



Progress of PMGSY in Jammu & Kashmir

Why in News?

Under the centrally sponsored [Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana \(PMGSY\)](#) nearly **3,500 projects, including 217 bridges, have been completed** over the past two decades in Jammu and Kashmir.

Key Points

- **Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY):**
 - PMGSY was launched on 25th December, 2000.
 - However, the PMGSY was **introduced in J&K in 2001-02** to provide **all-weather connectivity to rural habitations** with populations above 250, based on the [2001 Census](#).
 - **Objective:** To provide connectivity, by way of an all-weather road to unconnected habitations.
 - **Eligibility:** Unconnected habitations of designated population size (500+ in plain areas and 250+ in [North-Eastern States](#), [Himalayan States](#), [Deserts](#) and [Tribal Areas](#) as per 2001 census) in the core network for uplifting the socio-economic condition of the rural population.
- **Progress and Achievements of PMGSY in J&K:**
 - A total of 3,742 projects, including 305 bridges, with a road length of 20,801 km, have been approved since its inception.
 - As of now, 3,429 projects, including 217 bridges, have been completed, connecting 2,129 out of the targeted 2,140 habitations, with an expenditure of Rs 12,650 crore.
- **Recent developments of PMGSY in J&K:**
 - Over the last five years, PMGSY in J&K has received focused attention, significantly improving rural connectivity, especially in remote and hilly areas, aligning with the ["Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas" vision](#).
 - The uncompromising **quality standards for road and bridge construction to ensure durable and safe infrastructure** for the region was emphasized.
 - The need for **daily monitoring to address challenges and meet project timelines** effectively was highlighted.

Phases of Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY)

- **PMGSY - Phase I**
 - PMGSY - Phase I was launched in December, 2000 as a 100 % [centrally sponsored scheme](#).
 - Under the scheme, 1,35,436 habitations were targeted for providing road connectivity and 3.68 lakh km. for upgradation of existing rural roads in order to ensure full farm to market connectivity.
- **PMGSY - Phase II**
 - The Government subsequently launched **PMGSY-II in 2013** for **upgradation of 50,000 Kms of existing rural road network** to improve its overall efficiency.
 - While the ongoing PMGSY - I continued, under PMGSY phase II, the roads **already built for village connectivity were to be upgraded** to enhance rural infrastructure.
 - The cost was **shared between the centre and the states/UTs**.
- **PMGSY - Phase III**

- Phase III was approved by the Cabinet during July **2019**.
- It gives priorities to facilities like:
 - **Gramin Agricultural Markets (GrAMs)**
 - GrAMs are retail agricultural markets in close proximity to the farm gate that promote and service a more efficient transaction of the farmers' produce.
 - **Higher Secondary Schools and**
 - **Hospitals.**
- Under the PMGSY-III Scheme, it is proposed to consolidate **1,25,000 Km** road length in the States. The duration of the scheme is **2019-20 to 2024-25**.

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