

Jan Shikshan Sansthan (JSS)

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In news— The Jan Shikshan Sansthan (JSS), a Union government initiative for skill development in rural areas, **has brought high-speed internet to some of the remotest tribal hamlets deep inside the Nilambur jungle in Kerala.**

JSS role in bringing high-speed internet-

- The JSS's technical partner C4S provided support for the long-distance Wi-Fi on 5GHz frequency.
- With the help of five towers, 100-mbps internet is made available for the first time at Palakkayam, Ambumala, and Vettilakkolli hamlets in Chaliyar grama panchayat.
- While the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) provided Rs.5 lakh, the JSS chipped in Rs. 2.02 lakh for this project.

About Jan Shikshan Sansthan (JSS)-

- Jan Shikshan Sansthan (JSS) is conceived as an **institute for conducting skill upgradation in the areas of programmes of Non-formal, Adult and Continuing Education.**
- The Scheme of Jan Shikshan Sansthan [JSS] formerly known as Shramik Vidyapeeth is a unique creation of the Government of India with the challenging mandate of providing vocational skills to non-literate, neo-literates as well as school dropouts.
- It also provides academic and technical resource support to Zila Saksharata Samitis in both urban and rural areas.
- **The first Jan Shikshan Sansthan (Shramik vidyapeeth) was established in Worli in March, 1967 and was commissioned by the Bombay city Social Education Committee,** a voluntary organization engaged in the field of adult education for several years.

- In the year 2000, the scheme was renamed as Jan Shikshan Sansthan.
- The **Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE)** is implementing the Scheme of JSS for Skill Development and National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS) under Skill India Mission.
- The JSS scheme was transferred from the Ministry of Human Resource Development to the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship in July-2018.
- The JSS function under the NGOs, registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 with annual recurring grant from the Govt. of India.
- The affairs of the JSS are managed by the Boards of Management (BOM) of respective JSS.
- It is mandatory for all JSS to register at NITI Aayog – Darpan portal.

Target group-

- Socio-economically backward and educationally disadvantaged groups of rural/urban population.
- Main targets include non-literate, neo-literates, persons whose education is upto 8th standard, school drop-outs, in the age group of 15-35 years.
- Priority given to women, SC, ST, OBC and Minorities in rural areas and urban slums.