

Haryana Govt Committed to Providing Homes Under PMAY

Why in News?

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

• 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 <u>water conservation</u> and <u>support agricultural activities</u>.
- Furthering the state's commitment to <u>renewable energy</u>, the government has set an ambitious target to <u>install 100,000 solar panels</u>. This initiative is expected to promote <u>sustainable</u> 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.

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