

Modi launches Ujjwala 2.0 scheme

PM says gas connection will provide biggest relief to lakhs of migrant worker families in the country

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday launched the second phase of the Ujjwala gas connection scheme for the poor, and said that it would provide the biggest relief to lakhs of migrant worker families in the country.

Under Ujjwala 2.0 (Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana), migrant workers would no longer have to struggle to get address proof documents to get the gas connections, Mr. Modi said.

Only self-declaration

Now migrant workers would only be required to submit a self-declaration of their residential address to get the gas connection, he added.

“The government has full faith in your honesty,” Mr. Modi said, speaking virtually at the launch of the scheme



Lights on: Prime Minister Narendra Modi launching the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana 2.0 at Mahoba in Uttar Pradesh, through video conference from New Delhi on Tuesday. ■PTI

under which LPG (liquefied petroleum gas) connections were handed over to beneficiaries at Mahoba in Bundelkhand. Mr. Modi launched the first phase of the scheme in 2016 from Ballia, also in Uttar Pradesh, ahead of the previous Assembly election. Uttar Pradesh is scheduled to go to the polls in early 2022.

Mr. Modi lamented that the country had to wait several decades to provide certain basic facilities to its citizens and that the brunt of this was faced by women, especially from poor families. Only when women came out of homes and kitchens could they contribute to nation building, he stated.

“When a society keeps

struggling for basic facilities, then how can it fulfil its bigger dreams,” the Prime Minister asked.

Under his government, 11,000 new LPG distribution centres had come up in the country, Mr. Modi said, adding that the figure had doubled in Uttar Pradesh from fewer than 2,000 to 4,000.

Mr. Modi interacted with

women beneficiaries of the Ujjwala scheme from Uttarakhand, Punjab, Madhya Pradesh, Goa and Uttar Pradesh.

While Bundi Devi of Dehradun told him that the gas connection had allowed her to take care of her aged father, Kiran Devi of Gorakhpur said now she saved time and her life was made easier.