



West Bengal's 'Amader Para Amader Samadhan' Initiative

Why in News?

The West Bengal state government launched the '**Amader Para Amader Samadhan**' programme (**APAS**), a transformative initiative designed to take the administration directly to the people.

Key Points

- **About: Amader Samadhan campaign (APAS)** is a unique flagship initiative aimed at institutionalising **participatory governance** and re-imagining **grassroots service delivery** through citizens-engagement and empowerment.
 - Its core goal is to **resolve grievances on the spot**, ensuring that citizens have access to immediate assistance and a direct connection with government officials.
- **Scope and Timeline: The program, running from 2nd August to 3rd November 2025, has received an overwhelming response, with over 4.5 lakh registrations across 1,200 camps statewide since its launch.**
 - Over 27,000 camps will be set up to cover all 80,000+ polling booths in West Bengal, **offering essential services** like road and drainage repair, school maintenance, and garbage management.
- **Funding and Scale: The government has allocated ₹8,000 crore, with ₹10 lakh dedicated for each booth to address hyper-local infrastructural needs (such as roads, water, street lighting, school repairs).**
- **Community-centric Model:**
 - Each camp typically covers three booths, but the structure is flexible: rural/remote areas might have one camp per booth, while urban sectors may cluster more booths together.
 - Neutral community representatives, like prominent non-political locals like retired teachers, government employees, or **Self Help Group(SHGs)** members, are chosen to help identify and prioritize each area's needs. A government facilitator also participates.
- **Transparency & Digital Records: All grievances and solutions are digitally managed. Citizens can submit problems directly, and local authorities are instructed to collect and digitally log issues for follow-up.**
 - Details for each camp (date, location) are published online; citizens can check their local schedule via a portal.
- **Inclusion of Self-Help Groups and Government Services: The camps also feature products from SHGs, offering a platform for local artisans and small businesses to display their goods.**
 - This inclusion ties into the broader mission of **economic empowerment** and **community development**.