



Special Grants for Chhattisgarh from Finance Commission

Why in News?

Recently, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai requested **special central grants highlighting the state's large tribal population, challenging geographical conditions, and Naxal activities in certain areas.**

- This appeal was made during a meeting with a delegation from the [16th Finance Commission](#).

Key Points

- The CM informed the commission about **rapid development** works being carried out in **Naxal-affected areas** and effective **measures being taken to curb Maoist activities.**
 - Under the '[Niyad Nellanar Yojana](#)' basic facilities such as education, health, roads, electricity, and water are being provided in these regions.
 - However, **challenging geographical conditions** in these areas **lead to additional expenditure** on infrastructure development.
- The additional expenses incurred to **address concerns on environmental damage and health impacts caused by mining activities** in the mineral-rich state.
 - Due to the [GST \(Goods and Services Tax\)](#) as a **consumption-based destination tax system**, the **actual benefits of mining activities are accruing to states** where mineral value addition and consumption occur **rather than to Chhattisgarh.**

Niyad Nellanar Yojana

- Niyad Nellanar, meaning **“aapka achcha gaon” or “your good village”** is the local Dandami dialect (spoken in south Bastar).
- Under this scheme, **amenities and benefits** will be **provided in villages located within 5 kilometers** of security camps in Bastar region.
 - **14 new security camps have been set up in Bastar.** These camps will also **help to facilitate the implementation of the new scheme.** Around 25 basic amenities will be provided in such villages under Niyad Nellanar.

Finance Commission

- The Finance Commission in India is a constitutional body established under [Article 280 of the Indian Constitution](#).
 - Its primary function is to **recommend the distribution of financial resources** between the central government and the state governments.
- The [Fifteenth Finance Commission](#) was constituted on **27th November, 2017**. It made recommendations covering the period of six years commencing on **1st April, 2020** through its Interim and Final Reports.
 - The recommendations of the Fifteenth Finance Commission are valid up to the financial year **2025-26.**

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