



## Combined Course in Higher Secondary Schools

### Why in News

- On September 17, 2021, on the occasion of Vishwakarma Jayanti, Chief Minister **Bhupesh Baghel** **launched a combined course of ITI vocational education along with higher secondary education** in higher secondary schools of the state.

### Key Points

- The Chief Minister made a historic beginning of this curriculum designed for quality vocational education along with school education in Chhattisgarh schools from Swami Atmanand School, Patan in Durg district, organized by video conferencing at his residence office.
- In this two-year course jointly prepared by Chhattisgarh **Board of Secondary Education and State Council for Vocational Training (SCVT)**, students will be able to study classes 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> as well as ITI courses.
- In this course, students who pass the 12<sup>th</sup> examination will also get a certificate of ITI along with higher secondary. Students will be given a certificate of class 12<sup>th</sup> by the Board of Secondary Education, from which they can take admission in higher education and will also get a certificate of ITI, from which they will be able to get employment. Both the courses will run concurrently.
- Chief Minister Baghel said on the occasion that a Welder trade for students and a Hindi Stenography course for girl students have been prescribed. This course will be of two years duration. This course will be completed in two years during class 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Children who get skill training at the school level itself will be easy to get employment in small and big industries being set up in Chhattisgarh. Also they will be able to do self-employment.
- The Chief Minister said that this job-oriented course would be expanded in future and new trades would be included in it as per the need.
- He said that 172 English medium schools have been started in the state to provide quality education in English medium to the children of Chhattisgarh. Similarly, it has been decided to upgrade multipurpose Hindi medium schools as Swami Atmanand Hindi medium schools.