



Draft 'Indira Gandhi Urban Credit Card Scheme' | Rajasthan | 17 Aug 2021

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On August 16, 2021, Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot approved the draft of '**Indira Gandhi Urban Credit Card Scheme, 2021**' for self-employment and everyday needs of the **street vendors of urban areas** and the youth and unemployed of the service sector.

Key Points

- Taking a sensitive decision to provide financial resources for employment, self-employment and daily needs in urban areas in view of the global pandemic Covid-19, Chief Minister Gehlot had announced the implementation of '**Indira Gandhi Urban Credit Card Scheme**' in this year's budget.
- The goal of the scheme is to connect with street vendors, hairdressers, rickshaw pullers, khatis, potters, cobblers, masons, tailors, washermen, dye-painters, electricians, plumbers, and other people in the unorganized sector, including unemployed youth and provide them financial assistance.
- Under this, beneficiaries will be provided with interest free loans up to Rs 50,000 that is also without any guarantee. Nearly 5 lakh beneficiaries living within the limits of Municipality, Municipal Council and Municipal Corporation will be provided assistance under this scheme.
- The implementation of the scheme will be done through the **Department of Autonomous Government**. For the beneficiaries belonging to the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes of urban areas the scheme will be implemented by the Scheduled Castes Corporation.
- The scheme will be applicable for one year and new loans can be sanctioned till March 31, 2022. The loan moratorium period will be 3 months and loan repayment period will be 12 months.
- The District Collector will be the nodal officer for effective implementation and review of the scheme.

Siliserh Tiraha-Garwaji Road | Rajasthan | 17 Aug 2021

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- On August 16, 2021, Rajasthan's **Minister of State for Labor, Tikaram Julie**, laid the foundation stone for the widening and strengthening work of **Siliserh-Garwaji** road in **Alwar**.
- The length of this road to be built at a cost of **Rs. 840 lakh** will be 14 km.

Key Points

- The **Siliserh Lake and Garwaji** are major tourist destinations of the district and the construction of a road here would facilitate the movement of people.
- The Minister of State also talked about installing road lights on this road and planting saplings on both sides of the road. This will attract a large number of tourists and the development of the tourism sector will increase employment opportunities for the local people.
- Along with this, he also announced for the convenience of the common man on the demand of the villagers, for the convenience of the common man, to do single pace boring on the Siliserh Tirahe and to connect the remote villages of the Siliserh area with rural bus service.