



No “Plus Two” Classes in Colleges in Bihar

Why in News?

Recently, the Bihar government announced the **discontinuation of plus two (intermediate) classes** being held in colleges affiliated to various universities in the state.

Key Points

- According to the notification, **the intermediate education** (in all three streams — arts, science and commerce) **will now be imparted only in higher secondary schools** from the new session.
- The delinking of intermediate from colleges has been recommended in the **Universities Act, 1956** but the same could not be enforced until now because of inadequate infrastructure and manpower in higher secondary schools.
 - In 2007 the government had taken a policy decision to phase out intermediate education from colleges in conformity with the **National Education Policy (1986/92)** and had introduced 10+2 format in plus two.
 - Under a special drive, the department has already developed large-scale infrastructure and recruited 67,961 teachers for higher secondary schools and another 65,737 teachers in secondary schools.
- The Bihar government had also taken a policy decision to have **one higher secondary school in every panchayat** and had upgraded the existing secondary schools.

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