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Major social welfare schemes (2014-2021) and other recent developments

- A Progress Report

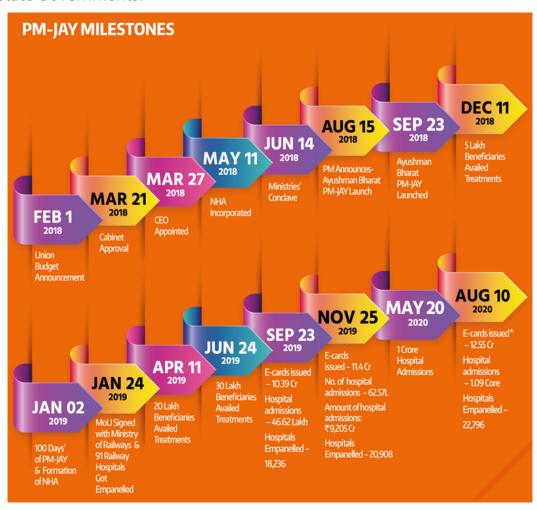
1. AYUSHMAN BHARAT

Ayushman Bharat is the largest government-funded healthcare programme in the world with over 50 crore beneficiaries, launched in 2018 to achieve Universal Health Coverage (UHC). The scheme addresses health issues at all levels-primary, secondary, and tertiary. It has two interconnected components; 1) - Health and Wellness Centres (HWCs), and 2)-Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PM-JAY).

Health and Wellness Centers (HWCs): In February 2018, the Government announced the creation of 1,50,000 Health and Wellness Centres (HWCs) by transforming the existing Sub Centres and Primary Health Centres. They cover both, maternal and child health services and non-communicable diseases, including free essential drugs and diagnostic services. PM-JAY covers the financial protection for availing healthcare services at the secondary and tertiary levels.

Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PM-JAY): Ayushman Bharat PM-JAY is the largest health assurance scheme in the world which aims at providing a health cover of Rs. 5 lakhs per family per year for secondary and tertiary care hospitalization to over 10.74 crores poor and vulnerable families (approximately 50 crore beneficiaries) that form the bottom 40% of the Indian population. The households included are based on the deprivation and occupational criteria of Socio-Economic Caste Census 2011 (SECC 2011) for rural and urban areas respectively.

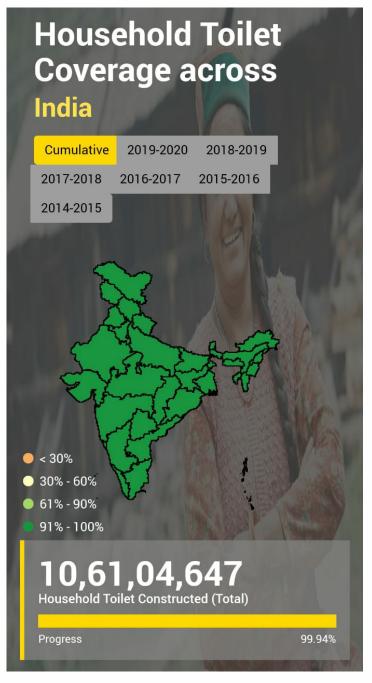
PM-JAY is fully funded by the Government and cost of implementation is shared between the Central and State Governments.

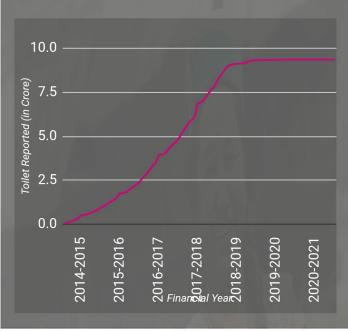


2. SWACHH BHARAT ABHIYAN

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Launched the ambitious "Swachh Bharat Abhiyan" (Clean India Mission) on the occasion of Mahatama Gandhi's 145th birth anniversary, on 2nd October 2014. Under the mission, all villages, Gram Panchayats, Districts, States and Union Territories in India declared themselves "open-defecation free" (ODF) by 2 October 2019, by constructing over 100 million toilets in rural India. To ensure that the open defecation free behaviors are sustained, no one is left behind, and that solid and liquid waste management facilities are accessible, the Mission is moving towards the next Phase II of SBMG i.e. ODF-Plus. ODF Plus activities under Phase II of Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen) will reinforce ODF behaviors and focus on providing interventions for the safe management of solid and liquid waste in villages.

