



Jharkhand Introduces Schemes For Higher Education | Jharkhand | 14 Mar 2024

Why in News?

At the inauguration ceremony held at **Ranchi's Tana Bhagat Stadium**, Jharkhand Chief Minister **introduced two schemes** aimed at **enhancing students' access to higher education**.

- The two schemes are the **Guruji Student Credit Card and the Manki Munda Scholarship**.

Key Points

- Under the **Guruji Student Credit Card scheme**, students can avail **collateral-free education loans of up to Rs 15 lakh with an annual interest rate of 4%**.
 - Repayment of the loan begins one year after the completion of the course, with the government serving as the guarantor.
- Under the **Manki Munda Scholarship scheme**, **girl students will receive Rs 15,000 per annum for diploma courses and Rs 30,000 per annum for engineering courses**.
- He also mentioned the **Mukhyamantri Shiksha Protsahan Yojna**, a scheme providing a **monthly stipend of Rs 2,500 to students**.
 - This stipend aims to **alleviate living expenses during coaching**, ensuring that financial constraints do not impede educational pursuits.
- The chief minister **inaugurated a newly built 3D theatre at the regional science centre in Ranchi**, further stressing on the government's commitment to promoting education and innovation in the state.

Mukhyamantri Shiksha Protsahan Yojna

- This Scheme offers free coaching for students preparing for **National Level Competitive Examinations** like JEE, NEET, CLAT, NHMCET, NIFT-CET etc.
- The students will also receive a **monthly assistance amount of Rs. 2500/-** for the entire course period.
- Selection of students will be based on their Class 10th marks and admission to coaching institutions will be on a first come first serve basis.