

Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban

For Prelims: Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY)- Urban, Geotagging

For Mains: PMAY-U, Welfare Schemes, Government Policies and Interventions

Why in News?

Recently, **Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY)- Urban** has completed **seven years** of successful implementation.

With a total investment of Rs 8.31 Lakh Crore, PMAY-U has so far sanctioned 122.69 lakh houses, out of which more than 1 crore houses have been grounded and over 61 lakh houses have been completed and delivered to the beneficiaries.





What is Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban?

- About:
 - Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) falls under the Government's mission Housing for All by 2022 for urban housing being implemented by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA).
 - It makes home loans affordable for the urban poor by providing a subsidy on the Interest Rate of a home loan during repayment by way of EMI (Equated Monthly Installments).
- Beneficiaries:
 - The Mission addresses urban housing shortage among the EWS/LIG and MIG categories including the slum dwellers.
 - Economically Weaker Section (EWS) with a maximum annual family income of Rs. 3,00,000.
 - Low Income Group (LIG) with maximum annual family income of Rs. 6,00,000) and
 - Middle Income Groups (MIG I & II) with a maximum annual family income of Rs. 18,00,000)
 - A beneficiary family will comprise husband, wife, unmarried sons and/or unmarried daughters.
- Four Verticals of PMAY-U:
 - In Situ Slum Redevelopment (ISSR):
 - This vertical will be implemented with the concept **"Land as a resource"** with private sector participation for providing houses to eligible slum dwellers.
 - Slum: It is a compact area of at least 300 people or about 60 70

households of poorly built congested tenements in an unhygienic environment usually with inadequate infrastructure and lacking in proper sanitary and drinking water facilities

- Affordable Housing through Credit Linked Subsidy (CLSS):
 - Beneficiaries of **EWS**, **LIG**, **MIG** (**I &II**) seeking housing loans from Banks, Housing Finance Companies and other such institutions for acquiring, new construction or enhancement of houses are **eligible for an interest subsidy of:**
 - 6.5% on loan amount up to Rs. 6 Lakh
 - 4% on loan amount up to Rs. 9 Lakh
 - 3% on loan amount up to Rs. 12 Lakh
- Affordable Housing Through Partnership (AHP):
 - An affordable housing project can be a mix of houses for different categories but it will be eligible for Central Assistance, if at least 35% of the houses in the project are in the EWS category.
- Beneficiary-led individual house construction (BLC):
 - Central Assistance up to Rs. 1.5 lakh per EWS house is provided to eligible families belonging to EWS categories for individual house construction/ enhancement.

Demand-driven Approach:

- PMAY-U adopts a demand-driven approach strengthening the ethos of cooperative federalism, housing shortage is decided based on demand assessment by States/Union Territories (UTs).
- The Mission is implemented as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) except the CLSS vertical of the PMAY-U which is being implemented as a Central Sector Scheme.
 - <u>Central Sector Schemes</u> are 100% funded by the Union government and implemented by the Central Government machinery.
 - <u>Centrally Sponsored Scheme</u> (CSS) a <u>certain percentage</u> of the funding is borne by the States and the implementation is by the State Governments.

Geotagging:

- Geotagging is a process of adding geographical identification to various media like photography.
 - Under the PMAY-U guidelines, it is mandatory for the state government to ensure that all houses built under the scheme are geotagged to the Bhuvan HFA (housing for all) application.
 - Bhuvan is an Indian Geo Platform developed by the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO).
 - It is a web-based application which allows users to access various map related services.

Women Empowerment:

- The Mission promotes <u>Woman Empowerment</u> by providing the ownership of houses in the name of a female member or in joint names.
- Preference is also given to women (with overriding preference to widows, single women), persons belonging to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes/Other Backward Classes, Minorities, Persons with disabilities and Transgender.

Initiatives under PMAY-U:

- Affordable Rental Housing Complexes (ARHCs):
 - It is a **sub-scheme** under PMAY-U.
 - This will provide ease of living to urban migrants/ poor in the Industrial Sector
 as well as in non-formal urban economies to get access to dignified affordable
 rental housing close to their workplace.
- Global Housing Technology Challenge:
 - It aims to identify and mainstream a basket of **innovative construction technologies** from across the globe for the housing construction sector that are **sustainable**, **eco-friendly and disaster-resilient**.
- CLSS Awas Portal (CLAP):
 - It is a **common platform** where all stakeholders i.e., **MoHUA**, **Central Nodal Agencies**, **Primary Lending Institutions**, **Beneficiaries and Citizens** are integrated in a real-time environment.
 - The portal facilitates processing of applications along with tracking of subsidy

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