



Jharkhand Government Takes Action to Improve Education System

Why in News?

Recently, the Jharkhand government laid the foundation stone of a degree college in **Potka area of East Singhbhum district**, paving the way for higher education in the region.

Key Points

- The college is set up with the objective of providing **quality education to children of all sections and communities** including **tribals**, indigenous people, farmers, labourers, SC/ST, and minorities.
- For the development and promotion of the rich **tribal and regional languages of the state**, teaching in these languages will start from the primary schools.
 - Appointment of bell-based teachers of tribal languages including **Santali, Mundari and Oraon** will be done soon.
 - The government's priority is to start teaching **Bengali and Oriya languages** from primary schools in the state.
- The government reckons that only when the young generation gets a better education, will the condition and direction of the state change, with more people able to come out of poverty.
- The government is also helping students finance their education through the **Guruji Credit Card Scheme**.
 - Under this scheme, **education loans are being provided** as per the need for a higher education degree.
 - It is also giving **100% scholarships to the children of tribal and indigenous communities** who want to study in educational institutions abroad.
 - The **scholarship amount has been increased by three times** so that the children of farmers and labourers, and the children of every poor family in the state can get a better education.
- The state government is providing all the necessary facilities to ensure that the education of the students does not stop due to lack of funds.
- Work is being done to strengthen social, economic and educational systems in the state.

Guruji Student Credit Card Scheme

- This scheme was **launched on 14th March, 2024** by the Jharkhand government.
- Under the Guruji Student Credit Card Scheme, students will get a **maximum loan of Rs 15 lakh**. **A maximum of 30%** of this amount will be available for non-institutional work (including living and food expenses).
- Students will have to pay a **simple rate of interest of 4%**. The rest of the interest will be paid by the state government in the form of interest subvention.
- Students will not need to give any kind of collateral security to take a loan. Students will be able to **repay the loan amount in 15 years**.
- The interest on the loan that the children will take will be calculated at the rate of simple interest. It will remain fixed for the entire tenure of the loan.

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