



Upgradation of 108 Roads in Uttarakhand

Why in News?

Recently, the Centre has approved the upgradation of 108 roads in Uttarakhand under the [Pradhan Mantri Gramin Sadak Yojana \(PMGSY\)](#).

Key Points

- **108 roads** covering a **total length of 1,197.207 km** in Uttarakhand will be upgraded at an **estimated cost of Rs 967.73 crore** under PMGSY -III.
- Out of the **total Rs 967.73 crore**, the **Centre will give Rs 803.85 crore** and the **remaining Rs 163.88 crore** will be borne **by the state government**.
- The approval is being given in acknowledgement of the fact that the hilly areas are hit by **natural disasters** every year and people in the hills have to face various hardships.

Pradhan Mantri Gramin Sadak Yojana (PMGSY)

- It was launched on 25th December, 2000 with an objective to provide connectivity, by way of an all-weather road to unconnected habitations.
- PMGSY - Phase III
 - Phase III was approved by the Cabinet during July **2019**.
 - It gives priorities to facilities like:
 - **Gramin Agricultural Markets (GrAMs)**
 - GrAMs are retail agricultural markets in close proximity to the farm gate that promote and service a more efficient transaction of the farmers' produce.
 - **Higher Secondary Schools and Hospitals.**
 - Under the PMGSY-III Scheme, it is proposed to consolidate **1,25,000 Km** road length in the States. The duration of the scheme is **2019-20 to 2024-25**.