



Chintan Shivir 2025

Why in News?

The **Union Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment** launched the **two-day Chintan Shivir 2025 in Dehradun**, Uttarakhand to **strengthen Centre-State partnerships** for ensuring social justice for **marginalized communities**.

Key Points

- **Key Focus Areas:**
 - The deliberations revolved around four core pillars—education, economic development, social protection, and accessibility.
 - The Department showcased progress in schemes like **Assistance to Disabled Persons (ADIP)**, scholarships for PwDs, skill development, and digital inclusion.
 - States shared best practices such as mobile assessment camps, inclusive school infrastructure, and accessible transportation models.
 - Discussions also covered **Pre-Matric and Post-Matric Scholarships** and **PM-YASASVI**, focusing on marginalised groups.
 - States **flagged issues** in digital applications, verification systems, and outreach to rural and **tribal communities**.
 - The Ministry urged **adoption of proactive communication and grassroots-level mobilisation** to improve scholarship implementation.
- **Livelihood and Economic Inclusion:**
 - The Ministry assessed performance of **PM-AJAY** and **SEED**, with states showcasing successful models in asset creation, cluster development, and entrepreneurship.
 - Discussions focused on modernising **sanitation work, eliminating manual scavenging, and promoting dignity for sanitation workers**—especially women—through technology and inter-agency coordination.

PM-YASASVI Scheme

- **About:** Launched by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, it provides **financial aid** for quality education to **marginalized students**.
- **Eligibility:** It is open to **OBC, Economically Backward Classes (EBC), and DNT students** with family income up to **Rs 2.5 lakh per annum**.
- **Sub-Schemes:** It is an **umbrella** scheme consisting of sub-schemes like:
 - **Pre-Matric Scholarship: Rs. 4,000** annual academic allowance to families with income below Rs. 2.5 lakh.
 - **Post-Matric Scholarship: Rs. 5,000 to Rs. 20,000** depending on the course category.
 - **College Education:** Top college students get **full financial support**, including tuition, living expenses, and education materials.
 - **Hostels: Accommodation facility** near government schools and institutions.

SEED

- The Scheme for Economic Empowerment of Denotified/Nomadic/SemiNomadic (SEED) communities

was launched in February 2022 by the **Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment**.

- It aims to **provide free competitive exam coaching to these students**, to provide health insurance to families, to uplift clusters of these communities through livelihood initiatives, and to provide financial assistance for housing.

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