









# Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana - Urban

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**Hon'ble Prime Minister** addresses Post-**Budget Webinar on** 'Reaching the Last Mile/Leaving No **Citizen Behind'** 



On 27th February 2023, Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi addressed the inaugural session of Post-Budget Webinar on 'Reaching The Last Mile/Leaving No Citizen Behind'. The webinar was organised to discuss ways for effective implementation of initiatives outlined in the Union Budget 2023. It brought together experts from urban and rural housing sectors and wide range of stakeholders on a common platform to share their ideas on strategies of Budget implementation roadmap and action plan.

In his speech, Hon'ble Prime Minister asked the stakeholders to discuss ways of linking housing with technology for finding ways of making strong but affordable houses, finding easy ways of benefiting from



solar power and group housing models acceptable in both urban and rural areas. Hon'ble Prime Minister said that this year's Budget has kept ₹80,000 crore for housing for the poor.

As part of the webinar, a break-out session on Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana was hosted on themes such as (i) Enhancing private participation in affordable housing sector - Role of access to capital and Income Tax/GST provisions (ii) Issues of availability and affordability in Low Income (EWS/LIG) urban housing (iii) Facilitating universal coverage of affordable housing through public participation (iv) Role of construction technologies in achieving Housing for All and (v) Role of public private partnership in delivery of affordable housing in urban areas.

The experts who participated in the webinar from MoHUA include Shri Harsh Vardhan Patodia, President, Confederation of Real Estate Developers' Associations of India Confederation of Real Estate Developers' Associations of India (CREDAI); Dr Sejal Patel, Professor, CEPT University; Dr Shailesh Kr. Agrawal, Executive Director, Building Materials & Technology Promotion Council (BMTPC) and Shri Rajan Bandelkar, President, National Real Estate Development Council (NAREDCO).

## PMAY(U) PROGRESS



Houses Grounded **109 Lakh** 



Houses Completed









Central Assistance Released





# Message from JS&MD (HFA) Shri Kuldip Narayan

In the form of a house, Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) has brought with itself a sense of security, happiness & social upliftment in the lives of millions of families. I believe with every pucca house delivered under the Mission, we have been successful in empowering a family, especially the woman of the house. We are scaling to new heights each day with new opportunities, new challenges and new fulfilled goals.

The Post Budget Webinar held recently gave us new ideas in quick and seamless implement at ion of Budget announcements. The recommendations of the panellists on implementation of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana as a whole will definitely help us in framing our policies and execution plan.

It's going to be 8 years of PMAY-U in some months to come and the way the Mission has shaped up, changed peoples' lives and given them a dignified place in the society is commendable. It is due to the concerted efforts of all people associated with PMAY-U at different stages and a good practice of bringing in experiences of proper planning & execution.

Close monitoring of the Scheme happens at every level through review meetings with States/UTs, site visits. I often visit our different housing projects to review the pace of work & homes of our beneficiaries to know their experiences. Frequent site visits are also undertaken by other Ministry officials for monitoring of projects.

Here's to the spirit of fulfilling housing dreams of more & more families and empowering them!

### Secretary, MoHUA chairs review meeting on PMAY-U in Bhopal



On 11th February 2023, a meeting was held under the chairmanship of Shri Manoj Joshi, Secretary, MoHUA in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh to review the progress of PMAY-U and other schemes of the Ministry in the State. Shri Neeraj Mandloi, Principal Secretary, UADD, Shri Bharat Yadav, Commissioner, UADD and other officials of Government of Madhya Pradesh were also present in the meeting.

In the State of Madhya Pradesh, 9.60 lakh houses have been sanctioned under PMAY-U; out of which, more than 9 lakh have been grounded for construction and around 6 lakh have been completed and delivered to beneficiaries.

# Shri Durga Shanker Mishra, Chief Secretary, Government of Uttar Pradesh visits Light House Project, Lucknow



On 13<sup>th</sup> February 2023, Shri Durga Shanker Mishra, Chief Secretary, Government of Uttar Pradesh, and Shri Amrit Abhijat, Principal Secretary, Urban Development, Government of Uttar Pradesh, visited Light House Project (LHP) in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh to review the progress on site. A detailed review of the housing project was undertaken by Shri Mishra where he was briefed about the progress by construction agency officials and other State Government officials. Shri Mishra shared his insightful experiences about planning and execution of LHPs and how this housing project has brought technology and innovation closer to people.

Shri RK Gautam, Director, HFA, MoHUA was also present during the visit. A day before, Shri Gautam had inspected the progress of work at site and taken a meeting with construction agency officials.

### Shri Kuldip Narayan, JS&MD, Housing for All, takes tour of Light House Project, Chennai

Shri Kuldip Narayan, Joint Secretary & Mission Director, Housing for All, MoHUA, visited Light House Project Chennai on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2023 and reviewed the functioning of various amenities provided to the beneficiaries. LHP Chennai was inaugurated on 26<sup>th</sup> May 2022 by Hon'ble Prime Minister. It is home to over 1,000 families who once lived in kutcha houses or small rented accommodations.

Shri Narayan also met the beneficiaries of LHP Chennai to know their experiences of living in the society. JS&MD said



that the project has been executed well and appreciated the efforts taken by beneficiaries in maintaining the site. He expressed that such projects need to be developed in future and further appreciated the efforts of the construction agency in fulfilling the housing dreams of people at fast pace.

