Orunodoi scheme

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In news : State government of Assam announced Orunodoi scheme for the year 2021

About Orunodoi scheme

- **Target group:** women as its primary target group
- **Launch:** December 2020
- **Assistance:** Under the scheme a monthly assistance of Rs 830 is transferred to women members of marginalised families of Assam(which is proposed to be increased to Rs. 3000)
- On account of being a DBT, or a Direct Benefit Transfer scheme, the money is credited directly to the bank account of the woman head of a family because they are "primary caretakers of the household
- The scheme gives "a choice to the poor and needy households on how they want to spend their money".

Eligibility criteria for the scheme:

Income limit: To get the benefits of the scheme, the applicant, a woman, has to be a permanent resident of Assam, whose composite household income should be less than Rs 2 lakh per annum

Priority group:

- Families with specially-abled members and divorced/widowed/separated /unmarried women are prioritised.
- Poorer families, those without National Food Security Act (NFSA) or ration cards, are also given priority

Excluded group:

- Families without any women members, MPs, MLAs (former

and current), members of Panchayati Raj institutions and urban local bodies, government officials and employees of cooperative societies are excluded from the scheme.

- Families owning four-wheelers, mechanised boats, tractors or refrigerators, ACs and washing machines, or more than 15 bighas of agricultural land, are not eligible either.

How are the beneficiaries selected?

- Selections of candidates began in August 2020, overseen by the Finance Department and implemented by a District Level Monitoring Committed headed by the Deputy Commissioner in each district.
- To facilitate the process, four Orunudoi 'Sahayaks' were appointed in each district.

Significance

Many described the scheme as the **largest DBT scheme in the history of Assam** which will empower women and serve the needy