



Chief Minister Flagged off the Mobile Deendayal Rasoi Kendra

Why In News?

On October 7, 2023, Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan flagged off the Deendayal Rasoi Kendra running from Smart Park.

Key Points:

- These mobile centers will go to the places in Bhopal and other cities and provide full meals to workers and other needy people for five rupees, where these people work. Mobile centers will be operated in other cities of the state also.
- There are two main objectives of starting this scheme. One is that poor people can get food at subsidized rates, second is that migrant workers and other needy citizens can get the facility of a full meal near their workplace.
- Earlier the centers operated at one place only. With this system, such laborers who come from villages to cities to earn their living will be able to get fresh food at their place of work without spending much money and time.
- In these centers, food is distributed from 10 am to 3 pm at the rate of Rs 5 per plate. The state government has made arrangements to provide a grant of Rs 10 per person under this scheme.
- It is noteworthy that this scheme was started in Madhya Pradesh on February 7, 2017 with operation at 56 places including district headquarters and 6 major religious places. Presently the scheme is being operated at 166 locations.
- Under this scheme, 225 lakh food thalis have been distributed in the state.
- 25 mobile kitchen centers have been started in the state. The cost of a mobile center is Rs 25 lakh. It will also have modern equipment for food preparation and keeping hot food.
- Cities with a population of more than 10 lakh in the state, where mobile centers have been started, include 3 mobile kitchen centers in Bhopal, 4 in Indore and two each in Jabalpur and Gwalior. Operation of one mobile kitchen center each has been started in the remaining 12 municipal corporations and two industrial towns, Pithampur and Mandideep.
- Soon, there is a plan to start such kitchen centers in 68 urban bodies with a population of more than 20 thousand.



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