

Demand for Restoration of Old Pension Scheme | Haryana | 10 Jun 2024

Why in News?

Recently, during a gathering of the **Pension Bahali Sangarsh Samiti in Kaithal,** it was decided to **hold a large demonstration in Panchkula on 1st September 2024** to demand for the restoration of the <u>Old Pension Scheme (OPS)</u>.

Key Points

- Before the rally, the association has decided to hold "OPS sankalp sammelan and aakrosh march" in every district of the state, starting from 1st July 2024.
- Old Pension Scheme:
 - The scheme guarantees a lifelong income after retirement.
 - Under the old scheme, employees get a pension under a predetermined formula which is equivalent to 50% of the last drawn salary. They also get the benefit of the revision of Dearness Relief (DR), twice a year. The payout is fixed and there was no deduction from the salary. Moreover, under the OPS, there was the provision of the General Provident Fund (GPF).
 - GPF is available only for all the government employees in India. Basically, it allows all the government employees to contribute a certain percentage of their salary to the GPF and the total amount that is accumulated throughout the employment term is paid to the employee at the time of retirement.
 - The Government bears the **expenditure incurred on the pension.** The scheme was **discontinued in 2004.**

Recruitment in Haryana to be Initiated Soon | Haryana | 10 Jun 2024

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Recently, Haryana Chief Minister announced that the **government will soon initiate** the **recruitment process** to fill 50,000 vacant posts in the state.

Key Points

- This will be done as part of the government's ongoing efforts to provide employment opportunities and support the aspirations of the youth.
 - He stressed on the continuation of the "transparent" recruitment system for government jobs.

- He asserted that the state government is committed to safeguarding the interests of candidates and soon present this matter to the <u>Supreme Court</u> and strongly advocate for it to ensure justice for the youth.
 - On May 31, 2024, the Haryana <u>High Court</u> ruled that the socioeconomic criteria established by the Haryana government for awarding additional marks to certain classes of candidates in state government jobs were unconstitutional.

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