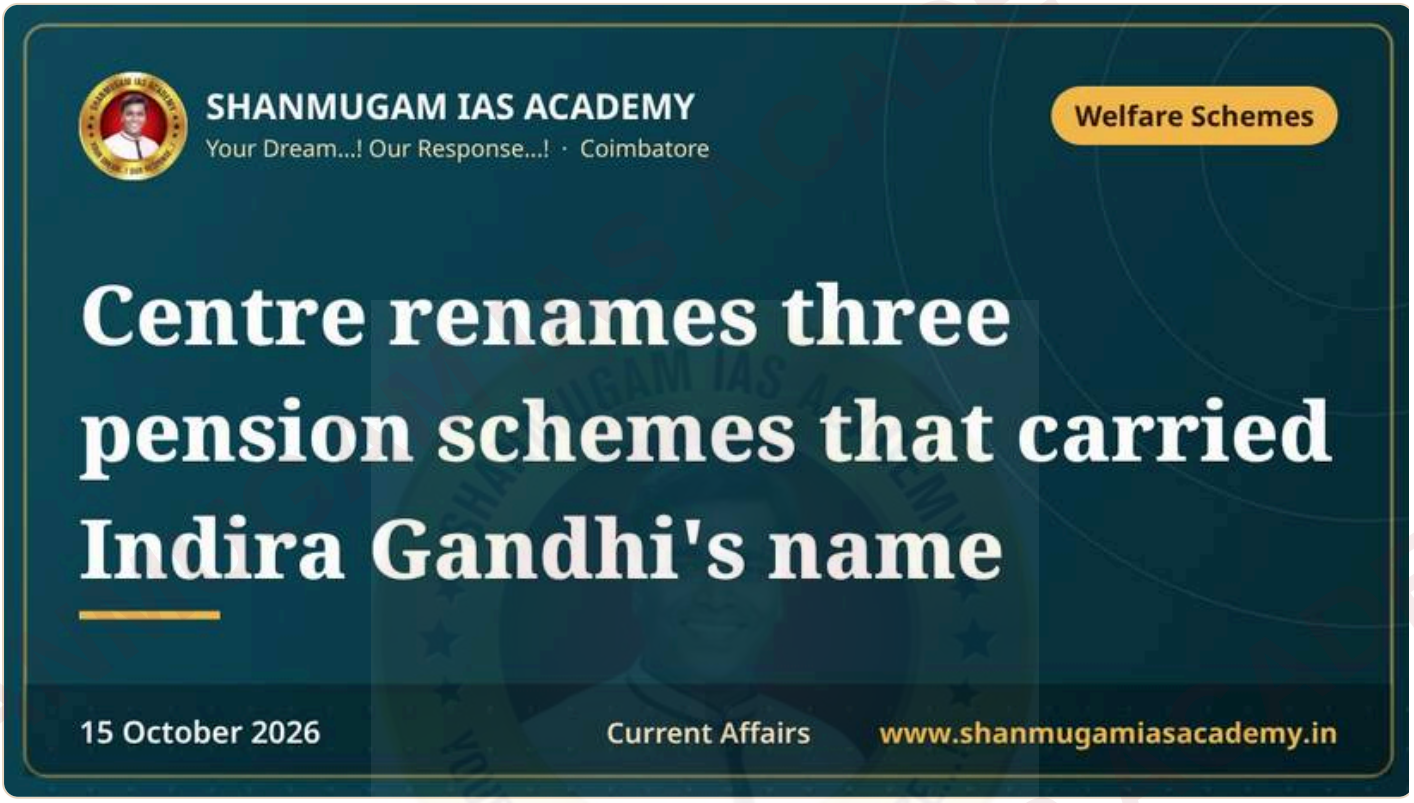
Centre renames three pension schemes that carried Indira Gandhi's name

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While approving the continuation of the National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP) for 2026–31 on 14 Oct 2026, the Union Cabinet renamed three pension schemes that carried Indira Gandhi's name: Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme → 'PM Vridhavastha Pension Yojana'; Indira Gandhi National Widow Pension Scheme → 'PM Vidhawa Pension Yojana'; Indira Gandhi National Disability Pension Scheme → 'PM Divyangjan Pension Yojana'. NSAP became 'PM Samajik Sahayata Yojana' and the National Family Benefit Scheme 'PM Parivar Labh Yojana' – 5 renamings in all.

Key facts

Old age	IGNOAPS → PM Vridhavastha Pension (60–79: ₹200; 80+: ₹500)
Widow	IGNWPS → PM Vidhawa Pension (age 40–79, ₹300)
Disability	IGNDPS → PM Divyangjan Pension (40% disability, from birth; ₹375 / ₹625)
Other renamings	NSAP → PM Samajik Sahayata Yojana; NFBS → PM Parivar Labh Yojana
Outlay	₹53,428 crore (2026–27 to 2030–31); about 3.2 crore beneficiaries

Background

- History: NSAP began on 15 Aug 1995 with three parts – the National Old Age Pension (NOAPS), National Family Benefit (NFBS) and National Maternity Benefit (NMBS); in 2007 NOAPS was renamed after Indira Gandhi and extended to all BPL persons; the widow and disability pensions were started as new schemes in 2009.
- Other renamings: MGNREGA was replaced in 2025 by the 'VB-G RAM G' Act (guaranteed work raised from 100 to 125 days); Indira Gandhi Matritva Sahyog Yojana → PM Matru Vandana Yojana (2017).
- Indira Gandhi: India's first (and so far only) woman PM (1966–77, 1980–84); the 'Garibi Hatao' slogan (1971); bank nationalisation in 1969; Bharat Ratna in 1971.

Tamil Nadu link: Tamil Nadu adds its own top-up to the central pension and pays social-security pensions to the elderly, widows and the disabled through its Revenue Department. (The continuation and disability-pension changes were item 6 of the 14.10.2026 set.)

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