

One Nation One Ration Card (ONORC) scheme

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In news- Assam has become the 36th State/UT to implement One Nation One Ration Card (ONORC). With this, the ONORC plan is successfully implemented in all the 36 states/UTs, making food security portable throughout the country.

About One Nation One Ration Card (ONORC) scheme-

- This is one-of-its-kind Citizen Centric initiative in the country, which is swiftly implemented in a short-span of time covering about 80 Crore beneficiaries (Since its inception in August 2019), after being initiated in August 2019.
- The **objective of this program is to empower all NFSA beneficiaries to become AtmaNirbhar for their food security anywhere in the country**, through portability of their existing ration cards enabling them to seamlessly lift their entitled subsidized foodgrains (in part or full) from any Fair Price Shop of their choice.
- This **also enables their family members to lift the balance/required amount of foodgrains on the same ration card at their native/ any place from the FPS of their choice.**
- During the last two years of COVID-19 pandemic, ONORC plan has significantly contributed in ensuring subsidized foodgrains to NFSA (National Food Security Act) beneficiaries, especially migrant beneficiaries.
- Another **dimension under the ONORC plan is the 'MERA RATION' mobile application** which has been rolled out to take maximum advantage of the ONORC plan.
- The mobile app is providing a host of useful real time information to the beneficiaries and is available in 13 languages.
- ONORC is a scheme that nationalises a beneficiary's

ration card by a process called Aadhaar Seeding.

- Any citizen, who is declared under Below Poverty Line (BPL) category will be eligible to get the benefit of this scheme across the country.
- Aadhaar seeding ensures that the beneficiary can pick up her or his entitled foodgrain from any fair price shop in the country.
- So, if the family migrates from one part of the country to another, their claim to food security remains assured.