

Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan

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In news- In the Union Budget 2021-22, Rs.593 crores is provided under the Scheme Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA).

About Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA)-

- The **Prime Minister launched it in 2018.**
- It aims **to strengthen Panchayati Raj Institutions for achieving SDGs** with main focus on convergence with Mission Antyodaya through capacity building of the rural local governments.
- The infrastructure facilities like Panchayat Bhawans, computer & broadband connectivity, trained manpower etc. and providing quality training to the elected representatives and other functionaries of the PRIs are the **principal components of RGSA.**
- **The key principles of SDGs, i.e.** leaving no one behind, reaching the farthest first and universal coverage, along with gender equality are embedded in the design of all capacity building interventions of RGSA.
- This scheme **extends to all States and UTs of the Country and will also include institutions of rural local government in non-Part IX areas, where Panchayats do not exist.**
- **The scheme has both Central Component – National Level activities** including “National Plan of Technical Assistance”, “Mission Mode project on e-Panchayat”, “Incentivization of Panchayats” and State component – Capacity Building of Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs).
- The **Central Component of the scheme is fully funded by the Government of India.**
- However, Centre-State funding pattern for State Component will be 60:40 for all States, except North East and Hill States where Centre:State funding pattern

will be 90:10.

- For all Union Territories (UTs) (with and without legislatures), the Central share will be 100%.
- The implementation and monitoring of the activities of the scheme are broadly aligned for achieving the SSDGs with main thrust on Panchayats identified under Mission Antyodaya and 115 Aspirational districts as identified by NITI Aayog.

ActionSoft

- As part of this initiative, a mobile application ActionSoft was developed for field-level reporting and monitoring of physical progress of the works undertaken by the panchayats.
- This mobile application captures the geographical coordinates and photo of each asset at different stages of work for the activities included under the Gram Panchayat Development Plan (GPDP).