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## Madhya Pradesh to Develop Sites Associated with Lord Krishna | Madhya Pradesh | 29 Feb 2024

### Why in News?

After announcing plans to develop the ['Ram Van Gaman Path'](#), the Madhya Pradesh government will also develop places in the state associated with Lord Krishna.

- 'Ram Van Gaman Path' is the **route believed to be taken by Lord Ram** when he headed for **exile in the forest**.

### Key Points

- The Chief Minister told officials of the [Tourism and Culture Department](#) that necessary arrangements should also be made for **pilgrims at the places visited by Lord Krishna** in the state.
  - **Lord Krishna went to Ujjain** in the state from Mathura and **stayed at sage Sandipani's Ashram** where he learned various arts and studied the Vedas.
  - Narayan Dham at Amjhera in Dhar district and the Mahidpur tehsil of Ujjain district also have special religious significance.
    - **Amjhera** has many ancient temples of **Shaiva and Vaishnava sects and is associated with Lord Krishna and Rukmani**.
    - **Narayan Dham** has the **only temple in the world** where Lord Krishna is seen **with his friend Sudama**.
- **Better facilities and infrastructure** will increase the flow of **tourists and devotees** to these places.
- **International Gita and Ramayana Mahotsav (festival)** can be held in the near future by involving the common people, and manufacturing of miniature statues of gods and goddesses should be encouraged for helping the local economy.

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## CAG Flags Faults in Madhya Pradesh PM Awas Yojana | Madhya Pradesh | 29 Feb 2024

### Why in News?

The [Comptroller and Auditor General of India](#) has flagged irregularities in the implementation of the [Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana - Gramin \(PMAY-G\)](#) in Madhya Pradesh.

### Key Points

- The public housing programme was **introduced by the Centre in 2016** as an instrument of

poverty alleviation. Its **aim was to provide pucca houses with basic amenities** to those living in kutcha and dilapidated houses in rural areas **by 2022**.

- In the **Interim Budget 2024**, the Ministry of Finance announced the construction of **2 crore additional houses over the next 5 years** under the PMAY-G.
- The CAG report looks into the scheme's implementation from 2016-21, when 26,28,525 houses were sanctioned and Rs 24,723 crore was paid to beneficiaries.
- The report states that:
  - Out of the sanctioned houses, 82.35% were completed.
  - Though the **scheme mandates that households with a vehicle or fishing boat be excluded**, 2,037 beneficiaries had two/three/four wheeler before sanction of a house in the 10 audited districts.
  - PMAY-G assistance of Rs 15.66 crore to 1,555 out of **2,037 ineligible beneficiaries**.
  - Houses were **sanctioned twice** to the same beneficiary **in 64 cases**. In 98 cases, one house was sanctioned to the actual beneficiary and another to his/her family members who were not identified for the scheme.
  - There is **no system to alert in the portal to identify duplication** of beneficiaries.
  - Out of a total 18,935 sanctioned cases, **8,226 beneficiaries superseded the more deprived beneficiaries** in the priority list.
  - The report also noticed **delays in disbursing installments** to beneficiaries which led to a delay in constructing the homes.
  - In **90 cases PMAY-G house was sanctioned to minors** and benefit was provided to their relatives.
  - **Awaas Soft** data was scrutinized as **names of the beneficiaries were not mentioned** in 1,246 instances and in 950 cases, the benefit was released.
    - Awaas Soft, a web-based transactional electronic service delivery platform, used in implementation and monitoring of the scheme.
  - The **framework of the scheme** stipulates that "allotment of house shall be made jointly in the name of husband and wife except in the case of a widow/unmarried/separated person" **was also violated**.

## Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana - Gramin (PMAY-G)

- To achieve the objective of "**Housing for All**" by 2022, the erstwhile rural housing scheme **Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY) was restructured to Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Gramin (PMAY-G)** with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2016.
- The Ministry Involved is the **Ministry of Rural development**.
- It aims to **help rural people Below the Poverty Line (BPL) in construction of dwelling units** and upgradation of existing unserviceable kutcha houses by providing assistance in the form of a full grant.
- Beneficiaries include the people belonging to SCs/STs, freed bonded labourers and non-SC/ST categories, widows or next-of-kin of defence personnel killed in action, ex servicemen and retired members of the paramilitary forces, disabled persons and minorities.
- The cost of unit assistance is shared between Central and State Governments in the ratio **60:40 in plain areas and 90:10 for North Eastern and hilly states**.

## Comptroller and Auditor General of India

- **Article 148** provides for an independent office of the CAG. It is the supreme audit institution of India.
  - **Other Provisions Related to CAG Include:** Articles 149-151 (Duties & Powers, Form of Accounts of the Union and the States and Audit Reports), **Article 279** (calculation of net proceeds, etc.) and **Third Schedule** (Oath or Affirmation) and **Sixth Schedule** (Administration of Tribal Areas in the States of Assam, Meghalaya, Tripura and Mizoram).
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