



Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana

Why in News?

The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment will distribute 4,800 daily living aids and assistive devices among 895 senior citizen beneficiaries under [Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana \(RVY\)](#).

What is Rashtriya Vayoshree Yojana?

▪ About:

- It was launched in 2017 by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.
- It is a [central sector scheme](#) funded from the **Senior Citizens' Welfare Fund**. The fund was notified in the year 2016.

- All unclaimed amounts from small savings accounts, PPF and EPF are transferred to this fund.

▪ Aim:

- It aims to provide aids and assistive living devices to [senior citizens](#) belonging to **Below Poverty Line (BPL)** category who suffer from **age-related disabilities such as low vision, hearing impairment, loss of teeth** and locomotor disabilities.

- The aids and assistive devices, viz walking sticks, elbow crutches, walkers/crutches, tripods/quad pods, hearing aids, wheelchairs, artificial dentures and spectacles are provided to eligible beneficiaries.
- As per the Census figures of 2011, the population of senior citizens in India is 10.38 crore. More than 70% of the population of senior citizens live in rural areas of the country. A sizeable percentage (5.2%) of the senior citizens suffers from some sort of disabilities related to old age.

▪ Implementation:

- The Scheme is being implemented by the **Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation (ALIMCO)**, a PSU (Public Sector Undertaking) under the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.

What are the other Schemes Related to Elderly?

- [SAMPANN Project](#)
- [SACRED Portal for Elderly](#)
- [Elder Line: Toll-Free Number for Elderly](#)
- [SAGE \(Seniorcare Aging Growth Engine\) Initiative](#)
- [Integrated Programme for Older Persons \(IPOP\)](#)
- [Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme \(IGNOAPS\)](#).
- [The Pradhan Mantri Vaya Vandana Yojana](#)
- [Vayoshreshtha](#)
- [Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens \(MWPSA\) Act, 2007](#)

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