

## No "Plus Two" Classes in Colleges in Bihar

## Why in News?

Recently, the Bihar government announced the **discontinuation of plus two (intermediate) classes** being held in colleges affiliated to various universities in the state.

## **Key Points**

- According to the notification, the intermediate education (in all three streams arts, science and commerce) will now be imparted only in higher secondary schools from the new session.
- The delinking of intermediate from colleges has been recommended in the Universities Act, 1956 but the same could not be enforced until now because of inadequate infrastructure and manpower in higher secondary schools.
  - In 2007 the government had taken a policy decision to phase out intermediate education from colleges in conformity with the National Education Policy (1986/92) and had introduced 10+2 format in plus two.
  - Under a special drive, the department has already developed large-scale infrastructure and recruited 67,961 teachers for higher secondary schools and another 65,737 teachers in secondary schools.
- The Bihar government had also taken a policy decision to have one higher secondary school in every panchayat and had upgraded the existing secondary schools.

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