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News: Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY)

- Recently, **the Government has clarified that Aadhaar of Husbands is not mandatory** under the Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana, **to facilitate the inclusion of single mothers and abandoned mothers.**

Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana

- Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana is a **centrally sponsored maternal benefit scheme** implemented by **Ministry of Women and Child Development.**

Beneficiaries

- All pregnant women and lactating mothers **excluding those who are in regular employment in Central / State Government.**
- All eligible pregnant women and LM who have their pregnancy on or after 1st January 2017 for the first child of the family.

Beneficiaries receive a cash benefit of **5000 in 3 installments** on fulfilling the conditions;

- Early registration of pregnancy.
- Ante-natal checkup.
- Registration of birth and completion of first cycle of vaccination for the first living child of the family.

- The funds are distributed **under Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) scheme to meet enhanced nutritional needs and partially compensate for wage loss.**
- The implementation of this scheme is closely monitored using **web software PMMVY – Common Application Software.**
- A beneficiary is eligible to receive benefits under the scheme only once. That is, in case of **infant mortality, she will not be eligible for claiming benefits** under the scheme, if she has already received all the installments of the maternity benefit under PMMVY earlier.