



Chhattisgarh Implements Pay Raise and Women Empowerment Scheme

Why in News?

Recently, the Chhattisgarh government decided to increase the **remuneration of tendu patta collectors from Rs 4000 per standard bag to Rs 5500** and implement the **Mahtari Vandan Yojana**.

Key Points

- The Cabinet has approved the Mahtari Vandan Yojana, under which **married women will receive financial assistance of Rs 1000 per month, totaling Rs 12,000** annually, directly credited to their bank accounts through [Direct Benefit Transfers \(DBT\)](#).
 - The **objective of this scheme** is to **eliminate gender discrimination, inequality, and lack of awareness among women in the state**, and to improve their health and nutrition levels.
 - The benefits will be available to **married women who are residents of Chhattisgarh and are aged 21 or above as of 1st January, 2024**. Widowed, divorced, and abandoned women are also eligible for the scheme.
- To ensure **the social security of tendu patta collectors**, a new scheme will be implemented, with **75% of the financial assistance provided by the government** and the remaining **25% by the Chhattisgarh State Minor Forest Produce (Trading and Development) Co-operative Federation**.
- The Cabinet has also decided to implement **the Bharat (BH) series vehicle registration** in the state of Chhattisgarh.
 - Under the BH series implemented by the Government of India, **two-wheeler and four-wheeler vehicles will have to pay tax for two years at one go**.
- The draft of the [Chhattisgarh Goods and Services Tax \(Amendment\) Bill-2024](#) was also approved.

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