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Women and child development in Haryana

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Abstract

The Women and Child Development Department, Haryana is implementing various schemes for the overall development and empowerment of children and women. The Govt. is committed to facilitate women to become economically and socially empowered, so that they contribute as healthy and equal partners to the fullest in safe and protected environment. The State Govt. is promoting social & economic empowerment of women and adolescent girls through various policies and programmes, institutional and legislative support spreading awareness about their rights and facilitating access to learning and supplementary nutrition for children (0-6) and pregnant & lactating mothers for enabling them to grow and develop to their full potential. A sum of 1, 19,573.29 lakh is provided in the budget for the year 2015 – 16. A sum of 49,296.68 lakh has been spent up to December, 2015.

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Introduction

Women and Child Development in Haryana and Govt. of India (Present Day)

Beti Bachao Beti Padhao

'Beti Bachao Beti Padhao' (BBBP) Programme has been launched by Hon'ble Prime Minister on 22.1.2015 at Panipat with the objective to prevent gender biased sex selective elimination, ensure survival, education & participation of the girl child. 12 districts namely; Ambala, Kurukshetra, Kaithal, Yamunanagar, Sonapat, Panipat, Karnal, Mahendergarh, Rewari, Rohtak, Bhiwani and Jhajjar which are having imbalance of sex ratio haven been selected. This programme has been extended to 8 more districts i.e. Jind, Hissar, Fatehabad, Sirsa, Faridabad, Gurgaon, Palwal and Panchkula also. State Gov. has taken various initiatives by organizing rallies and panchayats in which citizens from town and villages belonging to all cast and creed marched with the commitment to contribute in the campaign "Beti Bachao Beti Padhao". In the month of January the festival Lohri was celebrated as Lohri of girl child. This resulted in positive change in attitude on the birth of girl child in every village and town. Till now 25,350 Awareness Rallies with 4,36,280 participants, 3,39,510 celebration of birth/Lohri of girl child, 2,271 Nukkad Natak with 2,44,625 participants, 15,204 Gudda – Guddi Boards showing number of birth registered during the month of and sex ratio of village, 1,989 Film shows with 1,68,840 participants, 16,867 prabhat Pheri with 2,07,785 participants, 1,260 Puppet Shows with 51,058 Participants, 55,179 Health Camps/Baby Shows with 3,66,125 Participants have been organized. Sanjhi Competitions with the logo BBBP were organized. 81 Mascots who have established their name in Society by showing extra ordinary skills in the area of social work, cultural activities, sports and academi have been identified. A sum of 208.12 lakh has been incurred on the implementation of this programme.

Haryana Kanya Kosh

Haryana Kanya Kosh has been launched on International Women's Day on 8th March, 2015 in the State. The said Kosh has been constituted for the welfare and development of girls and women of state. The funds will be administered by the women & Child Development Dep. 56 lakh has been deposited in the bank Account of Haryana Kanya Kosh with Bank of India. The Haryana Kanya Kosh has been registered as a Society.

Aapki Beti – Hamari Beti

In order to curb the problem of declining sex ratio and to change the mind set of community towards girls child, State Govt. has launched a new scheme Apki Beti – Hamari Beti where

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in 21, 0000 is being deposited in the account of first born girl child of SC and BPL families and 21,000 is being deposited on the birth of second girl child of all families. At time of maturity 18 years, this amount shall become 11 lakh approximately and will be available for utilization by the matured girl child. Till now 19,975 girls has been registered out of which 5,146 girls have been given the benefit.

Sukanya Samridhi Account

Govt. of India launched the scheme "Sukanya Samridhi Account" on 22nd January 2015 Panipat, on the occasion of launching of "Beti Bachao Beti Padhao" programme with the objective to address gender imbalance in the society by creating positive discrimination in favour of the girl child. Under this scheme, account can be opened from the birth of the girl child till she attains the age of 10. A girl child, who attained the age of 10 years, one year prior to notification will also be eligible. In haryana 2.40 lakh accounts of girl children have been opened.

One Stop Centre for Women

One Stop Center for Women has been set up at Karnal to provide integrated support and assistance to women affected by violence, both in private and public space under one roof and to facilitate immediate, emergency and non – emergency accesses to a range of services including medical, legal, psychological and counseling. Till now 40 cases have been dealt in the One Stop Centre.

Integrated Child Development Services Scheme

Integrated Child Development Services Scheme is a Flagship Scheme Govt. of India to improve the health, nutritional, psychological and social developmental status of Children of 0 -6 years and to reduce mortality, malnutrition and school dropouts. Under this scheme, Six services i.e.

1. Supplementary Nutrition
2. Immunization
3. Health Check Up
4. Referral Services
5. Non – Formal Pre – School Education
6. Health and Nutrition Education are provided to Children below six years of age and pregnant and nursing mothers and other women in the age group of 14 -15 years in an integrated.

