



Government to Audit Ladli Behna List

Why in News?

The state government will audit the "**Ladli Behna**" **beneficiary list** to remove ineligible names before the monthly assistance **increases from Rs 1,250 to Rs 1,500 after Diwali**.

- A public appeal will be made, urging women who do not qualify for the scheme to **voluntarily withdraw**, followed by **departmental scrutiny** to remove any ineligible entries from the list.

Ladli Behna Yojana

- **About:** The scheme was **launched on 10th June 2023** by the then Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan.
 - Under this, **married women between 23 and 60 years of age** were initially given assistance of Rs 1,000, which was later increased to Rs 1,250 per month.
- **Objective:** Its main objective is to **economically empower the women of Madhya Pradesh**.
- **Eligibility and Rules:**
 - The annual income of the woman's family should be less than **Rs 2.5 lakh**.
 - No member of the family holds a government job.
 - Apart from this, the family should not have more than **5 acres of land, a tractor, or a four-wheeler**.
- **Current Status:** The scheme currently has over **1.26 crore women enrolled**, making it the state's largest [direct benefit transfer](#) programme, costing around Rs 1,550 crore per month.

Other Women-Centric Schemes

- **Ladli Laxmi Yojana:** **Launched in 2006**, the scheme **aims to secure the future of girl children** by improving their educational and economic status.
 - It also seeks to **promote a positive societal mindset towards the birth of a girl child** and reduce gender discrimination.
 - **Eligibility Criteria:** The scheme benefits parents who have **adopted family planning** after having two living children, ensuring population control.
 - Families must be **registered with an Anganwadi centre** and should not be income tax payers to qualify for the scheme.
 - **Financial Benefits:** The state government purchases [National Savings Certificates](#) worth Rs 6,000 annually in the girl's name from birth until the total reaches Rs 30,000.
 - When the girl turns 21 years old and if she has not married before the age of 18, she **receives a lump sum amount of Rs 1 lakh** as the final benefit under the scheme.
- **Usha Kiran Yojana:** The Usha Kiran Yojana, **launched** by the Government of Madhya Pradesh **in 2006**, **provides protection and legal support to women and children facing [domestic violence](#)**.
 - It functions under the provisions of the [Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005](#).
 - **Core Objectives:** The scheme seeks to safeguard victims from **physical, sexual,**

mental, emotional, and economic abuse.

- It aims to **ensure justice, dignity, and security for women and children** affected by domestic violence.
- **Target Beneficiaries:** The scheme **supports women of all ages**, irrespective of marital status.
 - It also **includes children under 18 years** who may be directly or indirectly affected by domestic violence.

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