



Bihar Laghu Udyami Yojana

Why in News?

Recently, the Bihar government has approved a **scheme to provide financial assistance of ₹2 lakh each to over 9.4 million poor families** to create **self-employment opportunities**.

Key Points

- The approval to the “**Bihar Laghu Udyami Yojana**” (Bihar small entrepreneur scheme) was among the **18 proposals of different departments approved during the cabinet meeting** chaired by Chief Minister Nitish Kumar.
 - The scheme, which will continue for **five years**, aims to provide **job opportunities to over 9.4 million poor families**, whose **monthly income is less than ₹6,000 a month**.
 - The **state industries department will implement the scheme**, and **beneficiaries will be selected through a computerised randomisation process**.
- **At least one member** of the poor families **will be provided grant up to ₹2 lakh in three installments to set up and run small industrial or processing units**, such as handicraft, textile, saloon, eateries, among 63 types of units.
- The cabinet approved an **estimated annual expenditure of ₹9.79 crore**:
 - To expand the ambit of financial aid being provided **to students from Extremely Backward Classes (EBCs) families preparing for civil services (mains) exams**.
 - EBC students **preparing for other tests** such as recruitment and competitive exams among others, will also **get a one-time financial grant ranging from ₹75,000 to ₹30,000**.

Note:

- Recently, the **Bihar government released the socio-economic data in the state assembly**, after releasing [the caste survey report](#).
 - The data showed **9,433,312 families (or 34.13%) of the total 27,628,995 families in the state are economically poor**.
 - Of the poor families, **3.31 million families** belong to the **EBCs**, **2.47 million** from [Other Backward Classes \(OBCs\)](#), **2.34 million** from the **Scheduled Castes (SCs)**, **1.08 million** from the **general category** and **201,000 families from Scheduled Tribes (STs)**.