



Jharkhand Announces Free Bags For Students

Why in News?

Recently, the Jharkhand government announced to provide school bags to around 37 lakh students enrolled in Classes I to VIII in the **state-run schools besides the books and other logistics provided to them** as part of the school kit each year.

Key Points

- The announcement was made after the Chief Minister chaired a Cabinet meeting before the **Election Commission** announced the schedule for the Lok Sabha elections.
- A total of 53 proposals were taken up during the Cabinet meeting, most of which comprised road projects, irrigation and water supply works, rural development.
 - The Government will provide a one-time refilling of gas cylinders per anganwadi every three months.
 - To set up the **Jharkhand Millet Mission** Rs. 50 crore was approved.
 - The government aims to expand the area under **millet cultivation** from the present, 40,000 hectares to 5,00,000 hectares over the next five years.
 - Rs. 80 crore were sanctioned under the **Kisan Samriddhi Yojana**, which aims to provide solar based irrigation facilities to the farmers.

Note

The Government of Jharkhand is promoting Millets specially Ragi (Finger Millet) which is grown in the state in a very scattered manner. Due to the high nutritive value the State Government is promoting millets under State livelihood Policy which is under the Department of Panchayat, and is mostly served in midday meal for school children & hospitals.

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