The government in the Union Budget 2021 allocated Rs 1,41,678 crores for the Swachh Bharat Mission (U) 2.0.



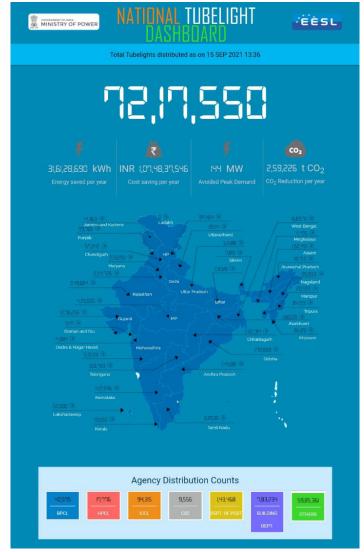


3. UJALA

On 5th January 2015 Unnat Jyoti by Affordable LED for All (UJALA) program was launched by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. Under UJALA scheme, LED bulbs, LED Tube lights and Energy efficient fans are being provided to domestic consumers for replacement of conventional and inefficient variant.

Till date, over 36.70 crore LED bulbs, 72.09 lakh LED Tube lights and 23.41 lakh Energy efficient fans distributed by EESL across India. This has resulted in estimated energy savings of 47.98 billion kWh per year with avoided peak demand of 9,747 MW, GHG emission reduction of 39 million CO2 per year and estimated annual monetary savings of INR 19,156 crore in consumer electricity bills.

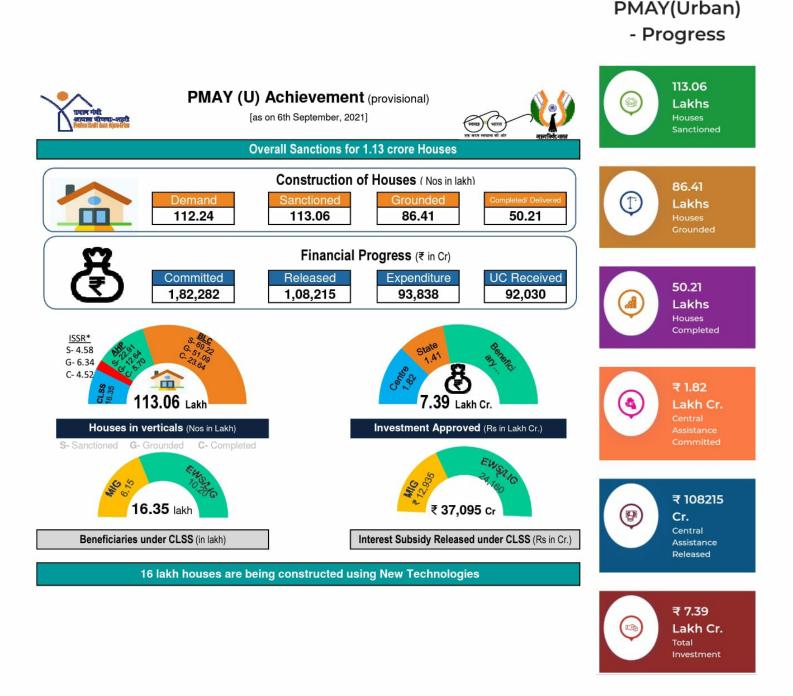




4. Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban)-PMAY (U)

Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) Mission launched on 25th June 2015 which intends to provide housing for all in urban areas by year 2022. The Mission provides Central Assistance to the implementing agencies through States/Union Territories (UTs) and Central Nodal Agencies (CNAs) for providing houses to all eligible families/ beneficiaries against the validated demand for houses for about 1.12 cr. As per PMAY(U) guidelines, the size of a house for Economically Weaker Section (EWS) could be upto 30 sq. mt. carpet area, however States/UTs have the flexibility to enhance the size of houses in consultation and approval of the Ministry.

