



Pension Hike for Freedom Fighters, Emergency Sufferers & Matribhasha Satyagrahis

Why in News?

Recently, Haryana Chief Minister announced a significant increase in the **monthly pension** for [freedom fighters](#), **their dependents, Emergency "sufferers", and Matribhasha Satyagrahis**.

- The new pension rates **will be applicable with effect from 1st July, 2024**.

Key Points

- The pension of freedom fighters and their dependents has been **increased from Rs 25,000 to Rs 40,000**.
- The pension of Emergency "sufferers" and the **Matribhasha Satyagrahis** has been **increased to Rs 20,000**.
- The chief minister **honored the freedom fighters for their countless sacrifices for the country's freedom**, and also paid tribute to the '[satyagrahis](#)' who fought during the **Emergency to uphold the spirit of the [Constitution](#) and restore [democracy](#)**.

Matribhasha Satyagrahis

- In **1957**, a number of people from **Hindi-speaking parts of erstwhile Punjab** launched a **crusade for the honour, promotion and implementation of their mother tongue**. They are known as '**Matribhasha Satyagrahis**'.

National Emergency

- The national emergency was set in motion under **Article 352 on June 25, 1975** on the grounds of '**internal disturbance**' and was in **place for 21 months** till its **withdrawal on March 21, 1977**. Threat to national security and bad economic conditions were cited as reasons for the declaration.
 - The order gave the central government the authority to rule by decree wherein **civil liberties were curbed**.
 - An **external Emergency** was already in place **at the time of proclamation of national emergency**.

Swatantrata Sainik Samman Yojana (SSSY)

- The scheme provides for a **monthly Samman Pension to freedom fighters**, as a token of respect for their contribution in the national freedom struggle.
- On their demise, **pension is provided to their eligible dependents viz. spouses and thereafter, unmarried and unemployed daughters** and dependent parents, as per prescribed eligibility norms and procedure.
- It is implemented by the **Ministry of Home Affairs (Freedom Fighters Division)**.
- There are 23,566 beneficiaries across the country covered under this scheme.

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