



'Rajasthan Homeless Upliftment and Rehabilitation Policy-2022'

Why In News?

- On January 3, 2023, Rajasthan's Social Justice and Empowerment Minister Tikaram Jolly told in a meeting held at the Government Secretariat in Jaipur that the '**Rajasthan Homeless Upliftment and Rehabilitation Policy-2022**' has been implemented, under which survey and identification of homeless persons will be done in the first phase.

Key Points

- In the meeting, it was agreed to complete the survey of homeless persons by the stakeholders under the Rajasthan Homeless Upliftment and Rehabilitation Policy 2022 in the next two months.
- Minister Tikaram Jolly said that on the basis of the findings of the survey, the next outline of the scheme will be decided. The survey work will be done at the division level, district level and gram panchayat level. It was agreed by the stakeholders to conduct survey work at the village level by Panchayati Raj institutions and at the urban level by voluntary organizations.
- He said that to provide shelter to homeless persons with adequate housing system and to bring them into the mainstream of development, access to self-employment and social rights including education empowerment, adequate employment generation as well as training opportunities will be ensured.
- It is noteworthy that under the 'Rajasthan Homeless Upliftment and Rehabilitation Policy-2022', provisions have been made to **provide roofs with a minimum space of 50 square feet per person**, provide proper privacy and security to special category people.
- Apart from this, there are various provisions in the policy including providing basic necessities like drinking water, medical facilities, education, security etc. and operating shelter homes for homeless persons. With this decision, the homeless will be empowered by providing education, skills and employment opportunities.

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