



## Year End Review: Ministry of Rural Development

**For Prelims:** MGNREGS, Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana - Gramin, Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana, Deen Dayal Upadhyay - Grameen Kaushal Yojana, National Social Assistance Programme, Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana, Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Rurban Mission.

**For Mains:** Significance and Efficiency of various schemes launched for the development of rural India.

### Why in News?

Recently, the Year-end-review of the [Ministry of Rural Development \(MoRD\)](#) was released.

- The Year-end reviews of the [Ministry of Panchayati Raj](#), [Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change](#), [Ministry of Education](#) and [Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways](#) were also released.

### What are the Key Achievements of MoRD in Different Welfare Schemes?

#### [Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act \(MGNREGA\)](#)

- **About:**
  - It aims to provide **at least 100 days of guaranteed wage employment in every financial year to every rural household** whose **adult** members volunteer to do **unskilled manual work**.
- **Achievements of 2022-23:**
  - 11.37 crore households availed employment.
  - 289.24 crore person-days employment has been generated out of which:
    - **56.19% were for women**
    - 19.75% were for [Scheduled Castes \(SCs\)](#)
    - 17.47% were for [Scheduled Tribes \(STs\)](#).
- **New Initiatives under MGNREGS:**
  - **Amrit Sarovar:** Construction/renovation of at least **75 Amrit Sarovars (ponds)** in each district of the country; they will help in **increasing the availability of water, both on surface and under-ground**.
  - **Jaldoot App:** It was launched in Sept 2022 for **measuring the water level in a Gram Panchayat** through 2-3 selected open wells twice a year.
  - **Ombudsperson for MGNREGS: Ombudsperson App** was launched in Feb 2022 for **smooth reporting and categorization of grievances** received from various sources related to the implementation of the MGNREGS.

#### [Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana - Gramin \(PMAY-G\)](#)

- **About:**
  - PMAY-G is one of the **flagship Programmes** of the Government of India.
  - It aims "**Housing for All**" by providing **2.95 Crore pucca houses with basic amenities**

to all houseless households and households living in kutcha and dilapidated houses in rural areas by 2024.

- **Achievements till 2022-23:**
  - **2.50 Crore houses** have been **sanctioned**.
  - **2.11 Crore houses** have been **completed**.
- **New Initiatives under PMAY-G:**
  - **Aadhaar Based Payment System** allowing **Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT)** to the PMAY-G beneficiaries in their Aadhar linked bank account.
  - **Universal geo tagging of PMAY-G Houses** done via **Awaasoft/AwaasApp** and via **GeoRURBAN app**
  - **Ombudsperson** appointed under MGNREGS can also be availed for grievance redressal under PMAY-G

### [Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Rural Livelihoods Mission \(DAY-NRLM\)](#)

- **About:**
  - DAY-NRLM is **one of the world's largest initiatives to improve the livelihoods of the poor**.
  - The main objective of the scheme is **promoting self-employment** and organization of rural poor.
- **Achievements till 2022-23:**
  - **8.71 crore women** from poor and vulnerable communities mobilised into 81 lakh **Self-Help Groups**.
- **New Initiatives under DAY-NRLM:**
  - An **overdraft facility of Rs.5000** approved for **SHG members** with **PM Jan Dhan Yojana** account to help them **meet their immediate emergency needs** without any hassles.
  - The **Interest Subvention Scheme** under DAY-NRLM was **revised to ensure a common scheme** all across the country under which:
    - Banks will extend credit for loans up to **Rs.3 lakh @ 7% per annum**; banks will be sub-vented at a **uniform rate of 4.5% per annum**.
    - Banks will extend credit for loans **above Rs.3 lakh and up to Rs.5 lakh @ interest rate equivalent to 1 year-MCLR (Marginal Cost of Funds Based Lending Rate)**; banks will be sub-vented at a **uniform rate of 5% per annum**.

