



Poverty Free Village Scheme

Why in News?

The Chief Minister of Rajasthan has announced to make 5000 villages of the state poverty free under “**Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya Poverty Free Village Scheme**” .

Key Points

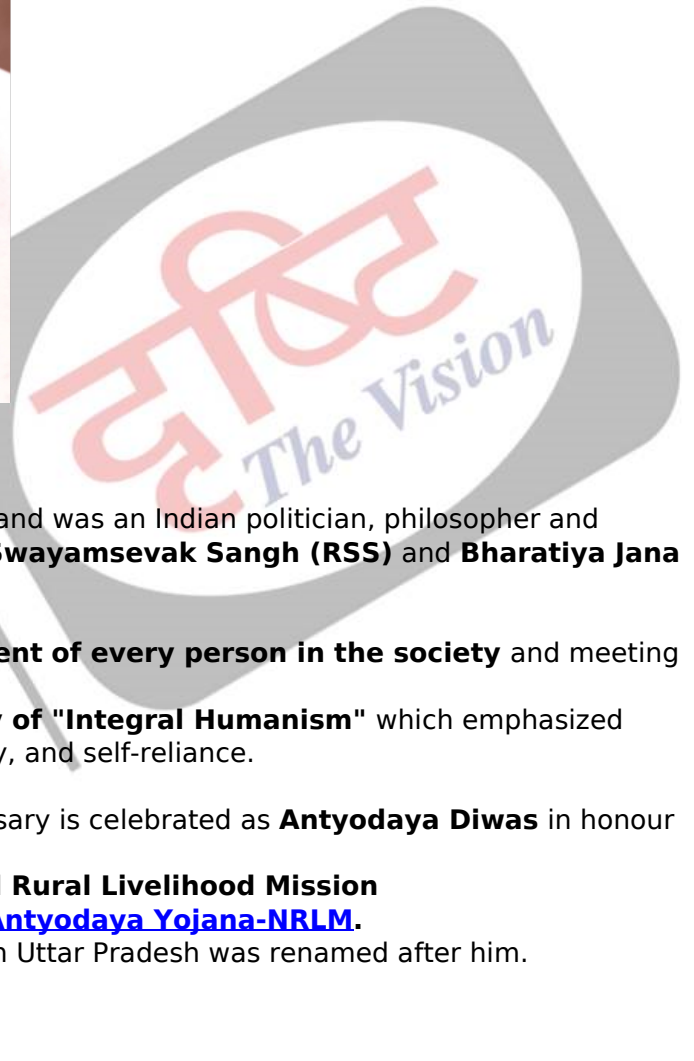
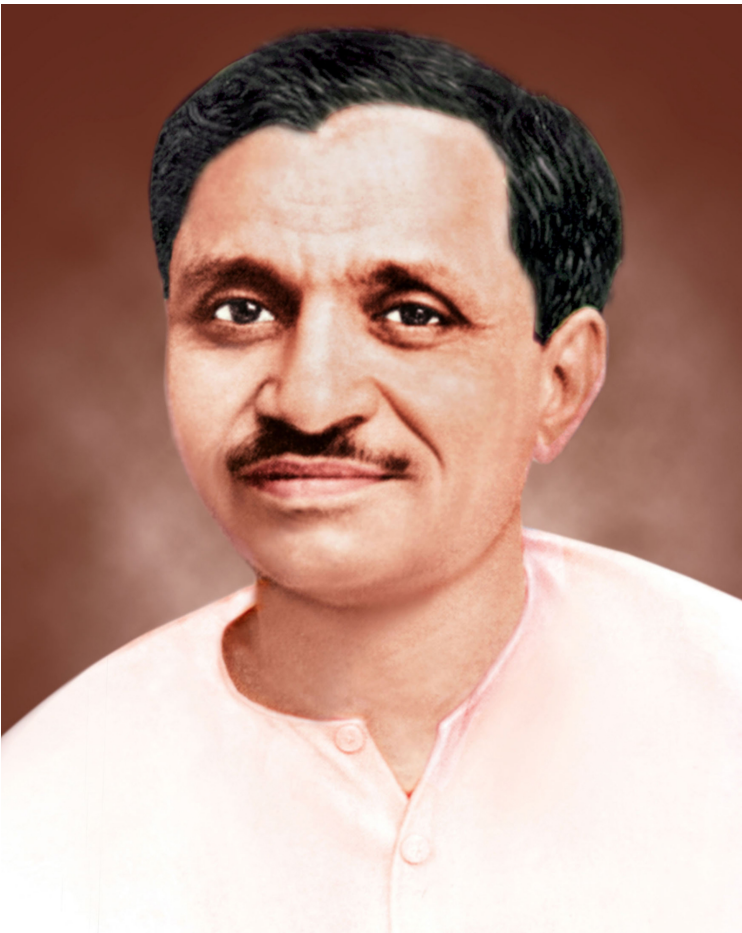
▪ About the Scheme:

- Under this scheme, an amount of **Rs 300 crore** has been sanctioned with the aim of bringing all **the Below Poverty Line families** of the identified villages **above the poverty line** .
- Under this, **leases will be provided** to people living in **illegal colonies** .
- In the first phase of the scheme, the **government will cover 5,000 villages**, offering **development initiatives, self-employment opportunities, skill enhancement programs, and financial assistance**, along with support in **education and healthcare**.
- Additionally, **better transportation facilities will be provided** to the villages through **Major District Roads (MDRs)**, enhancing connectivity and livelihood opportunities.

▪ Objective:

- This initiative **will strengthen the rural economy** and will be an **important step** towards **making the state poverty free** .
- **The aim of the government is to make** every citizen self-reliant and **eradicate poverty**.

Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyaya



▪ **About:**

- He was **born on 25 September 1916** and was an Indian politician, philosopher and ideologue or theorist of the **Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS)** and **Bharatiya Jana Sangh (BJS)**.

▪ **Contribution:**

- He focused on **Antyodaya i.e. upliftment of every person in the society** and meeting the needs of the most deprived .
- He was the **pioneer of the philosophy of "Integral Humanism"** which emphasized welfare, social justice, economic equality, and self-reliance.

▪ **Recognition:**

- **Since the year 2014**, his birth anniversary is celebrated as **Antyodaya Diwas** in honour of his contribution to the nation .
- In the year 2015 , the name of **National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM)** was **changed to Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-NRLM**.
- In the year 2018, Mughalsarai Junction in Uttar Pradesh was renamed after him.