



# Haryana Government makes Record Increase in Monthly Pension of Journalists

## Why In News?

On October 19, 2023, Dr. Amit Agarwal, Director General, Information, Public Relations and Languages Department, Haryana, during a meeting with the members of the Press Council of India (PCI) informed that the state government has increased the monthly pension being given to journalists from Rs 10,000 to Rs 15,000, which is the highest in the country.

## Key Points:

- Haryana Government, under the leadership of Chief Minister Manohar Lal, is continuously implementing unique and pioneering schemes for the welfare of journalists. In this series, recently the monthly pension given to journalists has been increased from Rs 10,000 to Rs 15,000.
- Additionally, under the Haryana Media Personnel Welfare Fund Administration Scheme, financial assistance amounting to Rs 161.74 lakh has so far been provided to their dependents or legal heirs in cases of critical needs such as illness, death, accident or other unexpected emergencies.
- Dr. Amit Aggarwal said that keeping in mind the welfare of journalists, the Haryana government is also implementing a term/group insurance scheme of Rs 10 lakh for 1,269 accredited journalists in the state. This insurance scheme provides the necessary financial security to journalists.
- It may be noted that the Journalists Welfare Fund has been established in the state, under which financial assistance is provided for the treatment of serious illnesses.

