



Development Projects Inaugurated in Bihar

Why in News?

The Prime Minister of India inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of various **development projects in Madhubani, Bihar.**

Key Points

▪ Rail Connectivity and Projects:

- The Prime Minister launched several important projects to boost rail connectivity.
 - **Amrit Bharat Express** between Saharsa and Mumbai , **Namo Bharat Rapid Train** between Jaynagar and Patna and trains between Pipra, Saharsa and Samastipur were flagged off. Along with this, new railway lines and bridges were inaugurated in Bihar.
- This will provide better transportation facilities in various parts of the state and promote socio-economic development.

▪ Power Projects:

- The foundation stone of projects worth Rs 1,170 crore was laid to strengthen the power infrastructure in Bihar.
- Several projects worth more than Rs 5,030 crore were also inaugurated under the **Restructured Distribution Area Scheme.**
 - This will **improve power supply in rural and urban areas** and give a new direction to development.

▪ Prime Minister Housing Scheme:

- Under this **scheme** , more than one lakh beneficiaries took home the house warming ceremony and keys were handed over to more than 54,000 beneficiaries.

▪ Assistance to Self Help Groups:

- [Under Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Rural Livelihoods Mission \(DAY-NRLM\)](#), assistance amount of about Rs 930 crore was distributed to more than two lakh [self-help groups](#) of Bihar under the Community Investment Fund.

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Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Gramin (PMAY-G)

- **Launch:** To achieve the objective of “**Housing for All**” , the erstwhile rural housing scheme **Indira Awas Yojana (IAY)** was restructured into **Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Gramin (PMAY-G)** as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme from 1 April 2016 .
- **Concerned Ministry:** Ministry of Rural Development.
- **Objective:** To provide assistance to rural people living **below poverty line (BPL)** for construction of housing units and upgradation of existing unusable kutcha houses by providing full subsidy.
- **Beneficiaries:** **Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes**, freed bonded labourers and persons belonging to non-SC/ST categories , widows or next of kin of defence personnel killed in war, ex-servicemen and retired members of paramilitary forces, **persons with disabilities and minorities.**
- **Selection of Beneficiaries:** Through three-step verification like **Socio-Economic Caste Census 2011 , Gram Sabha and Geo-tagging .**
- **Cost Sharing:** The Centre and the States share the cost in the ratio of 60:40 in case of plain areas and 90:10 in case of North Eastern States, two Himalayan States and the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir .
 - In case of other Union Territories including Union Territory of Ladakh, the Centre bears 100% of the cost .

Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana - Urban (PMAY-U)

- **Launch:** Launched on **25 June 2015**, the scheme aimed to provide housing for all in urban areas by the year 2022.
- **Concerned Ministry:** Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
- **Status:** A total of 118.64 lakh houses have been sanctioned and more than 88.02 lakh houses have been completed/delivered to the beneficiaries.
- **features:**
 - To address the urban housing shortage among the urban poor including slum dwellers by ensuring pucca houses to the eligible urban poor.
 - The Mission covers the entire urban area, including statutory towns , notified planning areas, development authorities, special area development authorities , industrial development authorities or authorities entrusted with the function of urban planning and regulation under State legislation.
 - The Mission promotes women empowerment by providing ownership of houses in the name of women members or in joint names.