



Bima Sakhi Yojana

Why in News?

Recently, the Prime Minister launched the '[Bima Sakhi Yojana](#)' of [Life Insurance Corporation](#) in Panipat, Haryana. During the occasion, he also **laid the foundation stone of** the Main campus of **Maharana Pratap Horticultural University, Karnal.**

Key Points

- **Bima Sakhi Yojana:**
 - It is designed for **women aged 18-70 years**, focusing on [financial literacy](#) and **insurance awareness**.
 - It includes training and a stipend for three years, with opportunities to become LIC agents or Development Officers and create employment for 2 lakh women.
 - It will strengthen the mission of ["Insurance for All,"](#) promoting [social security](#) and [eradicating poverty](#).
- **Maharana Pratap Horticulture University:**
 - It is spread over 495 acres, featuring research stations, a College of Horticulture, and five schools.
 - It aims to **diversify crops and promote world-class horticulture technologies**.
- **During the event the PM also highlighted:**
 - [Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao campaign](#) launched from Panipat, contributed to saving the lives of thousands of daughters in the last decade.
 - **Highlighted various initiatives for women, including:**
 - Training women as [Bank Sakhis](#), [Insurance Sakhis](#), and [Krishi Sakhis](#).
 - Increasing maternity leave to 26 weeks.
 - Introducing programs like [Jan Dhan Yojana](#) for [financial inclusion](#), with 30 crore women benefitting.
 - He emphasized [Self Help Groups \(SHGs\)](#) as a cornerstone of rural economic transformation, with over 10 crore women associated.
 - Highlighted achievements like the [Lakhpati Didi Campaign](#) which has enabled 1.15 crore women to earn over Rs 1 lakh annually.
 - He highlighted the transformation brought by Jan Dhan Yojana, ensuring direct transfer of benefits from schemes like:
 - [Kisan Kalyan Nidhi](#).
 - [Sukanya Samriddhi Yojana](#).
 - [Funds for housing and small businesses](#).

Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao Scheme

- **About:**
 - The Scheme was **launched by the Prime Minister on January 22, 2015** to **address the declining [Child Sex Ratio \(CSR\)](#)** and related issues of women's empowerment over a life-cycle continuum.
 - It is a **Tri-ministerial effort** of the Ministries of Women and Child Development (MW&CD), Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (**MH&FW**), and Ministry of Education.
- **Main Objectives:**

- Prevention of gender-biased sex-selective elimination.
- Ensuring survival & protection of the girl child.
- Ensuring education and participation of the girl child.
- Protecting rights of Girl children.

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