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Educational schemes by government of Bihar

Introduction :-

Pandit Jawahar Lal Nehru said, "When women move forward the family moves, the village development of a good family, good society and ultimately a good nation. As **Swami Vivekananda** said, "It is impossible to think about the welfare of the world unless the best way of empowerment of women is perhaps through empowering women with knowledge, skills and abilities. Education is the only way for actual empowerment of women in 21st century.

In the light of the present scenario, the purpose of this study is to highlight the current status of women education in Bihar, causes and the possible remedies of such of such problems. This study is exploratory in nature and for this purpose an in-depth analysis has been conducted by referring the available secondary sources.

Total Literacy in Bihar

Total numbers of literates in bihar	5,96,755,607
➤ Total number of male literates	3,99,78,955
➤ Total number of women literates	1,96,96,652

Source- Census 2011 Report

Literacy Rates in Bihar

Bihar has a total literacy rate	63.82%
➤ Overall males literacy rate is	73.39%
➤ Overall females literacy rate is	53.53%
➤ Total rural literacy rate in Bihar	53.9%
➤ Male literacy rate in rural Bihar.	67.1%
➤ Female literacy rate in rural Bihar	49.6%
➤ Total urban literacy rate in Bihar	81.9%
➤ Male literacy rate in urban Bihar	89.9%
➤ Female literacy rate in urban Bihar	72.6%

Source- Census 2011 Report

The above facts and figures clearly show that there exists a huge gap while comparing male literacy and female literacy and at the same time the literacy rate of rural areas and urban areas of Bihar. It is also showing that the labor force participation and worker population of Bihar are also comparatively low with the other parts of India. Although Bihar is showing some positive signs in terms of overall literacy rate in last ten years, still; it is at the bottom of the list. The Female literacy rate of rural Bihar is the lowest with comparison to the other states of India.

Educational Schemes by Government of Bihar:-

Following are some of the major initiatives taken by the Government time to time for the betterment of women education of rural Bihar

Balika Poshak Yojana

A scheme to provide school uniforms to girls in middle school, it gives girl students from Class VI to VIII Rs 700 every year for purchasing two pairs of uniforms under the Balika Poshak Yojana.

Mukhyamantri Balika Cycle Yojana

According to the Mukhyamantri Balika Cycle Yojana, all girls are to be given bicycles free of cost by the State Government after getting admission to Class IX. The scheme mandates a cash transfer of Rs 2,000 per girl child to purchase a bicycle within a stipulated time.

Mukhya Mantri Akshar Anchal Yojana

This adult literacy programme was launched by the government of Bihar in September 2009 to address high levels of illiteracy among women. With an allocation of Rs 52.6 crores it aimed to make 40 lakh illiterate women in the age group of 15–35 years literate within a period of 6 months. It was found that many women in the survey villages participated in this adult literacy programme. The Akshar Anchal Yojana was popular with illiterate women in poor communities. The classes were usually held at the local school after school hours.

Mahila Akshar Anchal Yojana

It has shown very good results and of the 40 lakh women covered under the scheme, more than 35 lakh have already been made literate. This helped increase the decadal literacy growth in the state more than any other state.

Mukhyamantri Nari Shakti Yojana

For the empowerment purpose of society in Bihar Mukhyamantri Nari Shakti Yojana (MNSY) is in implementation since 2008 through mobilization of women force in state. Under the guidance of Department of Social Welfare, Government of Bihar WDC is making coordination effort at all 38 districts of state with the support of Civil Society Organization; Community based Cooperatives, Non Government Organizations and District Administration. These schemes mainly address the empowerment need of women on the field of Economic, Social and Cultural.

Mukhyamantri Kanya Utthaan Yojana (MKUY)

The Government of Bihar has initiated Mukhyamantri Kanya Utthaan Yojana (MKUY) with the vision of promoting women's economic empowerment and social empowerment. Under this scheme, the Government will provide financial assistance of Rs. 25000 for each girl who has completed graduation level in the year 2018 and beyond. In this article, we look at the Mukhyamantri Kanya Utthaan Yojana in detail.

The primary objective of the Mukhyamantri Kanya Utthaan Yojana is to eliminate child mortality rate, female foeticide and child marriage cases in society. This scheme aims to inspire girls towards education and will provide them financial help right from their birth till they get graduated through which the girls may get a better life. The Government has made the scheme available to all girls of Bihar state without any discrimination.

Benefits of Mukhyamantri Kanya Utthaan Yojana

- Under this scheme, the state government will provide financial assistance to the total amount of Rs. 60,000 from birth to the end of graduate education.
- The Government provides an incentive of Rs. 2000 to the parents at the time of birth and also a sum of Rs. 5000 will be given to the parents on the maturity of the girl child after 20 years.
- The beneficiaries under this scheme will get the amount in their account at the fixed time frame by the government.
- The government has allocated a budget of Rs. 2221 crore for the implementation of this scheme for benefiting the girl child of the state.

Mukhya Mantri Kanya Suraksha Yojana

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The Bihar government-promoted 'Mukhya Mantri Kanya Suraksha Yojana' has met with a huge success with the state receiving 9.28 lakh applications from BPL families. Under this scheme, the Bihar government donates Rs 2,000 each on the birth of the first two baby girls in BPL families.

The Government of Bihar in association with UTI Mutual Fund had launched the Mukhya Mantri Kanya Suraksha Yojana in 2009. The objective of the

programme was to ensure the rightful place of pride for a girl child in society, guarantee her safety and security, improve the sex ratio and to encourage registration of birth.

JANANI SURAKSHA YOJANA

JananiSurakshaYojana (JSY) is a safe motherhood intervention under the National Health Mission. It is being implemented with the objective of reducing maternal and neonatal mortality by promoting institutional delivery among poor pregnant women. The scheme, launched on 12 April 2005 by the Hon'ble Prime Minister, is under implementation in all states and Union Territories (UTs), with a special focus on Low Performing States (LPS).

JSY is a centrally sponsored scheme, which integrates cash assistance with delivery and post-delivery care. The Yojana has identified Accredited Social Health Activist (ASHA) as an effective link between the government and pregnant women.

Scale of Cash Assistance for Institutional Delivery:

Category	rural area			urban area		
	Mother's package	Asha's package	total Rs	Mother's package	Asha's package	total Rs.
LPS	1400	600	2000	1000	200	1200
HPS	700		700	600		600

Disbursement of Cash Assistance: As the cash assistance to the mother is mainly to meet the cost of delivery, it should be disbursed effectively at the institution itself.

