

# Jan Shikshan Sansthan

## Why in News

Recently, the **Jan Shikshan Sansthan (JSS)** has brought **high-speed internet** to some of the remotest tribal hamlets deep inside the Nilambur jungle in Kerala.

# **Key Points**

#### About:

- The Scheme of JSS formerly known as Shramik Vidyapeeth was a unique creation of the Government of India and has been implemented through <u>Non-governmental</u> <u>Organizations (NGOs)</u> in the country since 1967.
  - The scheme was renamed as JSS in 2000.
- It was transferred from the Ministry of Education (erstwhile Ministry of Human Resource Development) to the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship in July, 2018.
- The JSSs are **imparting vocational skill training programmes at the door step** of the beneficiaries with a minimum cost and infrastructure.
- JSSs are unique in the sense that they do not provide only vocational skills but also include an element of life skills which can help the beneficiary in day to day life.
- They are not working in isolation but also conduct convergence programmes with different departments.
  - At present, 233 JSSs in 25 States and 3 Union Territories are functional.
  - The annual coverage of the beneficiaries is around 4 lakh, out of which 85% are women.

#### Mandate:

- To provide vocational skills in non-formal mode to non-literate, neo-literates, persons with rudimentary level of education upto 8th and school drop-outs upto 12<sup>th</sup> standard in the age group of 15-45 years.
- The priority groups are women, <u>Scheduled Caste</u>, <u>Scheduled Tribe</u>, minorities and other backward sections of the society.

### Implementation:

- It is implemented through NGOs with **100% grants from the Government of India.** JSSs are registered under the **Societies Registration Act, 1860.**
- The affairs of Jan Shikshan Sansthan are managed by the respective Board of Management approved by the Government of India.

### Scope of Work of JSS:

- Develop/Source **appropriate curriculum and training modules** covering vocational elements, general awareness and life enrichment components.
- JSSs are encouraged to undertake training equivalent to courses designed by the Directorate of Adult Education, National Institute of Open Schooling and Director General,

- Employment & Training.
- Provide training to a pool of resource persons and master trainers for conducting training.
- Administer simple tests and award certificates.
- Network with employers and industries for trainees to get suitable placement.

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