

Grameen Credit Score

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<u>Union Budget 2025-26</u> has introduced the **Grameen Credit Score (GCS)** framework to address the credit needs of <u>Self Help Groups (SHGs)</u> and rural populations.

Grameen Credit Score:

- About: It is developed by public sector banks to assess the creditworthiness of rural individuals, facilitating easier access to loans.
 - It aims to improve repayment discipline and reduce fraud by providing a more accurate evaluation of borrowers in rural areas.
- Impact: It will strengthen microfinance, boost <u>financial inclusion</u>, and support sectors like <u>agriculture</u>, <u>rural development</u>, and <u>MSMEs</u>.
 - GCS will complement existing **microfinance models** and work alongside credit scores like **CIBIL** and **CRIF Highmark** for assessing loans.
 - This score will be integrated with the **SVAMITVA Scheme**.

Other Initiatives:

- Transformation of India Post: The <u>Union Budget 2025</u> proposed transforming India Post into a major public logistics organization, utilizing its vast rural network of 1.5 lakh post offices and 2.4 lakh Dak Sevaks.
- Support for <u>National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC)</u>: Rs 500 crore Grant-in-aid allocated for strengthening cooperative sugar mills to boost cooperative sector lending.

Read More: Union Budget 2025-26, Economic Survey 2024-25, SVAMITVA Scheme

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