



Jan Shikshan Sansthan

Why in News

Recently, the **Jan Shikshan Sansthan (JSS)** has brought **high-speed internet** to some of the remotest tribal hamlets deep inside the Nilambur jungle in Kerala.

Key Points

▪ About:

- The Scheme of JSS formerly known as Shramik Vidyapeeth was a unique creation of the Government of India and has been implemented through **Non-governmental Organizations (NGOs)** in the country since 1967.
 - The scheme was **renamed as JSS in 2000.**
- It was **transferred from the Ministry of Education** (erstwhile Ministry of Human Resource Development) **to the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship in July, 2018.**
- The JSSs are **imparting vocational skill training programmes at the door step** of the beneficiaries with a minimum cost and infrastructure.
- JSSs are unique in the sense that they do not provide only vocational skills but **also include an element of life skills which can help the beneficiary in day to day life.**
- They are not working in isolation but also conduct **convergence programmes with different departments.**
 - At present, **233 JSSs in 25 States and 3 Union Territories are functional.**
 - The **annual coverage of the beneficiaries is around 4 lakh**, out of which **85% are women.**

▪ Mandate:

- To **provide vocational skills in non-formal mode** to non-literate, neo-literates, persons with rudimentary level of education upto 8th and school drop-outs upto 12th standard in the **age group of 15-45 years.**
- The **priority groups are women, Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribe, minorities** and other **backward sections of the society.**

▪ Implementation:

- It is implemented through NGOs with **100% grants from the Government of India.** JSSs are registered under the **Societies Registration Act, 1860.**
- The affairs of Jan Shikshan Sansthan are managed by the **respective Board of Management approved by the Government of India.**

▪ Scope of Work of JSS:

- Develop/Source **appropriate curriculum and training modules** covering vocational elements, general awareness and life enrichment components.
- JSSs are encouraged to **undertake training equivalent to courses** designed by the Directorate of Adult Education, National Institute of Open Schooling and Director General,

- Employment & Training.
- **Provide training to a pool of resource persons and master trainers** for conducting training.
 - Administer **simple tests and award certificates.**
 - **Network with employers and industries** for trainees to get suitable placement.

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