Strengthening and Restructuring of ICDS Scheme

The Integrated Child Development Services has been strengthened and restructured in a phased manner through a series of programmatic management and institutional reforms. Changes in norms, including integrated Child Development Services Scheme in a Mission Mode implementation in the 12th Five Year plan. Under Restructured ICDS, Govt. has approved the revised rates of Supplementary Nutrition @ 6 per child per day @ 7 Rs. Per day per pregnant and nursing mother/adolescent girls and 9 per child per day for severely malnourished child.

Supplementary Nutrition Programmed

The priority of the state Government is to improve the nutritional status among children by providing quality supplementary nutrition to the ICDS beneficiaries. Supplementary Nutrition is being provided to 10.33 lakh children between 6 months to 6 years of age and 2.99 lakh

pregnant and nursing mothers along with services. Procurement of food grains under Supplementary Nutrition Programme has been made by Govt. of India under wheat Based Nutrition Programmes (WBNP) at subsidized rates. These food grains are being supplied to the Anganwadi Centres through CONFED and HAFED. Attractive recipes like Allo – Puri, Stuffed Parantha, Meetha Chawal, Dalia, Panjiri and Gulgula are being given to the beneficiaries.

Construction of Anganwadi Centres

To provide clean and peace full environment to the children and women beneficiaries of ICDS and other related schemes at village level and to create assets for them the scheme of construction of AWCs is implemented in the state. AWC is not merely an AWC but a focal point for village women where they can feel themselves free and can discuss freely. During the year 2015 – 16, Funds of 105.87 crore have been released for the construction of 1,064 Anganwadi buildings.

Integrated Child Protection Scheme

Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS) is an umbrella scheme under which various schemes for children in need of care and protection and children in conflict with law are covered. The programme is being implemented through Haryana State Child protection Society (HSCPS). At the district Child Protection Unit (DCPU) under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner has been constituted. For care, Protection, treatment development and rehabilitation of the children in need for care and protection, there are 85 child care institutions in the State run by Govt., semi Govt. and private organizations. These Homes are spread across the state in all the 21 Districts and in 47 Block and covering around 4,000 children.

Haryana State Commission for Protection of Child Rights

Haryana State Commission for Protection of Child Rights is also functional in the state with its Headquarter at Panchkula. Regular inspections/monitoring of all the Child Care Institutions are being done by this Commission.

E - Bal Sanrakshan and District Need Assessment Survey

The District Need Assessment survey has been carried out in Haryana by involving Anganwadi Workers, Supervisor, CDPO, Data Analyst, Social Worker, DCPO, Protection Officer and Officer at HQ. The survey covers approximately 1.5 lakh Families covering about 2.3 lakh Orphan and Single parent children a cloud based software "E-Bal Sanrakshan System" has been developed in house.

Operation Muskaan

Operation Muskaan – I for tracing missing children has been jointly by Haryana Police and Women and Child Development Dep, Haryana. Teams of police officers and district child protection Officers have been constituted at district level to identify the missing children who are residing at public places as well as Child Care Institutions/Shelter Homes / Children Homes. Directions were given to identify the missing children who are residing on platforms, bus stand, railway station, market areas, hospitals, dhabas, brick kilns, restaurants, religious places, road etc. by making surprise visit during day and

night time. During the raids, District Child Protection Officer, counselor and one Social Worker are accompanying the team for providing psychological support to the vulnerable child. Since the launch of this campaign till date, 4,314 children have been found missing and out of which 3,840 children have been handed over to parents.

Nutrition Component

1, 90,078 adolescent girls of 11 – 14 years (out of school) and 14 – 18 years all girls (school going and out of school) are being provided supplementary nutrition @ of 5 per beneficiary per day for 300 day in a year. There is proposal to provide Ready to cook/Ready to eat Food items under Supplementary Nutrition Programme to the adolescent girls of this scheme.

Non – Nutrition Component

3, 42,660 out of school have been targeted to be covered under this component. The scheme has provision of IFA Supplementation, Health Checkups, Health & Nutrition Education, Counseling & Guidance Family Welfare, Arsh, Child Care Practices, Life Skill Education, Guidance on Accessing Public Services and Vocational Training.

Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act

State Govt. has appointed 21 Protection – Cum – Child Marriage Prohibition Officers at district level under Domestic Violence Act, 2005 and Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006. During the year 2015- 16, 5,836 complaints related to Domestic Violence have been received out of which 1,840 have been resolved. Similarly, 242 complaints of child Marriage have been received and 153 Child Marriages have been resolved. A sum of 150 lakh has been provided in the budget for the year 2015-16, out of which 81.28 lakh has been spent.

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