



'Toilet Before Tablet' campaign

Why in News?

- On February 15, 2022, Chief Secretary Amitabh Jain gave instructions to give a concrete shape to the 'Toilet Before Tablet' campaign in the upcoming education session.

Key Points

- It is noteworthy that the meeting of the **Samagra Shiksha Executive Committee** of Chhattisgarh's School Education Department and the **State Level Monitoring cum Steering Committee constituted for the implementation of Pradhan Mantri Poshan Shakti Nirman (Mid-day Meal) scheme** was held at Mantralaya Mahanadi Bhawan, which was presided over by Chief Secretary Amitabh Jain.
- It was decided in this meeting that model **toilets would be constructed in each ward of all urban areas and one school in each gram panchayat**. Good quality construction work in these toilets at low cost will be done on priority basis.
- Proper arrangement for running water, drainage etc. will be made in the toilets. Also, special arrangements will be made for their regular cleaning and maintenance. These toilets will be constructed in coordination with various schemes run by different departments.
- The Chief Secretary directed that the purchase of other items including the food items used under the Pradhan Mantri Poshan Shakti Nirman (Mid-day Meal) scheme should be done from the Rural Livelihood Center operated in the Gauthans.
- In the meeting, **an annual action plan of Rs 3456.98 crore was approved for the academic session 2022-23 under Samagra Shiksha and a total annual action plan of Rs 696.18 crore for the mid-day meal scheme was approved**. After approval, these proposals will be sent to the Government of India for approval.

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