



# Kota Cares Initiative

## Why in News?

To address stress among students preparing for competitive exams and the [rising cases of suicides](#), the **Kota district administration recently announced a comprehensive set of reforms** for student welfare across the city.

## Key Points

### ▪ About Kota Cares Initiative:

- 'Kota Cares' is a **joint initiative of the** district administration, coaching institutes, hostel associations and local communities, **launched in December 2024**.
- It is a **significant step towards improving the educational ecosystem of the city**. This initiative can serve as a model for other educational centres **not only in Kota but across the country**.

### ▪ New Guidelines and Features:

#### ◦ Housing and Financial Aid:

- Security and caution money will be removed from 4,000 hostels.
- Maintenance charges will be limited to Rs 2,000 per year.
- Parents will be given receipts for all payments.
- Defined guidelines for room change and leave policies.

#### ◦ Safety and Security Measures:

- Compulsory gate-keeper training for all hostel staff.
- Installation of modern security systems including CCTV surveillance and biometric systems.
- Special provisions for women's hostels, which will also include women wardens.
- Mandatory certification for anti-hanging devices and No Objection Certificates (NOC) for fire hazards.
- Regular night attendance checks through personal room visits.

#### ◦ Student Welfare Initiatives:

- Free access to Chambal Riverfront and Oxygen Zone
- Designated spaces for recreation in all hostels.
- Availability of food services during mid-term holidays.
- **Kota Cares Help Desk** at Railway Stations and Bus Terminals.
- A citywide network of student support centers.

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