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State schemes provide vast scope for the improvement of PMMVY to achieve desired targets. Explain.

The National Family Health Survey-5 data reveals improvements in total fertility rate, decrease in infant-mortality and maternal mortality. Part of the success can be attributed to PM Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY).

PMMVY - a mixed bag

Though the scheme helped attain certain targets, only 40% of the beneficiaries were registered with the scheme. The 2020-21 budget reduced allocation by 20%.

Due to the clubbing with SAMARTHA scheme the PMMVY will be lost in due course of time.

The states way

Health being states subject area at the forefront in providing maternity benefits.

Odisha - Mamata Scheme - provides ₹1000 rupees

unconditional cash transfers till second birth. The PMMUY can too extend the benefits to the second child.

The allocation must be along with the maternity benefits program of providing compensation upto ₹5,000 comprising ~~₹1000~~

12 weeks wages against current 4 weeks.

Telangana - KCR kits - which distributes baby oil, soap and sanitaries. The PM Mahila Shakti Kendra can distribute such products.

Tamil Nadu - Dr. Muthulaxmi Scheme - unprocessed the beneficiary base. The present cumbersome registration base can be replaced with online and DBT measures.

Thus a proactive and co-ordinated approach is necessary to improve the standards and health of maternal community.