

Haryana Govt Committed to Providing Homes Under PMAY | Haryana | 13 Jan 2025

Why in News?

Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini has reaffirmed his government's commitment to providing housing for economically disadvantaged citizens through the **Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY).**

 He has directed officials to conduct comprehensive surveys to identify eligible beneficiaries and expedite the allocation of housing under the PMAY.

Key Points

- In addition to housing initiatives, the Chief Minister announced plans to construct 2,200 new
 'Amrit Sarovars' (water bodies) across the state, building upon the 2,000 already established under the Amrit Sarovar Yojana.
 - This project aims to enhance water conservation and support agricultural activities.
- Furthering the state's commitment to <u>renewable energy</u>, the government has set an ambitious target to **install 100,000 solar panels**. This initiative is expected to promote **sustainable** energy practices and reduce the state's <u>carbon footprint</u>.
- Haryana will become the first among the states and second after the union territory of Chandigarh to implement the **new criminal laws** by 28th February, 2025.
 - The Chief Minister has indicated that the necessary processes are underway to adopt these laws, which aim to enhance the efficiency and transparency of the state's legal system.
- These initiatives reflect the Haryana government's dedication to improving **living standards**, **promoting sustainable development**, and **ensuring legal reforms** for its citizens.

Amrit Sarovar Mission

- On 24th April, 2022, Mission Amrit Sarovar was launched as part of India's "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav" celebrations for the 75th year of independence.
- The mission aims to construct/rejuvenate at least **75 Amrit Sarovars** in each district across India to overcome the water crisis in rural areas.
- The target for these water bodies serves as a crucial step towards ensuring water sustainability at the local level.
- **Eight Central Ministries/Departments, including** Dept. of Rural Development, Department of land resources, Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation, Department of Water resources, Ministry of Panchayati Raj, Ministry of Forest, Environment and Climate changes, Ministry of Railway, Ministry of Road, Transport & Highways, actively contribute to the mission's execution.
- Bhaskaracharya National Institute for Space Application and Geo-informatics (BISAG-N) has been engaged as Technical partner for the Mission.
 - BISAG-N is an autonomous scientific society registered under the Societies Registration Act, of 1860. It comes under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.
- Geospatial data and technology play a pivotal role in identifying and executing the construction and rejuvenation of Amrit Sarovar.

Haryana to Include Gita in Class 8th Curriculum | Haryana | 13 Jan 2025

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Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini has announced the inclusion of the **Bhagavad Gita** in the school curriculum up to **Class 8, aiming to instill moral values among students**.

Key Points

- During a meeting with education department officials, the Chief Minister emphasized the importance of providing quality education in government schools and rebuilding public confidence in the state's education system.
- It has been directed to resolve the **teaching staff shortage** by adjusting the teacher allocation based on student numbers, clarifying that although Haryana has sufficient teachers, their proper distribution requires focus.
 - A comprehensive action plan is being developed to ensure that all teaching positions are filled by the next academic session.
- It has been emphasized that sports and cleanliness should be made mandatory for the overall development of children.
- These initiatives reflect the Haryana government's commitment to enhancing the quality of education and fostering the overall development of students in the state.

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