

## Govt. deploys 800 IAS officers for village outreach

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## Highlights

- A battalion of Central government IAS officers has been drafted to ensure on the ground implementation as the Centre races to saturate 117 "aspirational districts" with seven flagship social welfare schemes by Independence Day.
- Prime Minister Modi is scheduled to meet 2.5 lakh beneficiaries of these schemes in Jaipur on Saturday, and has pointed to this campaign as a model for future implementation of welfare delivery.
- However, questions are being raised about Centre-State relations under this model, in an election year.
- "The new approach is not just centralised, but also personalised, converging his political style with administrative functioning"
- "It may create a veneer of efficiency and a high quality publicity campaign, but it undermines the logic of federalism."

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