



Rescue & Support of Children Under Project SAATHI

Why in News?

The **Dhanbad District Legal Services Authority (DLSA)** rescued 10 orphaned children from the Naxal-affected area of Jharkhand under **Project SAATHI**.

Key Points

- **About the Rescue Operation:**
 - **Location:** The children were rescued from the **East Tundi block** in **Dhanbad district**, a region known for **Naxal insurgency**.
 - **Authority Involved:** The operation was led by the **Dhanbad District Legal Services Authority (DLSA)**.
 - The initiative is part of **Project SAATHI**, launched by the [National Legal Services Authority \(NALSA\)](#).
- **Rehabilitation and Welfare Measures:**
 - **Scholarship Support:**
 - Each rescued child will receive a **monthly government scholarship of ₹4,000** until they reach adulthood.
 - The financial aid aims to ensure **continuity in education and basic living support**.
 - **Verification, and Monitoring:** On-the-spot Aadhaar and ration card registration is done for welfare integration.
 - Identity verification and coordination with the Child Welfare Committee (CWC) and government departments are done for tracking and follow-up.

Survey for Aadhaar and Access to Tracking & Holistic Inclusion (SAATHI)

- It was launched by the **National Legal Services Authority (NALSA)**
- **Key Objectives:**
 - Ensure **legal identity** for children through Aadhaar registration.
 - Provide access to **education, healthcare, protection, and social welfare**.
 - Enable long-term **rehabilitation and inclusion**.
- **Destitute Children:**
 - Children under 18 **without family, guardianship, or stable care**, including:
 - Children living in streets and slums, orphans, rescued trafficking and child labour victims, those in unregistered shelters, and missing children not reunited with families.
- **Core Components of the Campaign:**
 - **Survey & Identification:** Mapping destitute children through coordination with local workers and NGOs.
 - **Aadhaar Registration:** Organizing biometric enrolment camps in collaboration with [UIDAI](#).
 - **Legal Aid & Scheme Linkage:** Connecting children to child protection laws and government welfare schemes.
 - **Monitoring & Rehabilitation:** Tracking enrolled children, providing documentation

support, and coordinating access to education, health, and social services.

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