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Jharkhand Livelihood Promotion Skill Campaign

Jharkhand state government has started a livelihood promotion skills (ASHA) campaign for the economic empowerment of rural women. Along with this, the launch of Phulo Jhano Ashirwad Abhiyan and the Palash Brand was unveiled by Chief Minister Hemant Soren on 29 September 2020.

The main objective of these schemes is to connect rural women with self-employment.

Through the livelihood enhancement skills campaign, 17 lakh rural women will be linked with strong means of livelihood.

Under ASHA scheme, self-employment opportunities related to local resources will also be made available to rural women, which are given below: -

- Agricultural livelihood
- Animal husbandry
- Forest produce
- Forest produce processing
- Entrepreneurship

Out of the nearly 4.71 lakh migrants recorded in the Mission Saksham database of Jharkhand, about 3.6 lakh migrant families will benefit under ASHA.

A provision of about 1200 crores has also been made under various projects run by Jharkhand State Livelihoods Project under Rural Development Department.

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Jharkhand Rajya Khadya Suraksha Yojana

Jharkhand state government has launched Jharkhand Rajya Khadya Suraksha Yojana (JRKSY) on 8 September 2020. It is a separate scheme will guarantee monthly subsidized 5 Kg food grains to poor people.

The new JRKSY scheme will cover around 18 lakh people who are covered by the National Food Security Act (NFSA).

Under Jharkhand Rajya Khadya Suraksha Yojana, beneficiaries will get each kilogram of foodgrains at Rs. 1. Applications for JRKSY scheme can be made through online mode.

The beneficiaries will be segregated on the basis of ward in urban local bodies, district, block and panchayat levels and their names will be published online.

The new JRKSY scheme will cost Rs. 213 crore per annum to the state exchequer. Currently, there are approx. 28 lakh people in Jharkhand who are out of the ambit of NFSA.

Jharkhand Chief Minister Labor Scheme

Jharkhand state government has launched Jharkhand Mukhyamantri Shramik Yojana for workers in the state under which each beneficiary will be given at least 100 days of employment per year.

In order to apply online for Mukhyamantri Shramik Yojana Job Card, the state government has also launched a portal where all the interested candidates can register themselves and get the job card of the scheme.

The main objective of this scheme is that no poor or laborer should suffer in the absence of money.

Lack of employment is visible in this phase of Corona transition which is similar to the nettle for daily wage laborers. In view of this, the Chief Minister Shramik Yojana has been prepared at the government level. About 5 lakh families in the state will be benefitted under this scheme.



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Jharkhand Birsa Harit Gram Yojana

Jharkhand state government has launched 3 employment schemes for six lakh migrant labourers who are returning to the state in a phased manner.

The name of 3 schemes are Birsa Harit Gram Yojana, Poto Ho Khel Vikas Yojana and Neelambar Pitambar Jal Samridhi Yojana.

These schemes aims to revive rural economy which has been hit badly by the ongoing Coronavirus (COVID-19) lockdown.

The decision to launch 3 rural employment schemes comes three days after stranded migrants returned to the state.

All the 3 schemes will be run by the rural development department under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) Scheme.

People can now check the complete details of the 3 rural employment schemes launched by the Jharkhand government to benefit migrant workers.

Jharkhand Chief Minister Ration Scheme

Jharkhand government has launched the Mukhya Mantri Ration Yojana so that people do not have any inconvenience related to rationing.

Through this government scheme, the state government will deliver 15 days of ration to the Covid-19 Containment Areas so that people do not have to leave their homes and prevent the Corona Virus epidemic from proceeding.

The Jharkhand Chief Minister's Ration Scheme will provide great relief to those whose area is completely under lockdown or belongs to the red zone.

Apart from introducing the CM ration or food scheme, people appealed to stay home and follow the instructions of the government as well as cooperate in the investigation process.

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Jharkhand launched three schemes for rural job creation

Jharkhand launched three schemes, Birsa Harit Gram Yojana(BHGY), Neelambar Pitambar JAL Sammriddhi Yojana(NPJSY) and Veer Sahid Poto Ho Khel Vikas Scheme (VSPHKVS) to provide wage employment for the workers in the rural area devised in convergence with the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme(MGNREGA) in the presence of rural development minister Alamgir Alam, water resources minister Mithilesh Thankur and other administrative officials.