### [Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana \(PMGSY\)](#)

- **About:**
  - PMGSY was launched as a **one-time special intervention to provide rural connectivity**, by a single all-weather road, to the **eligible unconnected habitations of designated population size**.
  - **PMGSY-II** was launched in **2013**.
    - **Road Connectivity Project for Left Wing Extremism Affected Areas (RCPLWEA)** was launched in 2016.
  - **PMGSY-III** was launched in **2019**.
    - It aimed at **consolidation of 1,25,000 km of routes and major rural links** connecting habitations, inter-alia, to Gramin Agricultural Markets (GrAMs), Higher Secondary Schools and Hospitals.
- **Achievements of 2022-23:**
  - 39,413 Km road length and 1,394 bridges were constructed with an expenditure of Rs. 23,364 crores (centre + state share).
- **New Initiatives under DAY-NRLM:**
  - MoRD introduced one of the latest methodologies in the field of road construction - **Full Depth Reclamation (FDR)** which involves recycling existing bituminous pavement and its underlying layers into a new base layer.
  - **Geospatial Rural Road Information System (GRRIS), GeoSadak and Geo-PMGSY Mobile App** developed.

### [Deen Dayal Upadhyay - Grameen Kaushal Yojana \(DDU-GKY\)](#)

▪ **About:**

- DDU-GKY is an **outcome driven quality skilling program** that aims to contribute to the **'Make in India'** campaign to position **India as the globally preferred manufacturing hub**.
- It is a **State led scheme** being implemented in **Public-Private Partnership (PPP)** mode.
- Two special programs under DDU-GKY:
  - **ROSHNI** - Being implemented for 27 **Left-Wing Extremism (LWE)** affected areas with **40% coverage to women candidates**.
  - **Himayat** - To cover the **youth of the UT of J&k and Ladakh** with **100% central funding**.

▪ **Achievements of 2022-23:**

- **KAUSHAL PANJEE app** being used for mobilisation of candidates has so far 36.37 lakh registered candidates.

### **National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP)**

▪ **About:**

- NSAP aims to provide **basic level of financial assistance to old age, widows, disabled persons** and to the **bereaved households** in the event of death of the bread-winner belonging to **Below Poverty Line (BPL) category** as identified by the States/UTs
  - NSAP aims to implement **Article 41 of the Indian Constitution (DPSP)**.

▪ **Achievements of 2022-23:**

- **National Informatics Centre** and DoRD developed an **NSAP - Pension Payment System (NSAP-PPS)** to facilitate end to end transactions.
- A **citizen centric mobile app - Sambal** - was developed to provide information to beneficiaries about NSAP schemes along with state top-ups.

### **Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana (SAGY)**

▪ **About:**

- SAGY is an initiative of MoRD wherein the leadership of the Members of Parliament is leveraged directly for **development at the Gram Panchayat level**.
  - The **District Collector is the nodal officer** for implementing SAGY.
- SAGY aims to create a **holistically developed model Gram Panchayats** across the country.
  - **Under SAGY-II (2019-24), 5 Adarsh Grams (one per year)** are to be selected and developed **by 2024**.

▪ **New Initiatives under SAGY:**

- SAGY website was linked with **Mission Antyodaya** website wherein the **status of each of the adopted SAGY Gram Panchayats** (infrastructure facility and public service delivery along with ranking and gap) is available.
- **MP Dashboard developed on SAGY website** wherein MP centrality is more visible.
- A **SAGY Assets Geo Tagging Application** developed for geo locating of assets created under SAGY.

### **Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Rurban Mission**

▪ **About:**

- SPMRM is a scheme **launched by MoRD in 2016** to deliver integrated **project based infrastructure in the rural areas**, which will also include development of economic activities and skill development.
  - It succeeded the **Provision of Urban Amenities to Rural Areas (PURA)**, announced in 2003.
- There are 2 categories of clusters under SPMRM: **Non-Tribal and Tribal**.
- SPMRM is a **Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS)**.

▪ **Achievements of 2022-23:**

- **Aibawk cluster in the Aizwal (Mizoram)** records itself as the **first cluster to be completed under SPMRM**.

- Other achievements include:
  - Construction of **agri-link road**
  - **Inter-village road connectivity** projects
  - Promotion of **agriculture & allied activities** and **ecotourism**
  - Special efforts to **conserve sites of historical importance** to **encourage tourism**

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