Aspirational Panchayat Development Programme (APDP)

The **Aspirational Panchayat Development Programme (APDP)** builds upon the ABDP framework to promote **grassroots, Panchayat-level transformation** by identifying and uplifting the **most backward Panchayat in each block** through targeted planning, convergence, and additional financial support.

Under the **Panchayat Development Index (PDI)**, **285 Panchayats** (one per block) were selected from **4,291 Panchayats** based on the lowest aggregate scores across **100 measurable indicators** spanning **9 socio-economic sectors**, including Agriculture, Health, Education, Infrastructure, Employment, Environment, and Good Governance.

Governance & Implementation

The programme is implemented under the **overall supervision of District Development Commissioners**, with Panchayats receiving focused hand-holding to saturate welfare schemes and evolve into **model Panchayats**.

Financial & Physical Progress

2023–24:

- Allocation: ₹28.50 crore (₹10 lakh per Panchayat)
- Released: ₹22.58 crore | Utilised: ₹13.64 crore
- **479 works completed**

2024–25:

- Allocation: ₹28.50 crore
- Released: ₹38.10 crore | Spent: ₹21.79 crore
- **752 works completed**

2025–26 (up to Nov 2025):

- Released: ₹22.29 crore | Spent: ₹3.45 crore
- **707 works taken up** (194 completed; 438 under execution)

Overall Impact

APDP has institutionalised **evidence-based planning at the Panchayat level**, strengthened local governance, and accelerated last-mile delivery of development benefits,