In the data provided by the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CIME) the unemployment rate of the state pegged at 47.1% which is double the national average. The three schemes are to provide employment for more than 6 lakh stranded migrant labourers returning to the state and revive the economy of the state.

These schemes are made keeping the long term goals for sustainable development and creating new assets for the state.

Neelambar Pitambar Jal Sammriddhi Yojana(NPJSY) is aimed for the conservation of water, recharge of ground water, creation of agro-water storage units for saving rainwater and runaway ground water.

BirsaHarit Gram Yojana(BHGY) is aimed to use the two lakh acres of government lands for afforestation by providing 100 fruit-bearing plants to more than 5 lakh families to initiate the plantation, maintenance, landwork and afforestation through MNREGA.

Veer Sahid Poto Ho Khel Vikas Scheme(VSPHKVS) is for linking sports with rural job schemes in order to provide boost to sports through the scheme around 5,000 sports grounds are planned to set up for one each in all 4300 panchayats.

Jharkhand to launch Employment Guarantee Scheme “Mukhyamantri SHRAMIK Yojna” for Urban Poor

Jharkhand is set to launch a 100-day employment scheme “Mukhyamantri SHRAMIK Yojna” to enhance the livelihood and security of urban poor. This scheme is in line with the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme.

After Kerala’s Ayyankali Urban Employment Guarantee Scheme, Jharkhand is the 2nd state in the country to launch a job guarantee scheme for the urban poor.

To provide guaranteed employment for unskilled poor workers in urban regions to increase employment amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

This scheme will provide provision for unemployment allowance if the local body fails to provide a job within 15 days.

The works will be divided into various categories like cleanliness, water harvesting, tree plantation, public works construction or repair and managing shelter homes.

For the first 30 days of unemployment, the worker will be provided one-fourth of the wages which will be reduced into half in the second month and in the third month without employment the worker will be provided basic minimum wage which will be 40% higher than the Rs.194/day provided under MGNREGS.

The minimum wage per day in Jharkhand ranges from Rs 274.81 to Rs 438.39 based on the skill of the workers. v.Urban workers will be registered and will be provided with job cards similar to the labours of MGNREGS.

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Sahiya didis played important role in door-to-door Intensive Public Health Survey

Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHA) generally known as Sahiya didis have played an important role in the recently conducted door-to-door Intensive Public Health Survey from June 18 to 25 to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in Jharkhand.

Sahiya didis have played the role of real warriors in the war against COVID-19.

Jharkhand has become the first state to complete such a survey within a stipulated time.

Sahiya didis identified 55 thousand 215 people aged above 40 years with the highest risk of Corona infection, or are suffering from severe respiratory diseases.

The ASHAs in Jharkhand, known as “Sahiyas”, have been supporting delivery of health care services to the last mile, especially in the tribal areas.

The state government has decided to mandatorily conduct corona investigations upon the high-risk people identified by the Sahiya sisters.

Nearly 42 thousand Sahiya sisters in Jharkhand gave their full support to carry out the intensive public health survey conducted to identify the high risk population of COVID-19.

Jharkhand Govt launched Job Gaurantee Scheme for Urban Poor

Jharkhand state government has launched a job guarantee scheme that will be on the lines of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MNREGA). The scheme unlike MNREGA (which focuses on providing a 100-day job for the Rural poor), will focus on providing 100-day work for the unskilled workers living in the urban areas of the state.

The scheme aimed to enhance the livelihood security for the urban poor will be named Mukhyamantri SHRAMIK (Shahri Rozgar Manjuri For Kamgar). The scheme is awaiting approval of the state cabinet.

Ayyankali Urban Employment Guarantee Scheme (AUEGS) is the 100-day employment guarantee scheme of the Kerala Government for urban poor.

On 21st June 2020, the Urban Development Secretary of Jharkhand has informed the media that the scheme will also have a provision under for unemployment allowance. This allowance will only be applicable when if a local body fails to provide a job within 15 days to the unskilled worker.

As per information provided in media, for the first 30 days a beneficiary of the scheme will be entitled to one-fourth of the wages as unemployment allowance, while if the local body fails to provide job during the next 30 days then the beneficiary will be provided with half of the total 100 days work wage entitled.

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Jharkhand government released ₹86, 370 crore Budget for Financial year 2020-21

Jharkhand Finance Minister Rameshwar Oraon presented Rs 86,370 crore budget for financial year 2020-21 in the State assembly. The budget estimated revenue expenditure of Rs 73,315.94 crore & capital expenditure of Rs 13,054.06 crore.

