

Rural Development

The policy and programs of Rural Development aim at alleviating rural poverty, generating employment and removing hunger and malnourishment accompanied by the enrichment of the quality of human life as reflected by significantly improved human development index. The problem of rural development, however, is not merely one of development of rural areas but of the development of rural communities to dispel ignorance and poverty and assist the process of creating a self-reliant and self-sustaining, healthy modern little communities.

The entire planning exercise aims at:

- [i] Optimum utilization of the growth potential of the villages to increase income, employment, and production.
- [ii] Ensuring a proportionate gain of development to the weaker sections of the society
- [iii] Fulfilling the minimum needs of the people
- [iv] Augmenting the duration and productivity of employment in their existing occupations, inter alia, through upgradation of technology, imparting required skills and setting up of non-exploitative institutions for credit, marketing and services
- [v] Alleviating chronic unemployment through employment on public works
- [vi] Building up of social and economic infrastructure
- [vii] Be orienting existing institutions and organizations in order to protect the interest of the poor
- [viii] Building up of appropriate organizations of the rural poor especially to protect them from the exploitation.
- [ix] Promotion of a progressively more egalitarian structure of ownership of assets.

Major Schemes presently under implementation:

- 1. MGNREGA.**
- 2. Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojna (Ghramin) PMAY(G)**
- 3. Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM)**

MGNREGA

Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA), earlier known as National Rural Employment Guarantee Act 2005, was formulated with an aim to enhance the livelihood security of people in rural areas by guaranteeing **hundred days of wage employment in a financial year to a rural household whose adult members volunteer to do unskilled manual work.**

Achievements under MGNREGA during 2020-21:-

1. 10.00 Lakh days of labour employment provided to Rural Manual Laborers.
2. 1265 assets created

Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojna Gramin (PMAY G)

The Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) Scheme was launched by the Government of India to boost the affordability of houses against an inflated real estate sector. The scheme aims to achieve its objective of “Housing for All” by 31 March 2022, the 150th birth anniversary year of Mahatma Gandhi, by constructing 20 million houses across the nation. Under the scheme financial assistance to the tune of Rs. 1.30 Lakhs is provided for construction of Pucca Houses.

Eligibility:- Rural BPL Families living in Kutcha houses.

Achievements:

505 sanctions have been made till date in District Pulwama, out of which all 505 have been provided financial assistance.

Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin).

Initiated by the Government of India, the mission aimed to achieve an "open-defecation free" (ODF) India by 2 October 2019, the 150th anniversary of the birth of Mahatma Gandhi. The objectives of the first phase of the mission also included eradication of manual scavenging, generating awareness and bringing about a behavior change regarding sanitation practices, and augmentation of capacity at the local level. The second phase of the mission aims to sustain the open defecation free status and improve the management of solid and liquid waste.

Achievements:

District Pulwama has already been declared as Open Defecation Free District on 26th of April 2018.

Under the Scheme 42670 Individual Household Latrine units(IHHLs) and 109 Community Sanitary Complexes (CSCs) have been constructed in the District.

Eligibility for IHHL Assistance under SBM(G):- Rural Households Lacking Toilet Facility.

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