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70% of PMAY houses in name of women: Modi

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New Delhi: About 70% of houses sanctioned under the PM Awas Yojana (PMAY) for the poor are in the name of women, PM Modi said on Tuesday while linking his government's flagship programme to the dignity of people.

Interacting with beneficiaries of the housing scheme, which targets to provide a roof to 3 crore households in rural areas and another 1.2 crore in urban areas, PM said unlike earlier schemes PMAY has been linked to water supply, construction of toilets, power supply and providing gas cylinders to the household for a lifetime. "Only the poor will end poverty," PM said while appealing to women to take

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advantage of government schemes such as Mudra Yojna to push their income.

"Earlier, people used to say one spends his entire life to get a house, now people live their entire life in their own house," Modi said while claiming the government has put more focus on women, poor, SC/ ST, tribal, physically challenged and vulnerable sections under this scheme.