Financial assistance to jobless youth, 100 units of free electricity & farmer's relief fund announced Unemployment allowance of Rs 5000 & Rs 7000 to be given annually for unemployed youths who have earned bachelor & master's degree in the past 3 years & have registered with employment exchange for jobs. Rs 146 crore allocated under this head.

People are not required to pay electricity dues for 1st 100 units if they consume less than 300 units of power. Proposal to set up 'Jharkhand Rajya Kisan Rahat Kosh' (farmers relief fund) from this Kharif season, changing the form of 'Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana' (PMFBY) a sum of Rs 100 crore earmarked for the proposed relief fund.

Agriculture

i. Decision made to introduce "Short Term Agriculture Loan Relief Yojana" underlining Rs 2000 Crore & Rs 200 crore allocated for "Paddy Production & Market Accessibility".

ii. A target to connect 1 Lakh families under "Livelihood Promotion" scheme paddy cultivation, poultry, vegetables and medicinal herbs.

Education

Rs 30 crore earmarked under the "Mukhya Mantri Visesh Chhatra Vriti Yojana" (Chief Ministers Special Students Scholarship) to provide universal scholarship for students enrolled in government schools from Class I to XII.

Health

Families which have annual income less than Rs 8 lakh will get free treatment for critical illnesses such as cancer and kidney & liver ailments in top-notch health institutions of the country.

New scheme announced for Modern Diagnostic & Other Testing Lab along with ambulance facilities for animals.

Construction

Rs 4199 crore is earmarked under "Baba Saheb Ambedkar Yojana" for constructing five thousand housing units.

Proposals made

To give an additional Rs 50,000 to the beneficiaries under “Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana” & to provide ration to all people above 50 years of age.

Rs 1660.77 crore to ensure regular honorarium to para teachers & to increase the honorarium of Cook-cum- Sahaika engaged in preparations of midday meals by Rs 500 which makes their monthly payment as Rs 2000.

The budget aims at achieving 7.2 per cent growth rate for state GDP (Gross Domestic Product) from current 5.7 per cent, and push per capital income to Rs 65,802 from the existing Rs 62,345.

[Click here for Current Affairs PDF](#)**Jharkhand became the 3rd state in India to launch ‘Star Rating program’ for industries**

Jharkhand will launch its “Star Rating Program” on June 5, 2020, to rate industries based on the amount of pollutants generated by them.

With this, it became the 3rd state in India to launch this system for industries after Maharashtra & Odisha.

The program will be implemented by the Jharkhand State Pollution Control Board (JSPCB) in association with the University of Chicago Trust (UC Trust).

The rating ranging on one to five scale, with the most polluting industry getting 1 star while the industry with the highest compliance rate with pollution control norms will get 5 stars.

The star rating is based on the emission of particulate matter (or PM-2.5 and PM 10) emissions out of 17 categories of highly polluting industries including Captive Power Plants, Integrated Power Plants, Integrated Steel, Sponge Iron, Cement, Copper Smelter etc.

The rating will be provided after sensing the emission data of industries, which will be calculated through the Continuous Emission Monitoring System (CEMS) every 15 minutes.

Ranchi launched “Tatpar” programme to transport migrants

Ranchi launched the “Tatpar” program to help the migrant workers to get back to their native places on bus instead of tiresome travel by foot. The administration launched a helpline “1950” to support the migrant workers in arranging buses.

The officials collect the information about the workers travelling through foot in the national highways or on other roads and provide them transport facilities.

A day after the launch of the programme, over 140 migrant workers were benefited through this programme and sent back to their native places through bus.

Through this programme while transportation the migrant workers were provided with masks and food packets.

On 16th May 2020, the Chief Minister Hemant Soren instructed the 24 district administration to ensure that the workers are not travelling by foot to reach their destinations in the lockdown.

Jharia is the most polluted Indian city

Jharia in Jharkhand which is known for Coal-belching is the most polluted Indian city with 322 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ (micrograms per cubic meter) of PM10 (Particulate matter) pollutants in 2018, according to the Greenpeace India report analysis of 287 cities across the country. Out of 287 cities 231 cities were severely polluted.

Dhanbad in Jharkhand which is known for its rich coal reserves and industries, is the second-most polluted Indian City with 264 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ of PM10 pollutants.

