



Houses for Poor in Jharkhand by 2027 | Jharkhand | 29 Jan 2024

Why in News?

Recently, Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren announced that the **state government would provide 20 lakh houses to the poor** in the state **by 2027**, in an event at Torpa in Khunti district.

Key Points

- These houses were provided **under a state government-sponsored housing scheme, 'Abua Awas Yojana' (AAY)**.
 - The state government has launched the '**Abua Awas Yojana**' (My House) and sought applications for the scheme during the '[Apki Yojana, Apki Sarkar, Apke Dwar](#)' **campaign**.
 - The scheme was a **first-of-its-kind initiative** after the formation of Jharkhand in 2000.
- During the programme, the CM also **distributed approval letters and the first installment for the housing scheme to more than 8,000 beneficiaries** from Khunti and Simdega.

Apki Yojana, Apki Sarkar, Apke Dwar campaign

- Under this program, **camps will be organized in 4,351 panchayats and 50 wards** of the state. In these camps, **the needy people** who were till now **deprived of the schemes** will be covered **with public welfare schemes**.
- In the camps organized at [Panchayat](#) and **Ward level**, benefits of **new schemes like Abu Awas Yojana, Birsa Irrigation Well Scheme**, matters related to community and individual forest lease, **Guruji Student Credit Card Scheme** will be given.

Abua Awas Yojana (AAY)

- Under this scheme, the state government will provide **housing to the needy people** from its own fund by **spending more than Rs 15,000 crore in the next two years**.
- **Three room houses will be provided to the poor, deprived, labourers, farmers, tribals, backward and Dalits**.

Jharkhand Government Brings Down Age for Pension Scheme | Jharkhand | 29 Jan 2024

Why in News?

Recently, the Jharkhand cabinet approved the proposal to include **all women, tribals and Dalits above 50 years in its [old-age pension scheme](#)**.

- **Earlier, those above 60 years used to get the benefit** of the scheme, under which Rs 1,000 is provided to each beneficiary per month.

Key Points

- The initiative comes under the **Mukhya Mantri Rajya Vridhavastha Pension Yojana**. Around 18 lakh people would be benefited by the decision.
 - A total of **35.68 lakh people already get the benefit** of the scheme.
- 25 other proposals were also approved by the cabinet, including the distribution of '**Matri Kit**' to **pregnant women**.
 - The kit, worth around Rs 1,500, will have **14 materials, including a mosquito net, a cotton saree, a cotton towel and a toothpaste**. 6 lakh pregnant women will be benefited by it.
- The cabinet also granted several other approvals, such as:
 - The appointment of **Yogendra Prasad as the chairman of the State Backward Commission for three years**.
 - A **job and cash award of Rs 5 lakh to Vinita Oraon**, a resident of Vrinda Nayak Toli village in Gumla district.
 - Oraon killed an area commander of the **banned People's Liberation Front of India (PLFI)** during an attack on May 5, 2020.
 - **Upgrading 146 middle schools to high schools**.

Mukhya Mantri Rajya Vridhavastha Pension Yojana

- The primary objective of this scheme is to **extend financial support to vulnerable elderly** citizens of the state.
- Through the provision of a **₹1,000 monthly pension**, the government aims to reduce the dependence of senior citizens on others for their financial needs.
- The scheme **emphasizes self-reliance for elderly citizens, particularly those living below the poverty line**.

People's Liberation Front of India (PLFI)

- It is a **militant Maoist outfit formed in 2007** in Jharkhand.
- **Earlier it was known as Jharkhand Liberation Tigers (JLT) founded by Dinesh Gope** a resident of Khunti district, Jharkhand in 2003.

Jharkhand State Backward Commission

- It is a permanent body which has been constituted as per provisions of the **Jharkhand State Commission for Backward Classes Act, 2002**.