



Haryana CM Announces Development Projects for Nuh | Haryana | 12 Mar 2024

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Recently, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar announced development **projects worth approximately Rs 700 crore for Nuh** district.

Key Points

- The chief minister also said that all gurukuls and madrasas "**opting for modern education**" would receive **financial assistance** upon registration with the Haryana School Education Board.
 - Gurukuls and madrasas opting for modern education through the Haryana School Education Board will receive Rs 2 lakh per year for 50-80 children, Rs 3 lakh for 81-100 children, Rs 5 lakh for 101-200 children, and Rs 7 lakh per year for above 200 enrolments.
- This was announced during a state-level function organised in honour of **Shaheed Raja Hasan Khan Mewati in Nuh**.
 - He also unveiled a 15-foot-tall statue of Shaheed Raja Hasan Khan at Government College Nagina on his martyrdom day.
- The chief minister virtually handed out job offers to 1,504 local youth for the teaching positions under the [Haryana Kaushal Rozgar Nigam \(HKRN\)](#).
- He also announced the formation of a five-member committee named after Shaheed Hasan Khan Mewati, chaired by former MLA and state **Waqf Board** Chairman Zakir Hussain, to oversee development projects.

Raja Hasan Khan Mewati

- He was a **Muslim Khanzada Rajput** ruler of Mewat.
- The son of previous ruler **Raja Alawal Khan**, his dynasty had ruled Mewat State for nearly 200 years.
- He was a **descendant of Raja Nahar Khan Mewati**, who was the Wali of Mewat in the 14th century.

Haryana Kaushal Rozgar Nigam Limited

- It has been incorporated under the Companies Act, 2013 on **13th October, 2021**.
- It has been set up with the objective of providing contractual manpower to all Government entities in Haryana in a transparent, robust and equitable manner.
- It will act as the **authorized agency for providing contractual manpower** in Haryana.
- Haryana Kaushal Rozgar Nigam, in the process of providing contractual manpower, will focus on:
 - Uplifting socio-economically disadvantaged candidates
 - Facilitating timely payment of salary and benefits to deployed manpower
 - Ensuring adherence to the State Reservation policy

Central Waqf Council

- It is an Indian **statutory body** established by the Government of India under the **Waqf Act, a subsection of the Waqf Act, 1995**.
- It was established for the purpose of **advising it on matters** pertaining to the **working of the**

State Waqf Boards and proper administration of the Waqfs in the country.

- **Waqf** is a **permanent dedication of movable or immovable properties** for religious, pious or charitable purposes as **recognized by Muslim Law**, given by philanthropists.

Haryana Proposes Fresh Delineation of Eco-Sensitive Zone | Haryana | 12 Mar 2024

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Recently, the Haryana government has proposed that an area of **1,000 metres around the Sukhna Wildlife Sanctuary** on the Haryana side be delineated as an [Eco-Sensitive Zone \(ESZ\)](#).

Key Points

- The proposal was sent in **January 2024** to the [Union ministry of environment, forest and climate change \(MoEFCC\)](#) for issuing a final notification delineating the eco-sensitive zone on the Haryana side.
- The Sukhna Wildlife Sanctuary, spread over 25.98 square km (about 6420 acres), is under the **administrative control of union territory of Chandigarh** and **shares its boundaries with Haryana and Punjab**.
 - The protected area, being rich with diverse flora and fauna, contains a variety of topographical features and was **declared a wildlife sanctuary in 1988 by the Chandigarh administration**.
- As per the draft proposal sent to the MoEFCC:
 - The total area of the proposed eco-sensitive zone will be 2,460 hectares (about 6,078 acres).
 - 10 villages - Prempura, Sukhomajri, Damala, Lohgarh, Manakpur Thakardas, Surajpur, Chandimandir Kotla, Darra Kharauni, Rampur and Saketri/Mahadevpur fall within the proposed ESZ.
 - The state government has proposed to divide the ESZ into four zones:
 - The extent of **zone 1** will be 100 meters from the boundary of Sukhna wildlife sanctuary.
 - **Zone 2** will be 100 metres to 300 metres from the boundary of the protected area.
 - **Zone 3** will comprise of area falling in 300-700 metres from the boundary of the protected area.
 - The rest of the area that is 700 to 1,000 metres from the boundary in the protected area shall be in **zone 4**.
 - All activities other than the activities prescribed for conservation and protection of its habitat are prohibited.
 - Eco-sensitive zones act as shock absorbers and insulate the protected area from the likely adverse impact of the activities in the adjacent areas.
- In the revised draft the state government has also incorporated the suggestions of [Wildlife Institute of India](#) that the eco-sensitive zone be extended till the reserve forest boundary.

Eco Sensitive Zones

- The **National Wildlife Action Plan (2002-2016)** of the **Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC)** stipulated that state governments should declare land falling **within 10 km of the boundaries of national parks and wildlife sanctuaries** as eco-fragile zones or **Eco-Sensitive Zones (ESZs)** under the **Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986**.

- While the **10-km rule is implemented as a general principle**, the extent of its application can vary. **Areas beyond 10 km can also be notified by the Union government as ESZs**, if they hold larger ecologically important “sensitive corridors”.

Sukhna Wildlife Sanctuary

- It is located in **Chandigarh**.
- It forms the part of **Sukhna Lake catchment area falling in Shivalik hills**.
- **Fauna:** Sambar deer, Barking deer, and wild boar, as well as several species of birds, reptiles, and amphibians.
- **Flora:** The sanctuary is characterized by a mix of forests, grasslands, and wetlands, with the Sukhna Lake forming an important part of the ecosystem.

