jharkhand-rural-bus-scheme

Why in News?

Jharkhand Chief Minister Champai launched the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM)-led coalition government's ambitious '**Mukhya Mantri Gram Gadi Yojana' (MMGGY)**, a rural transport scheme, to facilitate bus services in far flung areas.

Key Points

- The primary **objective of the scheme** is to establish connectivity between blocks, subdivisions, and district headquarters to ensure that residents of remote villages have access to a convenient transportation system.
- Around 15,000 km roads are being constructed in rural areas. **Senior citizens, school and college students, physically challenged,** Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) positive, **widows and Jharkhand movement activists** will get the facility of free travel in buses.
    - Under the first phase of the scheme, the government has decided to operate 250 vehicles. The permit, registration and fitness fees have also been reduced to Rs 1 to attract operators.
- According to the CM, more than **24,000 beneficiaries from Ranchi, Gumla and Lohardaga** were given approval letters for the Abua Awas scheme.
    - An amount of Rs 72.35 crore was transferred as first installment to the bank accounts of the beneficiaries.
        - After three months, nine lakh houses will be allotted under the scheme.

Mukhya Mantri Gramin Gaadi Yojana

- It is a scheme launched by the Jharkhand government in **2023** with the objective of providing **easy transport facilities to people in rural areas.**
- The scheme will operate vehicles in those areas where people have to walk for several kilometers to reach the main road or the nearest town.
- It will **benefit farmers, laborers, students, patients, and other rural citizens** who face difficulties in commuting due to a lack of transport options.

Abua Awas Yojana (AAY)

- Under this scheme, the state government will provide **housing to the needy people from its own fund by spending more than Rs 15,000 crore in the next two years.**
- **Three room houses will be provided to** the poor, deprived, labourers, farmers, tribals, backward and Dalits.