

Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas

Pradhan Mantri Ujjawala Yojana

- This Scheme aims to provide free LPG connections to Women from BPL Households by providing financial support of Rs 1600 for each new LPG connection.
- The identification of eligible BPL families will be made in consultation with the State Governments and the Union Territories based on the socio-economic and caste census data.
- Providing LPG connections to BPL households will ensure universal coverage of cooking gas in the country which will empower women and protect their health.
- It aims to address serious health hazards associated with cooking based on fossil fuels. Non-communicable diseases such as heart disease, stroke, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and lung cancer and Indoor air pollution causing acute respiratory illnesses in young children is addressed through this scheme.
- It will also provide employment for rural youth in the supply chain of cooking gas.

PAHAL

- Direct Benefit Transfer for LPG consumer scheme called, 'PAHAL' aims to reduce leakage of subsidy, reduce intermediaries and eliminate duplicate LPG connections by introducing direct cash transfer of subsidies.
- LPG consumers, who join the scheme, will get the LPG cylinders at market price and receive the subsidy directly into their bank accounts.
- The scheme required the consumer to mandatorily have a bank account linked with Aadhaar number for availing LPG Subsidy.
- If they do not possess Aadhaar number, they will have to link their bank account directly with their LPG ID.

LPG Panchayat

- It is aimed at encouraging rural communities to turn to clean fuel.
- The first LPG Panchayat was held in Gandhinagar, which brings LPG users of a village and officials of fuel companies together.

Saksham 2018

- Saksham is a month long awareness programme by the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas.
- It is aimed to create awareness towards judicious utilization and conservation of petroleum products and switching to cleaner fuels.
- It is organized by PCRA- Petroleum Conservation Research Association and other oil & gas PSU's under the aegis of Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas.

START-UP SANGAM Initiative

- It is launched with the objective of funding startups in this high-tech sector and the program itself is part of the Startup India scheme.

- Under this initiative, India's state-run companies pledged to support more than 30 start-ups who will be funded for the next 3 years through a corpus of Rs 320 crore.
- Its objective is to bring in innovations and disruptions in the technology-heavy oil and gas industry.
- The corpus has been created by contributions from India Oil Corporation, ONGC, Oil India etc.
- The selected start-ups work in various fields related to energy such as converting waste plastics to petroleum fuels, solar stove, and multipurpose fuel from agricultural waste biomass and leak detectors for LNG cylinders etc.
- Start-ups in the technology field will get 30 months to submit proof of concept whereas start-ups with business ideas will be given 18 months.
- It is expected to reduce fuel import dependence through innovations in alternative fuels.

Pradhan Mantri Urja Ganga

- Jagdishpur-Haldia & Bokaro-Dhamra Natural Gas Pipeline (JHBDPL) project is part of National Gas Grid Project (Pradhan Mantri Urja Ganga) of Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas.
- The 2,655 km project aims to connect the eastern states to the national gas grid.
- Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand, Odisha and West Bengal are the beneficiary states.
- The project will usher Industrial development in East India by supplying environmentally clean natural gas to fertiliser and power plant, refineries, steel plants and other industries.
- It also provides clean energy to households and transportation in the cities en-route the pipeline.
- State-run gas utility GAIL India has recently placed orders for 400-km of pipeline.
- With these awards, pipe supply orders for 2,100 km of the project have been placed.

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