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In India, housing has been a critical issue since its Independence in 1947. There was high migration due to partition and now, being the second largest in population in the world, accommodation in livable, affordable housing has been a challenge which the Indian government is still struggling with. There have been several housing policies, schemes and programmes at the National/federal level as well as the State/province level in India which have developed several models over a period of time. The advent of private sector in provision of housing has had major contribution along with that of public (govt) housing. With varying geographies and culture it is not possible to have a uniform housing strategy for the entire country. Through this paper, I shall be evaluating the national level housing policies and programmes in India, considering the role of public (govt) sector and the private sector, also few good examples of state level policies and programmes preferably along with project case studies. There will be more focus on recent policies. The outcome would be to bring out gaps and strategic guidelines to provide decent, livable affordable housing to all sections of the society.

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