



## PMUY Beneficiaries to Get Free LPG Refills | Uttar Pradesh | 01 Oct 2025

### 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

## Promulgation of District Mineral Foundation Trust Rules | Uttar Pradesh | 01 Oct 2025

### Why in News?

The Uttar Pradesh Cabinet has given approval for the **promulgation of the Uttar Pradesh District Mineral Foundation Trust (Third Amendment) Rules, 2025**, in line with the revised guidelines of the [Pradhan Mantri Khanij Kshetra Kalyan Yojana \(PMKKKY\)](#) issued in **January 2024** by the Ministry of Mines.

### Key Points

- **Objective:** The amendment aims to benefit individuals in areas **directly affected by mining operations** by utilising [District Mineral Foundation \(DMF\) funds](#) for community development and welfare activities.
- **Funds Allocation:** **70% of DMF funds** will be exclusively allocated for **drinking water supply, environmental protection, health care, education, and skill development** in mining-affected areas.
  - The remaining **30% of funds** can be utilised for **physical infrastructure, irrigation, alternative energy sources, etc.**
- **Financial Impact:** The promulgation of the revised rules will **not impose any financial burden** on the state government.
- **Monitoring Systems:** A **state-level monitoring committee** will be set up, chaired by the [Chief Secretary](#), to oversee the implementation of works under **PMKKKY** and ensure effective use of the DMF funds.

### District Mineral Foundation (DMF)

- **About:** As per the **Mines and Minerals Development Regulation (Amendment) Act, 2015**, in every district affected by mining-related operations, the state government shall, by notification, **establish a trust as a non-profit body** to be called the District Mineral Foundation.
- **DMF Funds:** Each mining leaseholder will pay a portion of the royalty, not exceeding one-third of the total royalty, to the DMF, in accordance with the rates prescribed by the Central Government.
- **Functioning:** The functioning of the **DMF Trusts and the utilisation of funds, governed by the respective States' DMF Rules**, incorporates the mandates of the central guideline, PMKKKY.

### Pradhan Mantri Khanij Kshetra Kalyan Yojana (PMKKKY)

- **Nodal Ministry:** Launched in 2025, PMKKKY is a scheme by the **Ministry of Mines** for the welfare of people & affected areas by using the funds accrued under the District Mineral Foundation (DMF).
- **Objectives:** Implement welfare projects in mining areas to complement government schemes, mitigate adverse impacts, and ensure sustainable livelihoods.
- **PMKKKY 2024 Guidelines:** PMKKKY 2024 **mandates that at least 70% of DMF funds** must be spent on **High Priority Sectors**, which directly impact the well-being of mining-affected communities.

