



Jharkhand Government Brings Down Age for Pension Scheme

Why in News?

Recently, the Jharkhand cabinet approved the proposal to include **all women, tribals and Dalits above 50 years in its [old-age pension scheme](#)**.

- **Earlier, those above 60 years used to get the benefit** of the scheme, under which Rs 1,000 is provided to each beneficiary per month.

Key Points

- The initiative comes under the **Mukhya Mantri Rajya Vridhavastha Pension Yojana**. Around 18 lakh people would be benefited by the decision.
 - A total of **35.68 lakh people already get the benefit** of the scheme.
- 25 other proposals were also approved by the cabinet, including the distribution of '**Matri Kit**' to **pregnant women**.
 - The kit, worth around Rs 1,500, will have **14 materials, including a mosquito net, a cotton saree, a cotton towel and a toothpaste**. 6 lakh pregnant women will be benefited by it.
- The cabinet also granted several other approvals, such as:
 - The appointment of **Yogendra Prasad as the chairman of the State Backward Commission for three years**.
 - A **job and cash award of Rs 5 lakh to Vinita Oraon**, a resident of Vrinda Nayak Toli village in Gumla district.
 - Oraon killed an area commander of the **banned People's Liberation Front of India (PLFI)** during an attack on May 5, 2020.
 - **Upgrading 146 middle schools to high schools**.

Mukhya Mantri Rajya Vridhavastha Pension Yojana

- The primary objective of this scheme is to **extend financial support to vulnerable elderly citizens** of the state.
- Through the provision of a **₹1,000 monthly pension**, the government aims to reduce the dependence of senior citizens on others for their financial needs.
- The scheme **emphasizes self-reliance for elderly citizens, particularly those living below the poverty line**.

People's Liberation Front of India (PLFI)

- It is a **militant Maoist outfit formed in 2007** in Jharkhand.
- **Earlier** it was known as **Jharkhand Liberation Tigers (JLT)** founded by **Dinesh Gope** a resident of Khunti district, Jharkhand in 2003.

Jharkhand State Backward Commission

- It is a permanent body which has been constituted as per provisions of the **Jharkhand State Commission for Backward Classes Act, 2002.**

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