

Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana

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In news— The Central government distributed Assistive Aids and Devices to Senior Citizens under Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana (RVY) recently.

About Rashtriya VayoshriYojana (RVY)-

- Launched in **2017**, RVY is a **Central Sector scheme** for providing Physical Aids and Assisted-living Devices for Senior citizens belonging to BPL category.
- The expenditure for implementation of the scheme is being met from the “Senior Citizens’ Welfare Fund”.
- The Scheme is being **implemented by the Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation (ALIMCO), a PSU under the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.**
- **Senior Citizens, belonging to BPL category** and suffering from any of the age related disability/infirmary viz. *Low vision, Hearing impairment, Loss of teeth and Locomotor disability* will be provided with such assisted-living devices which can restore near normalcy in their bodily functions, overcoming the disability/infirmary manifested.
- In case of multiple disabilities/infirmary manifested in the same person, the assistive devices will be given in respect of each disability/impairment.
- ALIMCO will undertake one year free maintenance of the aids & assisted living devices.
- **Beneficiaries in each district will be identified by the State Governments/UT Administrations** through a Committee chaired by the Deputy Commissioner/District Collector.
- As far as possible, **30% of the beneficiaries in each district shall be women.**
- The State Government/UT Administration/District Level Committee can also utilize the data of BPL beneficiaries receiving Old Age Pension under the NSAP or any other

Scheme of the State/UT for identification of senior citizens belonging to BPL category.

Note- As per the Census figures of 2011, the population of senior citizens in India is 10.38 crore. More than 70% of the population of senior citizens live in rural areas of the country. A sizable percentage (5.2%) of the senior citizens suffers from some sort of disabilities related to old age.