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# Pradhan Mantri Adi Adarsh Gram Yojna

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**Why is in news?** Pradhan Mantri Adi Adarsh Gram Yojna aims at transforming villages with significant tribal population into model village

Ministry of Tribal Affairs has **revamped the existing Scheme of 'Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub-Scheme (SCA to TSS)** with nomenclature 'Pradhan Mantri Adi Adarsh Gram Yojna (PMAAGY)', for implementation during 2021-22 to 2025-26, which aims at transforming villages with significant tribal population into model village (Adarsh Gram) covering about population of 4.22 crore (About 40% of the total Tribal Population).

It is envisaged to cover 36,428 villages having **at least 50% tribal population** and 500 STs across States / UTs with notified STs.

The main objective of this scheme is to **achieve integrated socio-economic development of selected villages through convergence approach.**

It includes preparing Village Development Plan based on the needs, potential, and aspirations.

It also includes maximizing the coverage of individual / family benefit schemes of the Central / State Governments and improving the infrastructure in vital sectors like health, education, connectivity and livelihood.

The scheme envisions **to mitigate gaps prominently in 8 sectors of development** viz. Road connectivity (Internal and Intervillage /block), Telecom connectivity (Mobile /internet), School, Anganwadi Centres, Health Sub-Centre, Drinking water facility, Drainage and solid waste management.

## **Pradhan Mantri Adarsh Gram Yojana:**

Pradhan Mantri Adarsh Gram Yojana (PMAGY), a Government of India initiative for the empowerment of deprived sections, aims to achieve integrated development of selected villages through convergent implementation of all relevant Central and State schemes.

The Scheme provides for An '**Adarsh Gram**' is one wherein **people have access to various basic services** so that the minimum needs of all the sections of the society are fully met and disparities are reduced to a minimum.

These villages would have all such infrastructure and its residents will have access to all such basic services that are necessary for a dignified living, creating thereby an environment in which everyone is enabled to utilize her/his potential to the fullest

The scheme was launched in **March, 2010 on a pilot basis** for the integrated development of 1000 villages each with more than 50% SC population.

The scheme is being **implemented by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment**, Government of India. To ensure focused attention, the selected States are to select villages from same, or 2-3 contiguous districts and give preference to the more backward districts.

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Presently the scheme is being implemented in **11 States** of the country.