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## MoU signed between Jharkhand Government and Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) British High Commission | Jharkhand | 24 Aug 2022

### Why In News?

On 23 August 2022, the MoU between the Government of Jharkhand and the Foreign Office of Commonwealth and Development (FCDO), British High Commission, New Delhi and the '**Chevening Marang Gomke Jaipal Singh Munda Pardeshi Scholarship 2023**' was launched.

### Key Points

- This MoU was concluded in the presence of Chief Minister Hemant Soren and British High Commissioner Alex Ellis. Under the shared MoU, scholarship will be provided to a maximum of five students.
  - Significantly, this is the first time in the history of the country that an MoU has been signed with a state government for a common foreign scholarship.
  - '**Chevening Marang Gomke Jaipal Singh Munda Scholarship**' will be provided by the Jharkhand Government and the British High Commission to the meritorious children of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Backward Classes and Minorities community of Jharkhand.
  - With the efforts of the Chief Minister, the British High Commission has started 'Chevening Marang Gomke Jaipal Singh Munda Scholarship Scheme', expanding the scope of 'Marang Gomke Jaipal Singh Munda Scholarship Scheme' to provide scholarship to maximum five youths.
  - Prior to this, financial assistance was being provided by the Jharkhand Government to the youth belonging to Scheduled Tribes in selected courses of selected institutes/universities of United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland through 'Marang Gomke Jaipal Singh Munda Pardeshi Scholarship Scheme'. Now the youth of other sections like Scheduled Castes, Minorities and Backward Classes will also be benefited from the Pardeshi Scholarship Scheme.
  - Under this MoU, maximum 5 youths of Jharkhand will be selected for 'Chevening Marang Gomke Jaipal Singh Munda Scholarship Scheme' for every academic year. The entire education expenditure of the five selected youth will be jointly funded by the Government of Jharkhand and the British High Commission for Foreign Affairs and Development Office (FCDO). All payments under the MoU will be as per the guidelines approved by the Government of India.
  - It is worth mentioning that under the 'Marang Gomke Jaipal Singh Munda Scholarship Scheme', scholarship was being provided to maximum 10 youth in the past, but now maximum 25 youth will be given scholarship.
  - Each year a maximum of 10 from the Scheduled Tribes of Jharkhand, maximum of 05 of the Scheduled Castes, maximum of 03 of the Minorities and 7 from the Backward Classes have been selected and each year in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the top universities and institutions located in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland have been selected for the higher in the selected courses. Level education like Masters/M.Phil. Scholarship will be provided for
  - The Chief Minister said that a hundred years ago today, a tribal youth from Jharkhand, Jaipal Singh Munda ji got an opportunity to study in Oxford University. Along with his studies, he also captained the Oxford Blues team in hockey. This is the reason that today people know him as Marang Gomke. Jaipal Singh Munda has had a different identity in the state, country and world.
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