# NSAP extended to 2030–31, renamed 'PM Samajik Sahayata Yojana'

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## News

The Union Cabinet chaired by PM Modi on 14 Oct 2026 approved continuing the National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP) from 2026–27 to 2030–31 at a cost of ₹53,428 crore, renaming it 'Pradhan Mantri Samajik Sahayata Yojana'. The disability-pension threshold was lowered from 80% to 40% disability, with eligibility from birth, and the amount raised to ₹375 a month (0–79 years) and ₹625 (80+). About 3.20 crore beneficiaries in 36 States/UTs.

## Key facts

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| **Approval** | 14 Oct 2026 – Union Cabinet; 2026–27 to 2030–31; ₹53,428 crore |
| **New names** | NSAP → PM Samajik Sahayata Yojana; IGNOAPS → PM Vridhavastha Pension; IGNWPS → PM Vidhawa Pension; IGNDPS → PM Divyangjan Pension; NFBS → PM Parivar Labh Yojana |
| **Disability pension** | Threshold 80% → 40%; from birth; ₹375 (0–79), ₹625 (80+) – earlier ₹300 / ₹500 |
| **Unchanged** | Old-age ₹200 (60–79), ₹500 (80+); widow ₹300; family benefit ₹20,000 (one-time) |
| **Beneficiaries** | About 3.20 crore; 36 States/UTs |

## Background

- NSAP – launched 15 Aug 1995; Ministry of Rural Development; 100% centrally funded. Article 41 (Directive Principle) – right to public assistance in old age, sickness, disablement and similar cases.
- NSAP components: old-age pension (IGNOAPS), widow pension (IGNWPS), disability pension (IGNDPS), National Family Benefit Scheme (NFBS) and Annapurna (10 kg free foodgrain a month).
- Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act 2016 – 'benchmark disability' means 40% or more; the new change aligns with this.

**Tamil Nadu link:** Tamil Nadu adds its own top-up to the central pension and runs social security pensions for the elderly, widows and the disabled through its Revenue Department.


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