

Meghalaya Launches Aadhaar Mission Mode 2.0 and PM Ujjwala 3.0: A New Era of Transparency and Empowerment

Hon'ble Minister Methodious Dkhar leads high-level launch to ensure 100% beneficiary verification, transparent PDS delivery, and energy access for the poorest households.

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The Department of Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, Government of Meghalaya, today launched two major national initiatives — Aadhaar Mission Mode Project (MMP) 2.0 and Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) 3.0 — under the leadership of Shri Methodious Dkhar, Hon'ble Minister, at a high-level review and launch meeting held at the State Convention Centre, Shillong.

The twin launches mark a major stride towards ensuring universal Aadhaar authentication and clean energy access for the poorest households. Under PMUY 3.0, free LPG connections will be facilitated for eligible Below Poverty Line (BPL) families, while Aadhaar MMP 2.0 will fast-track eKYC completion, data integrity, and seamless beneficiary verification under the National Food Security Act (NFSA).

The meeting also reviewed ongoing reforms to enforce mandatory ePoS transactions across all Fair Price Shops (FPSs), scale up route optimisation, and operationalise Vehicle Location Tracking Systems (VLTS) for real-time monitoring of Public Distribution System (PDS) vehicles.

The meeting was attended by Shri Pravin Bakshi, IAS, Commissioner & Secretary, Smti Saloni Verma, IAS, Director, along with Deputy Commissioners, Sub-Divisional Officers (Civil), senior Supply officials, IOCL officials, and representatives from the World Food Programme (WFP) and General Administration Department (GAD-B).

The Hon'ble Minister underscored that eKYC completion for all NFSA beneficiaries is a legal mandate pursuant to the Supreme Court's directions in M.A. No. 9 of 2022 in Suo Motu Writ (Civil) No. 6 of 2020. The Government of India has fixed strict deadlines — 30 April 2025 for eKYC completion and 30 June 2025 for Aadhaar seeding — warning that non-compliance could result in curtailment of foodgrain allocations and subsidy holds.

As of 30 September 2025, Meghalaya has 21.45 lakh NFSA beneficiaries and 4.21 lakh ration cards, with 8.20 lakh beneficiaries having completed eKYC. To accelerate this process, the Department has launched a mission-mode campaign through the SMART-PDS system for automated matching, manual verification, and correction of invalid entries, reinforced by fortnightly district progress reviews.

Reiterating the State's zero-tolerance approach to diversion, the Hon'ble Minister emphasized that only automated ePoS transactions will qualify for subsidy disbursement under NFSA, while any unautomated sales will be treated as diversion. Automation now exceeds 91%, supported by Vigilance Committees under the Meghalaya Food Security Rules, 2018, which are actively monitoring compliance and ensuring transparency at all FPSs.

To further strengthen logistics and accountability, the Department is implementing route optimisation to overcome terrain and weather challenges and deploying VLTS on all PDS delivery vehicles to ensure punctuality, traceability, and prevention of pilferage from FCI godowns to FPSs.

Under Aadhaar Mission Mode Project 2.0, verification workflows, monitoring dashboards, and automated alerts are being standardised. The initiative also introduces performance-based incentives for FPS dealers linked to Aadhaar seeding, timely ePoS transactions, and grievance responsiveness.

Simultaneously, the State will facilitate PMUY 3.0 free LPG connections for BPL families by aligning enrolment with eKYC camps and mobile IEC drives to ensure maximum outreach. District administrations will integrate PMUY identification with Rightful Targeting datasets to ensure inclusion of the poorest and most deserving households.

A recent inter-database analysis by the Government of India flagged 49,876 potentially ineligible entries in Meghalaya's beneficiary list. All districts have been directed to verify, correct, or delete such cases to safeguard the rights of genuine beneficiaries.

Citizens are encouraged to use Mera Ration, Anna Mitra, and Anna Sahayata mobile applications, or contact 1967 / 14445 / WhatsApp 9402327737 for any information or grievances related to the Public Distribution System.

"eKYC is a legal mandate and must be completed 100%. All transactions under NFSA must be conducted through ePoS to ensure accountability," stated Shri Methodious Dkhar, Hon'ble Minister.

"Through Aadhaar Mission Mode 2.0, route optimisation, VLTS, and PMUY facilitation, Meghalaya is committed to delivering a transparent, efficient, and citizen-centric Public Distribution System," he added.

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