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Jharkhand raised a women's payout from Rs 1,000 to Rs 2,500 a month within months of launch. The state then voted. This lesson covers the scheme, its rules and the political setting.

At a glance

Four key facts on this topic

01 **18 Aug 2024** launched at Pakur

02 **₹2,500** paid each month now

03 **56,61,791** women in Dec 2024 instalment

04 **56 of 81** seats won by alliance

Launch and Rate

1 Launch at Pakur

1.1 What is the Maiya Samman Yojana?

It is Jharkhand's cash-transfer scheme for women. Maiya means mother in the local language.

Chief Minister **Hemant Soren** launched it on **18 August 2024** at Pakur. He did so a day before Raksha Bandhan.

1.2 How did the first payment go?

The first Rs 1,000 instalment reached **57,120 women** by direct bank transfer. The state aimed to cover 48 lakh women in all.

1.3 Who was meant to get it?

Women aged 21 to 50 were to get Rs 1,000 a month, or Rs 12,000 a year. At launch the benefit was aimed at families below the poverty line.

1.4 When does the money arrive?

The Chief Minister said payments would come on the 15th of every month from September 2024.

> 11. **Think it through:** Why launch before Raksha Bandhan? See answer ↓

> **Quick check 1.** True or false: Hemant Soren launched the scheme at Pakur in August 2024. *(True or False?)* See answer ↓

> **Quick check 2.** True or false: The scheme was launched at Ranchi by Champai Soren. *(True or False?)* See answer ↓

Sources: newsonair.gov.in; drishtiias.com

2 The rate rise

2.1 How much does it pay now?

The scheme now pays **Rs 2,500 a month**. That is Rs 30,000 a year.

2.2 When did the amount rise?

A Cabinet decision ahead of the election announcement raised it from Rs 1,000 to Rs 2,500. On 28 November 2024 Soren said the higher sum would be paid from December.

2.3 When was the first Rs 2,500 paid?

On 6 January 2025 the Chief Minister sent Rs 2,500 each as the December instalment. It went to **56,61,791 women**. The total was Rs 1,415.44 crore.

> 12. **Think it through:** Check the dates See answer ↓

> **Quick check 3.** True or false: The scheme was raised from Rs 1,000 to Rs 2,500 a month. *(True or False?)* See answer ↓

> **Quick check 4.** True or false: The December 2024 instalment reached fewer than 10 lakh women. *(True or False?)* See answer ↓

Sources: mail.morungexpress.com; deccanherald.com; drishtiias.com

Rules and Payment

3 Aadhaar and payments

3.1 What is the Aadhaar rule?

Women need Aadhaar-linked bank accounts. They should also keep a single account.

3.2 What was the March 2025 relief?

Women without Aadhaar-linked accounts got a lump sum of **Rs 7,500** for January to March 2025. This relief was temporary.

3.3 How many got it?

About 38 lakh women had received the Rs 7,500 by then. Another 20 lakh were due to get theirs by 31 March 2025.

3.4 What about family income?

A report in March 2025 said the family income must be below Rs 8 lakh a year.

13. **Think it through:** Why link Aadhaar? See answer ↓

Quick check 5. True or false: Women without Aadhaar-linked accounts got a temporary lump sum of Rs 7,500. *(True or False?)*

See answer ↓

Quick check 6. True or false: The Aadhaar link rule was removed for good in March 2025. *(True or False?)* See answer ↓

Politics and Checks

4 The 2024 election

4.1 How did the 2024 election go?

The JMM-led alliance won **56 of 81 seats**. The BJP-led NDA won 24.

4.2 When was Soren sworn in?

Hemant Soren took oath as the 14th Chief Minister on 28 November 2024. It was his fourth term.

4.3 Did the scheme matter?

One analysis says the JMM started the scheme two to three months before the vote. It paid three to four instalments before polling.

4.4 Is that the whole story?

No. The result had many causes. The scheme is one reason named in reports, not the only one.

> 14. **Think it through:** Cash and votes See answer ↓

> **Quick check 7.** True or false: The JMM-led alliance won 56 of 81 seats in 2024. *(True or False?)* See answer ↓

> **Quick check 8.** True or false: The NDA won 56 seats in 2024. *(True or False?)* See answer ↓

Sources: newsarenaindia.com; countercurrents.org

5 Soren's return and Satyapan

5.1 Why did Soren leave office in 2024?

The ED arrested him on 31 January 2024 in a land-scam money-laundering case. He resigned shortly before. Champai Soren was chosen as the new leader.

5.2 How did he return?

He was released from jail on 28 June 2024 after bail. Champai Soren resigned. Hemant Soren took oath on 4 July 2024 as the 13th Chief Minister.

5.3 What is Satyapan?

Satyapan means physical verification. Reports say beneficiaries had to submit **Form 25/26** at an Anganwadi centre.

5.4 What was the deadline?

Reports gave **31 May 2026** as the deadline. Women also had to bring Aadhaar, a bank passbook and a ration card.

