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## Jharkhand's First 'Bartan Bank' | Jharkhand | 17 Jan 2023

### Why In News?

On January 16, 2023, Jharkhand's Gumla District DC Sushant Gaurav and Gumla Municipal Council President Deep Narayan Oraon jointly inaugurated **Jharkhand's first 'Bartan bank in the city'**. Taking a step forward against single-use plastic, Gumla Municipal Council has taken this initiative.

### Key points

- Gumla District DC Sushant Gaurav has described this initiative of the Municipal Council as innovative and exemplary, giving a better example of circular economy to 'Bartan Bank'.
- City Council President Deepnarayan Oraon said that most people use cheap means like thermocol Plate and plastic glasses to serve food and water in events like marriage, anniversary and birthday parties. Then after that event, these thermocol and plastic 'Bartan play a big role in polluting the city by becoming polluted garbage.
- In order to beat plastic and thermocol Bartan and to protect the environment, the municipal council administration has opened this utensil bank to provide steel Bartan to the needy citizens of the city.
- Municipal Council Vice President Kaleem Akhtar said that the Municipal Council has purchased a large number of steel plates, glasses, spoons, bowls etc. at its own expense. On the demand of the people, they will be able to use this steel utensil set at the rate of just one rupee or even free of cost if they are very poor . But, people will also have a responsibility not to use thermocol and plastic glasses.
- Executive Officer Sanjay Kumar said that the responsibility of operating this utensil bank has been given to the Women Self Help Group, so that the income of the women group related to the amount coming from the symbolic rent of the Bartan can increase somewhat.
- Sadar SDO Ravi Jain said that it is the responsibility of everyone to keep the city clean and protect the environment and this utensil bank will also play some role in fulfilling this responsibility.
- DC Sushant Gaurav said that a book bank can also be built in Gumla on the lines of toy bank and 'Bartan bank'.