

# Govt says Uttar Pradesh leads in women empowerment

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Uttar Pradesh is achieving remarkable milestones in women empowerment. Through a mission-mode implementation of Central schemes, the state has launched impactful initiatives to uplift women in rural and urban areas and make them self-reliant.

Among these initiatives, the Lakhpati Didi Yojana stands out as a transformative programme. Focused on economic empowerment, the scheme enables women to achieve financial independence and significantly improve their quality of life.

Making the above claims here on Sunday evening, an official spokesman of the government claimed that under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's ambitious Lakhpati Didi programme, the Uttar Pradesh government, led by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, aims to make 28.92 lakh women self-help group (SHG) members 'Lakhpatis' (earning over Rs 1 lakh annually) within the next three years.

So far, the income records of 13.28 lakh SHG members have been updated in the livelihood register, with over 1.37 lakh women already achieving the milestone of becoming 'Lakhpatis'.

Women are being connected

to at least two or more income sources through coordination with various departments like agriculture, dairy development, silk production and fisheries under the Lakhpati Didi scheme.

The Yogi government is also boosting women's income by providing subsidies for initiatives such as custom hiring centres, farm machinery banks, poly houses/net houses, silk production and fisheries.

To support the programme, 4,274 community resource persons have been trained and appointed. These trained individuals offer continuous guidance and help women explore new livelihood opportunities, ensuring sustainable growth and financial independence.

The Yogi Adityanath government in Uttar Pradesh has made special efforts to empower women through financial inclusion. Under the Pradhan Mantri SVANidhi Scheme, over two lakh women in the state have benefited. Additionally, 2,510 fair price shops have been allocated to women self-help groups, boosting their income and providing stable economic support to their families.

To ensure social security for women, 32.71 lakh beneficiaries have been covered under the Nirashrit Mahila Pension Scheme, while 60 lakh moth-

ers have received support through the Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana. These schemes are proving effective in improving women's health, education and economic security.

The Uttar Pradesh State Rural Livelihood Mission has further connected over 95 lakh women through 8,54,266 SHGs. By leveraging village organisations and cluster-level federations, the programme is fostering collective empowerment among rural women, enabling them to achieve greater self-reliance and financial stability.

Moreover, under the Mukhyamantri Kanya Sumangala Yojana, 19.34 lakh beneficiaries have received assistance, which is not only empowering women but also fostering a positive attitude towards girls in society.

Through the effective implementation of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's schemes, and under Chief Minister Yogi's leadership, there has been a revolutionary transformation in the economic and social lives of women in the state.

Uttar Pradesh is emerging as a model for women empowerment. These initiatives, in the years ahead, will not only make women self-reliant but will also propel the state towards new levels of prosperity and progress.