



Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana

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Why in News?

In a significant initiative to empower senior citizens and persons with disabilities across India, the **Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment**, Government of India, organized 'Samajik Adhikarita Shivirs' camps at 72 locations simultaneously.

- These camps aim to distribute various types of aid and assistive devices to over 12000 persons with disabilities and senior citizens under the [Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana](#).

What is the Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana?

▪ About:

- It was launched in 2017 by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.
- It is a central sector scheme funded from the **Senior Citizens' Welfare Fund**.
- The Scheme is being implemented by the **Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation (ALIMCO)**, a PSU (Public Sector Undertaking) under the **Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment**.

▪ Features:

- The eligibility criteria for the scheme are: **Senior Citizens, belonging to Below Poverty Line(BPL)** category and suffering from any of the age related disability or infirmity.
- The scheme works by distributing free of cost devices, commensurate with the extent of disability or infirmity that is manifested among the eligible senior citizens.
 - The devices supported under the scheme are: Walking sticks, Elbow crutches, Walkers/Crutches, Hearing Aids, Wheelchair, Artificial Dentures and Spectacles.
- The scheme is expected to **benefit over 5 lakh Senior Citizens across the country**.

What are the Other Initiatives Related to Elderly in India?

- [National Policy on Older Persons \(NPOP\)](#).
- [National Social Assistance Programme](#).
- [Pradhan Mantri Vaya Vandana Yojana \(PMVVY\)](#).
- [SAMPANN Project](#).