

UPSC Civil Services Examination

UPSC Notes [GS-III]

Topic: Sansad Adarsh Gram Yojana - SAANJHI

Sansad Aadarsh Gram Yojana (SAGY), popularly known as SAANJHI was launched by PM Narendra Modi under the Government of India on 11th October 2014. SAGY is a development programme project focusing mainly on the social and cultural development of the villages. Under this yojana, each member of the parliament is responsible for developing the institutional and physical infrastructure in three villages each by the year 2019. Sansad Aadarsh Gram Yojana was established with an aim to develop three villages by 2019 followed by the development of five Adarsh Grams by the year 2024. It also aims at achieving objectives apart from infrastructure development along with developing various model villages.

Objectives of Saansad Aadarsh Gram Yojana (SAGY)

The main objectives of SAGY are:

- To trigger processes which lead to the holistic development of the identified Gram Panchayats.
- Improving the standard of living and quality of life of all sections of the population by improving the basic amenities, enhancing human development, creating higher productivity, enhancing human development, providing better livelihood opportunities, reducing disparities and enriching social capital.
- Generating models of local level development and effective local governance to motivate and inspire the neighbouring Gram Panchayats for adaptation.
- To nurture the identified Adarsh Grams as schools of local development to train other Gram Panchayats.

In order to achieve these objectives, SAGY would be guided by the following approach:

- Leveraging the leadership, capacity, commitment and energy of the Members of Parliament (MP) to develop model Gram Panchayats
- Engaging with and mobilizing the community for participatory local level development.
- Converging different government programmes and private and voluntary initiatives to achieve comprehensive development in tune with people's aspirations and local potential.

- Building partnerships with voluntary organisations, co-operatives and academic and research institutions.
- Focusing on outcomes and sustainability.

What are the aims of Sansad Adarsh Gram Yojana?

1. Personal development: To maintain the cleanliness of the villages and to develop the cultural heritage, behavioural changes and personal values of the village people.
2. Human development: To provide education and social security to the villages. It also aims to improve the health and nutrition of the village people.
3. To look after the economic development of the villages.
4. To introduce social development programmes which should include voluntarism, social justice and good governance.

Who are the functioning bodies of SAGY?

There are several functionaries under Sansad Adarsh Gram Yojana at the national, state, district, and village level. The responsibilities of these key functionaries are mentioned in the table below:

Sansad Adarsh Gram Yojana	
Functioning Bodies	Responsibilities
Member of Parliament	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identifying the Adarsh Gram and facilitating the planning process. • It is also responsible for mobilising additional funds and for monitoring this scheme.
Two national committees, headed by the Minister of Rural Development, and Secretary, Rural Development, respectively.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitoring the process of identification, planning and implementation of the scheme. • Issue operational guidelines and indicate specific resource support that each Ministry can provide.

A state committee headed by the Chief Secretary	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Supplementing central guidelines for the scheme• Reviewing implementation and Village Development Plans• Outline monitoring mechanisms• Design a grievance redressal mechanism for the scheme
District Collector	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conducting the baseline survey• Ensuring grievance redressal and reviewing the monthly progress of the scheme
Gram Panchayat	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Implementation of the scheme• Identifying the common needs of the village and ensuring the participation of the people in the scheme.