

Atal Bhujal Yojana

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Atal Bhujal Yojana:

- Atal Bhujal Yojana (ATAL JAL) is being implemented as a **Central Sector Scheme** since **April, 2020** in 8220 water stressed Gram Panchayats of 229 administrative blocks/Talukas in 80 districts of **seven States Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh.**
- **Implementation Period:** for **5 years (2020-21 to 2024-25).**
- **Goal:** To **demonstrate community-led** sustainable ground water management which can be taken to scale.
- **Objective:** The major objective of the Scheme is to **improve the management of groundwater resources in select water stressed** areas in identified states.
- **Funding:** **Total** outlay of INR 6000 crores. Out of this, **INR 3,000 crores will be as loan from the World Bank** and INR 3,000 crores as matching contribution from the Government of India.
- **Program Components:**
 - **Institutional Strengthening & Capacity Building Component:** This component is for strengthening institutional arrangements and capacities in the states.
 - **Incentive Component:** The incentive component is for incentivizing the States for convergence amongst various schemes of the Central and State Governments.

- **Nodal agency:** The Department of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation, **Ministry of Jal Shakti**.

Outcomes of meeting:

- Overall performance of the scheme is **satisfactory** and the achievements under Disbursement Linked Indicators are also noteworthy.
- The Committee decides Atal Bhujal Yojana should be taken up for **continuation for another two years** beyond 2025.

Q1) What is smile scheme?

The Government of India has formulated a comprehensive scheme of SMILE (Support for Marginalised. Individuals for Livelihood and Enterprise) to address the persisting problem of destitution and beggary.

Source: Secretary, Department of Water Resources Chairs Meeting Of National Level Steering Committee of Atal Bhujal Yojana

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