



PMUY Beneficiaries to Get Free LPG Refills

Why in News?

The Uttar Pradesh cabinet has approved the **distribution of two free LPG cylinders** to 18.6 million beneficiary families during Holi and Diwali under the [Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana \(PMUY\)](#), emphasising the government's support for **low-income households**.

- This initiative underscores the government's continued commitment to **women's health and empowerment**, with an estimated cost of Rs 1,385.34 crore for **providing the free refills**.

Key Points

- **About:**
 - The **Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas (MOPNG)** introduced the '**Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana**' (PMUY) as a flagship scheme with the objective of making **clean cooking fuel, such as LPG, available to the rural and deprived households**, which were otherwise using traditional cooking fuels such as firewood, coal, cow-dung cakes, etc.
- **Objectives:**
 - Empowering women and protecting their health.
 - **Reducing the number of deaths** in India due to unclean cooking fuel.
 - Preventing young children from a significant number of **acute respiratory illnesses** caused by indoor air pollution from burning fossil fuels.
- **Features:**
 - The scheme provides financial support of Rs 1600 for each LPG connection to [the BPL households](#).
 - Along with a deposit-free LPG connection, **Ujjwala 2.0** will provide the first refill and a hotplate free of cost to the beneficiaries.
- **Benefits of PMUY:**
 - The eligible beneficiaries receive a **free LPG connection**.
 - The beneficiaries also **receive a subsidy on the first six refills of 14.2 kg cylinders or eight refills of 5 kg cylinders**.
 - The beneficiaries **can opt for an EMI facility to pay for the cost of the stove and the first refill**.
 - The beneficiaries can also join the [PAHAL scheme](#) to receive the subsidy amount **directly in their bank accounts**.
- **Phases of PMUY:**
 - Ujjwala 1.0: The scheme, launched on 1st May 2016, aimed to provide 8 Crore LPG connections to deprived households by March 2020.
 - Ujjwala 2.0: To cover the remaining poor households, the Government launched Ujjwala 2.0 in August 2021.
 - Under Ujjwala 2.0, a special provision was made for migrant families, allowing them to avail a new LPG connection through a self-declaration instead of requiring Proof of Address and Ration Card.
- **Consumption Trends:** Globally, PMUY is the **biggest program of its kind** that provides Domestic LPG to more than 10.33 crore poor households at an effective price of just about Rs. 35/Kg.
- **Top States:** Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, and Rajasthan are the top states

leading the PMUY implementation.

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