



"BC Sakhi" initiative

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Why in News

On August 12, 2021, Jharkhand State Livelihood Promotion Society (JSLPS) along with the Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) launched the '**BC Sakhi Initiative**' online to promote **digital banking through a banking correspondent**.

Key Point

- The online launch programme was attended by Secretary, Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India as the Chief Guest, NN Sinha.
- At present, 4620 women of Sakhi Mandal are providing doorstep banking services to about 3137 Panchayats as BC Sakhis. Praising the BC Sakhi, he said that during the time of lockdown, these BC Sakhis of the Country did about Rs 6000 crore transactions and made banking services accessible in rural areas.
- The initiative of digital banking through BC Sakhis by SIDBI would get a new dimension and soon the Didi Banking Sakhi of Sakhi Mandal would be able to provide facilities at the doorstep in every Panchayat as Correspondent.
- The initiative of JSLPS under Rural Development Department to provide banking service to the sisters of Sakhi Mandal in the form of BC Sakhi will be provided technical support through SIDBI.
- SIDBI will provide its services in digital training material, MIS dashboard and capacity building for the BC Sakhi initiative.