PRI-CBO Convergence Project launched

Why in News?

On National Panchayati Raj Day on 24 April 2023, Director of Thakur Pyarelal State Panchayat and Rural Development Institute (SIRD) P.C. Mishra launched the PRI-CBO Convergence (Panchayati Raj Institutions-Community Based Organization Convergence) project in Chhattisgarh.

Key Points

- Under the project, self-help groups formed under the mission will be made entrepreneurs through the convergence of community organizations and gram panchayats of the State Rural Livelihoods Mission (Bihan) to increase livelihood opportunities & reduce poverty in villages.
- Under the PRI-CBO Convergence Project, Gram Panchayats and federations of self-help groups will work in convergence by promoting sustainable community-based organizations such as cluster organizations, village organizations & self-help groups to reduce rural poverty and generate livelihood opportunities.
- Under this, better coordination will be established between the local government and line departments to enhance the service delivery mechanism within the community. CBO network will also be created with gram panchayats and line departments.
- This project will be implemented in a total of 200 Gram Panchayats of Bakavand, Bastanar, Lohandiguda & Tokapal development blocks of Bastar district and Abhanpur, Arang, Dharsiwa & Tilda development blocks of Raipur district.
- In this, a total of 32 cluster organizations of 'Bihan' of 25-25-gram panchayats of all these development blocks and self-help groups associated with them, including 640 village organizations will participate.
- Chief Operating Officer (CCO) of the State Rural Livelihood Mission Smt. Alice Lakra said in the workshop that the 17 indicators of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) have been regionalized and classified into nine themes for the development of villages with better coordination between the three-tier Panchayati Raj institutions and the community organizations formed under 'Bihan'.

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