



'UDAN Yojana' Launched on a Large Scale

Why in News

- On December 19, 2021, to commemorate the completion of three years of the tenure of the state government, Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot from the Chief Minister's residence '**I Am Shakti Udan Yojana**', '**Jagruti-Back to Work Scheme**' and Jhunjhunu, Churu, Bundi and Hanumangarh in the state. Newly constructed '**Sakhi One Stop Center**' was inaugurated in the district.

Key Points

- On this occasion, Women and Child Development Minister Mamta Bhupesh said that 1 crore 20 lakh women of Rajasthan will be benefited by this scheme in a phased manner in the coming time.
- Under this ambitious scheme, free sanitary napkins will be provided to every girl child and woman in the state. Adolescent girls from every school and Anganwadi center will be able to take advantage of this scheme for their self-hygiene. The Women and Child Development Department has been entrusted with the responsibility of running this scheme.
- Minister Mamta Bhupesh said that in the line of realizing the Chief Minister's vision of a clean and healthy Rajasthan and a healthy Rajasthan, the work of advancing women from the point of view of cleanliness and health will be done through the UDAN scheme. He said that on such a large scale, this is a unique initiative of Rajasthan in the country itself.
- For health awareness and free sanitary distribution for women in Rajasthan, in the financial year 2021-22, keeping in mind the '**Health and Hygiene**' mentioned in the budget announcement by the Chief Minister, sanitary napkins are being provided to girl students and adolescent girls. Now expanding its scope, this facility will be made available to all women as per the requirement through '**Mukhyamantri Free Medicines Scheme**'.
- Especially in rural areas, where there is also a veil system and women are unable to say such problems to anyone without hesitation and due to this they suffer from many diseases and they do not even get timely treatment. Therefore, through women SHGs, social organizations and NGOs, distribution of sanitary napkins will be done by running a special health awareness campaign.
- For this, incentives will be given to these organizations for doing excellent work. A provision of Rs 200 crore is proposed in this scheme. In compliance with this, the **I Am Shakti Udaan** plan has been prepared by the department.