



Mahtari Vandan Scheme

Why in News?

Recently, **Chief Minister Vishnu Dev Sahay** announced that during the [Tija-Pora \(September 2nd\) Mahtari Vandan festival](#), he will release the **7th installment of the Mahtari Vandan Scheme**, providing Rs. 1,000 each to 7 million women beneficiaries.

Key Points

- **Eligibility:** Must be a resident of Chhattisgarh, 21 years old as of January 1, 2024, and include **married women, widows, divorcees, and abandoned women.**
 - **Exclusions:** Income taxpayers and government employees are not eligible.
- **Launch:** Prime Minister of India launched the Mahtari Vandan Scheme on March 10, 2024, and released the first installment.
- **Assistance:** Provides Rs. 1,000 per month to women aged 21+ (married, widowed, divorced, or abandoned).
- **Beneficiaries:** Over **7 million** women selected; 6 installments have been transferred.
- **Payment:** Rs. 39.23 billion paid from March to August by the **Women and Child Development Department.**
- **Teeja-Pora:** Teeja-Pora is celebrated to honor and appreciate the bulls and buffaloes for their essential role in the farming process.
 - It marks the end of the agricultural season and involves rituals to show respect and gratitude towards these animals.

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