By taking marginal improvement in reducing air pollution, Delhi had jumped to the 10th position in the analysis . It was at the 8th position in the last report.

Lunglei in Mizoram is the least polluted followed by Meghalaya's Dowki. It is also the only Indian city with PM levels under the World Health Organisation's (WHO) prescribed level of 20 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ (micrograms per cubic meter). iv. Noida, Ghaziabad, Bareilly, Allahabad, Moradabad and Firozabad are the six of the top-10 polluted cities in Uttar Pradesh.

By keeping 2017 as the base year, the central government launched National Clean Air Programme (NCAP) in 2019, which is a five-year action plan with a target of reducing concentrations of PM-10 and PM-2.5 up to 30% by 2024 in 102 non-attainment cities.

According to the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS), the permissible limit for PM-10 is 60 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ and it is mere 20 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$, as per the World Health Organization (WHO).

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Jharkhand Government launched PRAGYAAM app to issue e-passes for essential deliveries

Jharkhand Government launched a mobile application PRAGYAAM to issue e-passes to everyone associated with the delivery of essential services during the national lockdown to combat COVID-19 (Coronavirus). The android platform based app can be downloaded from Google Playstore & has been designed locally.

Through this app District Transport Officers issues e-passes to vehicles through online mode after verification of the documents uploaded through the app.

The passes will be issued to those involved in the regular supply services, medical, banking & other necessary services.

The higher officials can also verify the status of the e-passes on the app and other details, including mobile number and identity card of the person engaged in such duties to curb the chances of fake e-passes.

Doordarshan started online classes for School children in Jharkhand

The State Education Department in collaboration with Doordarshan started online classes and educational programmes in Jharkhand to provide school education to students of the state through video and thematic lectures. The special educational lectures are designed for students from class 1 to 12 with special slots allotted for each class.

The programme is scheduled on the regional DD channel and free Dish TV from morning 10 am to afternoon 2 pm for five days a week everyday from Monday to Friday as the schools remain closed till June 15 due to summer vacations.

Students can study regularly at their home during this lockdown period and can get benefitted of the 1 hour long subject-wise classes specially designed with the help of teachers aided by UNICEF (United Nations Children's Fund) & the state education department.

Apart from the regional broadcast on Doordarshan these classes will also be available online on YouTube channel of Doordarshan – DD Jharkhand and DIGI SATH for uninterrupted access by the students as per their convenience.

The educational programme aims to provide tutorials, clear concepts and impart knowledge to students of higher secondary sections & thematic pictographic video learning programmes for junior section classes.

Subodh Kumar, Director of Doordarshan Kendra, Ranchi, added that after completion of daily classes, a toll free number and email ID will be provided where students could register their doubts. After collecting doubts for one week, the panel will clear all doubts of students.

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Centre approved funds for implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission in Jharkhand

Jharkhand presented their Annual Action Plan for implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission in the State to the Ministry of Jal Shakti through a virtual meet chaired by Parameswaran Iyer. Jharkhand planned to have 100% household coverage by 2023-24 while for FY21 it will enable 12 lakh households with tap water connections consisting of 100% coverage of 15 blocks and 4,700 villages (16%).

In this regard, Central Govt has approved fund of Rs 572.23 Crore for Jharkhand in 2020-21 in comparison to Rs.267.69 Crore in 2019-20.

With opening balance of Rs. 201 Crore available with the State and along with this year's allocation of Rs. 572.24 Crore, Jharkhand has assured availability of Rs.773.28 Crore as Central fund. Considering the State matching share, a total of Rs. 1,605.31 Crore will be available under JJM.

State was asked for expeditious implementation of the programme in terms of physical outputs i.e. number of tap connections provided and commensurate financial progress, so that the State can avail additional funds based on the performance.

Apart from above, the state was allocated Rs 1,689 Cr under the 15th Finance Commission Grants to Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) during 2020-21. 50% of the amount has to be mandatorily spent on water and sanitation.

Jharkhand Govt signed MoU with HDFC to Offer Digital Payment Solutions to its Traffic Dept

Jharkhand government signed Memorandum of Understanding with HDFC Bank to provide digital payment solutions to the state's transport department.

The Digital solution will enable the traffic police to equip themselves with Point of Sale (POS) machines to collect traffic-related penalties.

The MoU was signed in the presence of Transport Secretary K Ravi and the bank's Circle Head, Abhishek Kumar.

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