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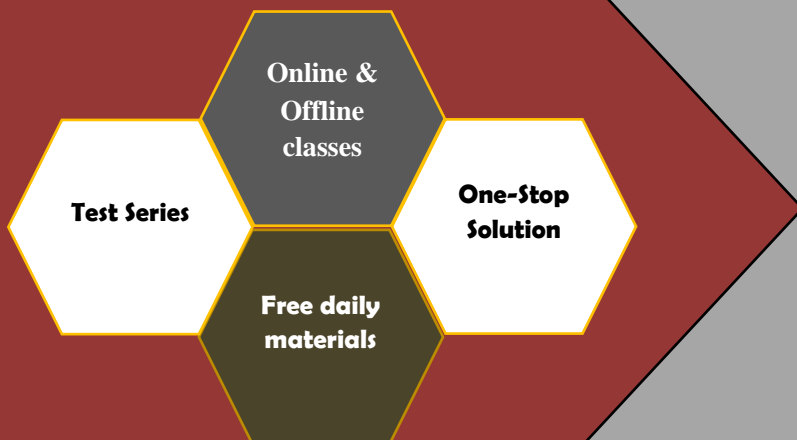
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## Ujjwala 2.0

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- Recently, the Prime Minister launched the **second phase of Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) or Ujjwala 2.0 Scheme**.
- He mentioned plans to promote “gobar dhan” – tapping cow dung for energy on the occasion of **World Bio Fuel Day (10th August)**.
- Ujjwala is part of the ambitious agenda for behavioural change that **will help India transit to a \$5 trillion economy by 2024**.

## Key Points

About:

### PMUY-I:

- Launched in May 2016 to provide LPG (liquefied petroleum gas) connections to poor house holds.

### PMUY-II:

- It is aimed **to provide maximum benefit to the migrants** who live in other states and find it difficult to submit address
- Now they will only have to give “**Self Declaration**” to avail the benefit.

## Objectives:

- Empowering women and protecting their health.
- Reducing the number of deaths in India due to unclean cooking fuel.
- Preventing young children from a significant number of acute respiratory illnesses caused due to indoor air pollution by burning fossil fuel.

### Features:

- The scheme provides a **financial support of Rs 1600 for each LPG connection to the BPL households.**
- Along with a deposit-free LPG connection, **Ujjwala 2.0** will provide the first refill and a hotplate free of cost to the beneficiaries.

### Target:

- Under **Ujjwala 1.0**, the target was to provide LPG connections to 50 million women from the below poverty line (BPL) households, by March 2020. However, in August 2018, women **from seven other categories were brought under the purview of the scheme:**
- **SC/ST**, those under the **Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY)**, beneficiaries of the **Antyoday Anna Yojana (AAY)**, **Forest Dwellers**, most backward classes, tea gardens and Islands.
- Under **Ujjwala 2.0**, **an additional 10 million LPG connections** will be provided to the beneficiaries.
- Government has also fixed a target of **providing piped gas to 21 lakh homes in 50 districts.**

### Nodal Ministry:

- Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas (MoPNG).

### Achievements:

- In the first phase of the PMUY, **8 crore poor families**, including from the Dalit and tribal communities, were given free cooking gas connections.
- The **LPG infrastructure has expanded** manifold in the country. In the last six years, more than 11,000 new LPG distribution centres have opened across the country.

### Challenges:

- **Low Consumption of Refills:**

- Encouraging the sustained usage of LPG remains a big challenge, and low consumption of refills hindered recovery of outstanding loans disbursed under the scheme.
- The annual average refill consumption on 31st December 2018 was only 21.

### System Anomalies:

- There are deficiencies such as the issuance of connections to unintended beneficiaries, and problems with the software of the state-run oil marketing companies for identifying intended beneficiaries and inadequacies in the deduplication process.

### Way Forward

- The scheme should be extended to poor households in urban and semi-urban slum areas.
- There is a need for achieving a higher LPG coverage of the population by providing connections to households that do not have LPG.
- Entering **Aadhaar** numbers of all adult family members of existing as well as new beneficiaries to make deduplication effective and appropriate measures in distributors' software to restrict issuance to ineligible beneficiaries.