



Scope of CM Housing Scheme (Rural) Expanded

Why in News?

The Uttar Pradesh government has expanded the Chief Minister's Housing Scheme (Rural) to **include marginalised OBC sub-castes**, ensuring more inclusive housing benefits for rural populations.

Key Points

▪ About:

- Launched in 2018, the Chief Minister's Rural Housing Scheme has been instrumental in **providing shelter to homeless** and economically backward families, including those affected by **natural disasters, leprosy, Kala-azar, and disability**.
- The scheme operates alongside the [Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana \(PMAY-Gramin\)](#) but specifically covers those excluded from central housing initiatives.
- **In 2024**, the government **included widowed women** between the ages of 18 to 50 years in the priority list, recognising their vulnerability and need for special support.

▪ Expansion of Beneficiary List:

- The government has added the **'Sapera' and 'Jogi' sub-castes** to the priority list of beneficiaries under the **Chief Minister's Housing Scheme (Rural)**.
- The 'Sapera' community, residing in **Mathura, Prayagraj, and Saharanpur** districts, and the 'Jogi' community, with approximately 200 families in the Maitha development block of **Kanpur Dehat district**, are now eligible for the scheme.
- Previously, the [Chero tribe](#) from **Sonbhadra and Varanasi** districts was also added to the priority list.

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