Jiyo Parsi Scheme

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Recently, the Jiyo Parsi Scheme has facilitated the birth of over 490 Parsi children.

- It is a ***unique Central Sector Scheme*** for arresting the population decline of the Parsi community.
- **Launched in –** 2013.
- **Implemented by –** The ***Ministry of Minority Affairs*** through State Governments with the assistance of respective Parsi Institutions.
- **Objectives –**
  - To reverse the declining trend of the Parsi population through scientific protocols and structured interventions
  - To stabilize and increase the Parsi population in India.
- **Beneficiaries –**
  - Parsi couples.
  - Dependent elderly family members.
  - Children of Parsi couples.
- **Income Criteria –** Annual family *income below Rs.30 lakh for medical treatment related to childbearing.*
- Annual family income below Rs.15 lakh for child and elderly care assistance.
- **Components – Medical Assistance** – Financial assistance for medical treatment under standard medical protocol.
- **Health of Community (HoC)** – Financial support to motivate Parsi couples to have more children and to care for dependent elderly family members and children.
- **Advocacy –** Counselling, outreach programmes, seminars, medical camps, publicity material, advocacy films, and use of social media for awareness.
- **App –** *Beneficiary Satyapan App* used for biometric authentication of

beneficiaries.

- **Portal –** Two dedicated online portals, the Medical Portal (2024) and the HoC Portal (2025), to facilitate Parsi couples in submitting and monitoring their applications.
- **Significance –** Addresses demographic decline of a minority community through structured and scientific interventions.
- Uses Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) for financial assistance.
- Use of online portals and biometric authentication to improve transparency, monitoring, and delivery.

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