



25th Anniversary of PMGSY

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Subject Preference: GS Paper III (Infrastructure, Rural Development)

- **The Basics:** Launched on **Dec 25, 2000**, PMGSY is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme to provide all-weather road connectivity to unconnected habitations.
- **Background & Evolution:**
- **Phase I:** Basic connectivity for habitations with 500+ population (250+ in hills/deserts).
- **Phase III (2019):** Upgrading 1.25 lakh km of existing rural roads to improve access to *GrAMs* (Gramin Agricultural Markets), schools, and hospitals.
- **Phase IV (2024-29):** New phase targeting "final-mile" connectivity for 25,000 habitations in remote tribal and border areas.
- **Milestone (Dec 2025):** Approximately **95% (7.87 lakh km)** of sanctioned roads are complete.
- **UPSC Insight:** Mention the use of **Green Technology** (waste plastic, cold mix) and **GIS-based** monitoring (OMMAS).