



Bihar Requests Funds Under PMAY-G | Bihar | 30 Aug 2024

Why in News?

Recently, The **Rural Development Department (RDD) of Bihar** has sent a new request to the **Ministry of rural development** to approve Rs. 13.5 lakh additional housing units for homeless families under [Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Gramin \(PMAY-G\)](#).

Key Points

- The RDD has constructed 36.64 lakh dwelling units out of the total 37 lakh units that were sanctioned under the PMAY-G during the period from 2016-17 to 2023-24.
- **Each beneficiary under PMAY-G gets Rs 1.30 lakh** for a dwelling unit, along **with labour cost** as per rates **under rural employment guarantee scheme** [Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act \(MGNREGA\)](#).

Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana- Gramin (PMAY-G)

- **Launch:**
 - To achieve the objective of **“Housing for All” by 2022**, the erstwhile rural housing scheme [Indira Awas Yojana \(IAY\)](#) was restructured to Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Gramin (PMAY-G) from 1st April 2016, as a [centrally sponsored scheme](#).
 - However, the government missed this target and in **August 2022** extended the deadline for ensuring **“Housing for All” to December 2024**.
- **Ministry Involved:**
 - Ministry of Rural Development.
- **Status:**
 - States/UTs have **sanctioned 2.85 crore houses to the beneficiaries** and 2.22 crore houses have been completed till March 2023.
- **Aim:**
 - To provide a pucca house with basic amenities to all rural families, who are homeless or living in kutcha or dilapidated houses by the end of March 2022.
 - To help rural people [Below the Poverty Line \(BPL\)](#) in the construction of dwelling units and upgradation of existing unserviceable kutcha houses by assisting in the form of a full grant.
- **Beneficiaries:**
 - 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](#).
- **Selection of Beneficiaries:**
 - Through a three-stage validation such as [Socio-Economic Caste Census 2011](#), [Gram Sabha](#), and [geo-tagging](#).
- **Cost Sharing:**
 - The Centre and states share expenses in 60:40 ratio in case of plain areas, and in **90:10 ratio for northeastern states**, two Himalayan states and the UT of Jammu and Kashmir.
 - The Centre bears **100% cost in case of other Union Territories, including the UT of Ladakh**.

Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA)

- **About:**
- MGNREGA is one of the **largest work guarantee programmes in the world launched in 2005** by the [Ministry of Rural development](#).
- It provides a **legal guarantee for one hundred days of employment in every financial year to adult members of any rural household** willing to do public work-related unskilled manual work at the statutory minimum wage.
 - **Active workers:** 14.32 Crore (2023-24)
- **Major Features:**
 - The **cornerstone of MGNREGA's design is its legal guarantee**, ensuring that any rural adult can **request work and must receive it within 15 days**.
 - If this commitment is not met, an "[unemployment allowance](#)" must be provided.
 - It requires that priority shall be given to women in such a way that at least one-third of the beneficiaries shall be women who have registered and requested for work.
 - Section 17 of the MGNREGA has mandated **Social audit of all Works** executed under the MGNREGA.
- **Implementation Agency:**
 - **The Ministry of Rural Development (MRD)**, Govt of India is monitoring the entire implementation of this scheme in association with state governments.

Bihar's First Sports Academy and University | Bihar | 30 Aug 2024

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Recently, On the occasion of [National Sports Day](#) Bihar chief minister inaugurated the state's first **Sports Academy and Bihar Sports University** which is a part of the [International Sports Complex in Rajgir](#).

Key Points

- **The International Sports Complex** will be a **venue for training in 24 sports disciplines** simultaneously.
 - The players will be provided all the facilities including **training, accommodation and medical facilities**, on the same campus.
 - The complex includes a main **cricket stadium**, along with **eight smaller stadiums, a world-class sports library and training centres** for various sports.
 - The main stadium will have a seating capacity of about 50,000 spectators, while the smaller stadiums will have a seating arrangement for 10,000 spectators.
 - It includes facilities for [athletics](#), [football](#), [hockey](#), [volleyball](#), [kabaddi](#), and many **other sports**.
- According to the sources, Rajgir would be hosting the six-nation's [Asian Women Hockey Championship in November](#).
- The state government approved the establishment of **Bihar Sports University in July 2021**.
 - The primary objectives of this university are to **promote sports education in the domains of physical education, sports science, sports technology, sports management, and sports training** within the state of Bihar.
 - The university is envisioned to serve as a **high-level research and training center for sports**.

National Sports Day

- **About:**

- The day was **first designated and celebrated in 2012 as India's National Sports Day.**
 - The nation celebrates the day **honouring our sports stars.**
 - The president gives away sports awards such as the [Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award](#), [Arjuna Award](#), [Dronacharya Award](#), and [Dhyan Chand Awards](#) on this occasion.
- **Significance:**
- The primary motto of National Sports Day is to **promote awareness about the significance of sports and being physically active in day-to-day life.**
 - The Government of India organises various programs, events, seminars etc to raise awareness about the significance of National Sports Day.

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