# JS&MD, HFA reviews progress of PMAY-U in States/UTs



Shri Kuldip Narayan, JS&MD, HFA reviewed the status of implementation and progress of projects sanctioned under PMAY-U with the States/UTs on 15<sup>th</sup>,16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> February 2023. JS&MD, HFA observed that still there in a large number of nonstarter houses which were sanctioned prior to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020. States/UTs should, therefore, focus on completion of all sanctioned houses and occupancy of all completed houses so that projects are closed. States/UTs may submit proposal for curtailment of non-starter houses with due diligence and after approval of State Level Sanctioning and Monitoring Committee (SLSMC).

Till February 2023, out of total sanctioned 122.69 lakh houses, 109.02 lakh houses have been grounded for construction; of which 71 lakh houses have been completed and delivered to beneficiaries under PMAY-U.

# JS&MD, HFA chairs PMC meeting to review progress of Light House Projects

On 7<sup>th</sup> February 2023, Shri Kuldip Narayan, JS&MD, HFA chaired the 11<sup>th</sup> meeting of Project Monitoring Committee (PMC) to review the progress of upcoming Light House Projects (LHPs) at Indore, Lucknow, Ranchi and Agartala.

The meeting was attended by respective officials from LHP States and other officials from the Ministry. A presentation regarding the status of ongoing construction activities at the LHP sites was made. Subsequently, site-wise presentations were made and progress of LHPs was reviewed in detail. Issues related to the ongoing construction activities and allotment process at other LHP sites was also discussed during the meeting. JS&MD directed the respective LHP construction agencies to expedite the construction activities.



# Mahashivratri celebration by PMAY-U beneficiaries

PMAY-U is making the dream of owning a pucca house a reality for eligible families in urban areas across the country. Beneficiaries from various States/UTs celebrated the festival of Mahashivratri with their family members in their respective houses which has all basic amenities like water, electricity and sanitation.







# **Brief about RACHNA 2.0 training series**

In the month of February, a series of RACHNA 2.0 trainings were oganised in different parts of the country to create awareness among stakeholders on thermal comfort, its necessity in affordable housing sector and ways to achieve it. These trainings were held in cities like Jaipur, Patna, Lucknow, Jamshedpur, Panchkula, Imphal, Hyderabad and Vijayawada. The topics discussed during the sessions ranged from thermal comfort in buildings, innovative construction technologies, emerging technologies to need for sustainable design in affordable housing projects.

During one of the trainings in Lucknow, the participants were briefed about the six LHP technologies and were taken on a site visit to experience live construction process.









# PMAY-U house has given a new meaning to our lives: Smt Savitaben Bhanubhai Keshvala, Junagadh, Gujarat





Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana - Urban (PMAY-U) has brought with itself the true meaning of empowerment in the lives of Smt Savitaben Bhanubhai Keshvala and her daughter Vandana. The family hails from Gujarat's Junagadh. Smt Savitaben is a daily wage labourer who primarily runs the family. Her husband Shri Bhanubhai Keshvala recovered from cancer few months ago. They have three children – two daughters and one son.

Sharing their transformational journey, her college-going daughter Vandana says, "After moving into our house, my mother and I actually realised how empowered we have become now. feel very proud as the house is in my mother's name." Vandana wants to pursue a career in the nursing field. She has an elder sister who got married a few years ago.

Smt. Savitaben explains that the family struggled a lot. They had to arrange money for the treatment of her husband who was suffering from cancer; then they had the responsibility of their eldest daughter's marriage, and the other expenses of the house were also to be taken care of. She says, "I was the sole-bread earner and I had the responsibility of my entire family. We were staying in rented accommodation of just one room with no basic facility. The expenses kept on increasing day by day, and I felt helpless." Her daughter Vandana adds that the place where they used to live was another factor which added to their woes. They had to go out for toilet, stand in long queues for water. "There were a lot of security issues. We felt unsafe as our mother used to stay out for long hours due to work," says Vandana.

As the family toiled hard to get a dignified living, PMAY-U came as a silver lining in their lives. They learned about the Scheme from advertisements and immediately filled up the forms. In 2021, Smt. Savitaben became the proud owner of a pucca house which she constructed with the financial help received under the Mission. The house is equipped with all basic amenities. Vandana says, "This house is our pride. My mother and I no longer have to go out for toilet or for water. I often invite my friends over to my home. Most importantly, I have a separate room where can study peacefully."

Access to a house leads to significant improvements in socioeconomic status of a person. Smt Savitaben, too, underwent this transformational change. "Pehle Parivar wale, rishtedaar aana nahi chahte the, jab se humare paas apna ghar ho gaya hai, vo log yaha se jana nahi chahte," she says.

Smt. Savitaben and family are leading a dignified life in the society now like millions of other PMAY-U beneficiaries across the nation. Her husband's health has also improved. He helps Savitaben in running the family by working as an auto-rickshaw driver.

Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana - Urban has been addressing the housing shortage in urban areas among Economically Weaker Section (EWS)/Low Income Group (LIG) categories by ensuring a pucca house with basic amenities to all eligible urban households. The scheme was launched in 2015 to fulfil Hon'ble Prime Minister's vision of 'Housing for All'. To ensure women empowerment, houses under the Mission are allotted in the name of the women in the family or in joint ownership.



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Shri Manoj Joshi, @Secretary\_MoHUA, chaired a meeting on 11th February 2023 to review the progress of #PMAYUrban & other schemes of @MoHUA\_India in the State of Madhya Pradesh.



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"Happy Living!" Shri @KuldipNarayan, JS&MD, Housing For All, wished families residing in #LightHouseProject Chennai as he visited the site families residing in #LightHouseProject Chennai as he visited the site today. JS&MD took a tour of the flats & inspected functioning of various amenities provided to beneficiaries.



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