In continuation to this Government's efforts towards empowerment of women from EWS and LIG unlike earlier schemes, PMAY (U) has made a mandatory provision for the female head of the family to be the owner or co-owner of the house under this Mission.



5. Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana (Gramin)

Housing for all by 2022, the rural housing scheme Indira Awas Yojana has been revamped to Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana (Gramin) and approved by Modi Government in March 2016. Under the scheme, financial assistance is provided for construction of pucca house to all houseless and households living in dilapidated houses. The scheme would be implemented in rural areas throughout India except Delhi and Chandigarh. The cost of houses would be shared between Centre and States.

Under PMAY, the cost of unit assistance is to be shared between Central and State Governments in the ratio 60:40 in plain areas and 90:10 for North Eastern and hilly states. The unit assistance given to beneficiaries under the programme is Rs 1,20,000 in plain areas and to Rs 1,30,000 in hilly states/difficult areas /Integrated Action Plan (IAP) for Selected Tribal and Backward Districts. The unit size is 25 sq.m including a dedicated area for hygienic cooking. The beneficiary is entitled to 90 days of unskilled labour from MGNREGA.

The beneficiary would be facilitated to avail loan of up to Rs.70,000/- for construction of the house which is optional.

Funds are directly transferred electronically to the account of the beneficiary.



Other Developments

India-US sign Air-Launched Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV) Co-Development Project Agreement

The project is valued at more than \$22 million with costs shared equally, and marks the largest-ever defense Research, Development, Test and Evaluation collaboration between the United States and India. The objectives are the Design, Development, Demonstration, Test and Evaluation of technologies including physical hardware such as small UAVs, avionics, payload power, propulsion, and launch systems through prototyping that meet the operational requirements of the Indian and U.S. Air Forces. The co-development project will be carried out jointly between the U.S. Air Force Research Lab (AFRL) and India's Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).

India's GDP growth accelerates to 20.1% in the first quarter of the financial year 2022.

India's economy grew at a record pace of 20.1 per cent in April-June 2021 compared with the corresponding period last year. Growth in the first quarter of the financial year 2022 was led by the manufacturing, mining and construction sectors, while the agriculture sector also provided strong support.

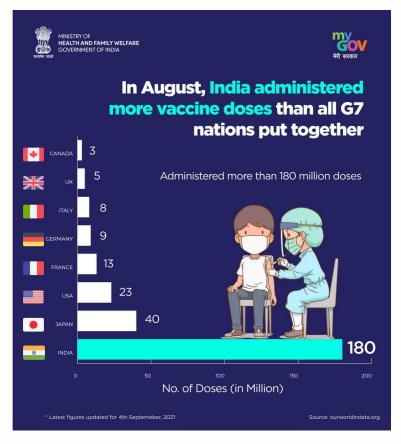
- Sector-wise growth in Q1, FY22 (8 Core Sectors)
 - 1. Mining 18.6%
 - 2. Construction 68.3%
 - 3. Manufacturing 49.6%
 - 4. Agriculture, Forestry & Fishing 4.5%
 - 5. Electricity, Gas, Water & Other Utility Services 14.3%
 - 6. Trade, Hotel, Transport, Broadcasting Services 34.3%
 - 7. Financials, Real Estate, & Professional Services 3.7%
 - 8. Public Administration, Defence & other Services 5.8 %

Covid-19 Vaccination Update

• On 17th September 2021, India administered a record number of over 2.50 Crore vaccines on the occasion of PM Shri Narendra Modi's 71st birthday.



• In August India administered more vaccine doses than all the G7 nations put together.



Conversion Table:

=	1 lac
=	10 lac
=	1 crore
=	100 crores
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