

Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram

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The program seeks to improve the development of minority concentration areas through creation of socio-economic infrastructure, provision of basic amenities, and other measures. Minority Concentration Areas are identified **areas with at least 25% minority population, i.e. Muslims, Sikhs, Christians, Buddhists, Jains and Zoroastrians.**

Features of Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram

- The restructured Programme (Multi Sectoral Development Program) is implemented as “Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram (PMJVK)” from 2018. It will be implemented as a **Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS).**
- It is a special **area development scheme** designed to **address the development deficits seen in minority concentration districts.**
- It has been designed primarily to address the developmental gaps by **topping up existing CSS** of various Central ministries/ departments without any change in the norms, guidelines and the funding pattern.
- The projects considered are additional class rooms, laboratories, school buildings, hostels, toilets, buildings for polytechnics, ITIs, community health centres, primary health centres/ sub-centres, anganwadi centres and rural housing.
- In addition to gap filling projects, it also provides for taking up **innovative projects** which are not covered by any of the existing CSS of various ministries and these are **funded in the ratio of 60:40 and for NE and Hilly States at 90:10 between the Centre and States.** This includes sadbhav mandap, market shed.
- **80%** of the resources under the PMJVK would be earmarked

for projects related to **education, health and skill development. 33 to 40%** of resources under the PMJVK would be specifically allocated for **women centric projects.**

Coverage of the Scheme

- The inclusion of **Minority Concentration District Headquarters** along with the **Minority Concentration Towns** having population more than 25,000, **Minority Concentration Blocks** and **Cluster of Villages** as per Census-2011 data will extend the coverage of population of minority communities.
- It identified minority concentration districts (MCDs) having at least 25% minority population and **below national average with respect to one or both of the backwardness parameters with the objective of developing assets for socio-economic and basic amenities.**
- The communities notified as minority communities under Section 2(c) of the **National Commission for Minorities Act, 1992** would be taken as minority communities.