> 15. **Think it through:** Why verify after paying? See answer ↓

> **Quick check 9.** True or false: Beneficiaries had to submit Form 25/26 at an Anganwadi centre for Satyapan. *(True or False?)* See answer ↓

> **Quick check 10.** True or false: Hemant Soren was Chief Minister without a break through 2024. *(True or False?)* See answer ↓

Sources: businesstoday.in; etvbharat.com; parikshavani.com; ekycmitra.com

Exam Practice

Remember this

- **Launch:** 18 August 2024, Pakur, by Hemant Soren
- **Rate:** Rs 1,000 raised to Rs 2,500 a month
- **Dec 2024:** Rs 1,415.44 crore to 56,61,791 women
- **Election:** JMM-led alliance 56, NDA 24
- **Satyapan:** Form 25/26 at Anganwadi; deadline 31 May 2026 reported

Explain it back: From how much to how much was the monthly amount raised?

Practice MCQs

1. Jharkhand's Mukhyamantri Maiya Samman Yojana, a cash-transfer scheme for women, was launched by whom, and where?

A. CM Hemant Soren, in Pakur

B. CM Hemant Soren, in Ranchi

C. CM Champai Soren, in Ranchi

D. Governor Santosh Gangwar, in Pakur

See answer ↓

2. On 14 October 2024, Jharkhand's cabinet raised Maiya Samman Yojana's monthly amount. From how much, to how much?

A. Rs 1,500 to Rs 2,000

B. Rs 500 to Rs 1,000

C. Rs 1,000 to Rs 2,500

D. Rs 2,000 to Rs 3,000

See answer ↓

3. In Jharkhand's November 2024 assembly election, the JMM-led alliance won how many of the 81 seats?

A. 41

B. 24

C. 56

D. 70

See answer ↓

4. Before his November 2024 re-election, Hemant Soren had already returned as Chief Minister once that year. What led to this earlier return?

A. An ED arrest and later bail, with Champai Soren serving as interim CM

B. A Supreme Court order reinstating him

C. A mid-term cabinet reshuffle

D. A no-confidence motion against his successor

See answer ↓

5. From 2026, Jharkhand made a step mandatory for existing Maiya Samman Yojana beneficiaries. What was it?

A. Physical verification (Satyapan), via Form 25/26 at Anganwadi centres

B. Reapplying entirely from scratch, online

C. Submitting income tax returns for the past two years

D. A one-time biometric scan at district headquarters

See answer ↓

Answer Key

1. **A.** The correct answer is **CM Hemant Soren, in Pakur**. He launched the scheme there on 18 August 2024, a day before Raksha Bandhan. The first Rs 1,000 instalment went to 57,120 women. ↑ Q1
2. **C.** The correct answer is **Rs 1,000 to Rs 2,500**. The scheme began at Rs 1,000 a month. A Cabinet decision ahead of the election announcement raised it to Rs 2,500. The first Rs 2,500 instalment was paid for December 2024. ↑ Q2
3. **C.** The correct answer is **56**. The JMM-led alliance won 56 of the 81 seats. The BJP-led NDA won 24. ↑ Q3
4. **A.** The correct answer is **an ED arrest and later bail, with Champai Soren serving as interim CM**. Hemant Soren resigned before his arrest on 31 January 2024. Champai Soren became Chief Minister. Hemant Soren was released on 28 June 2024 and took oath again on 4 July 2024. ↑ Q4
5. **A.** The correct answer is **physical verification (Satyapan), via Form 25/26 at Anganwadi centres**. Reports say the deadline was 31 May 2026. Women who did not complete it risked a halt in payments. ↑ Q5

Quick-check answers

1. **True.** The first instalment reached 57,120 women. ↑ 1
2. **False.** Hemant Soren launched it at Pakur. ↑ 2
3. **True.** The higher rate was paid from the December 2024 instalment. ↑ 3
4. **False.** It reached 56,61,791 women. ↑ 4
5. **True.** It covered January to March 2025. ↑ 5
6. **False.** The relief was temporary. Women had to link accounts afterwards. ↑ 6
7. **True.** The NDA won 24. ↑ 7
8. **False.** The JMM-led alliance won 56. ↑ 8
9. **True.** Reports gave 31 May 2026 as the deadline. ↑ 9
10. **False.** He resigned in January 2024 and returned in July 2024. ↑ 10
11. **Think it through.** The festival honours the bond between brothers and sisters. A gift to women on that day carries a clear message. ↑ 11

12. **Think it through.** The money was for the December instalment. It was sent on 6 January 2025. Do not mix up the instalment month and the transfer date. ↑ 12
13. **Think it through.** It lets the state pay straight to the right account. It also helps remove duplicate names. ↑ 13
14. **Think it through.** Regular payments reach many homes before polling day. That is why such schemes feature in election talk. ↑ 14
15. **Think it through.** Checks help make sure money reaches only eligible women. They also remove duplicate or wrong entries. ↑ 15

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