to provide free LPG connections to 5 crore women members of BPL households.
- In April 2018 the scheme was expanded to include women beneficiaries from seven more categories: **SC/ST, PMAY, AAY, Most backward classes, tea garden, forest dwellers, Islands.** Also, the target was revised to eight crores LPG connections. This target was achieved in August 2019, seven months ahead of the target date.