

## CRITIQUE

The Women and Child Development Department, Haryana has implemented various schemes and programmes to improve the status of women, children and adolescent girls by providing them various types of services and facilities under different schemes.

In order to combat the problem of declining sex ratio in the state, an incentive based scheme 'Ladli' has been implemented by the State Govt., under which a sum of Rs. 5000/- is invested in Kisan Vikas Patras (KVPs) per year, for five years, on the birth of second daughter born on or after 20-8-2005, which will be provided to the tune of Rs 96,000/- (approx) on maturity after 18 years.

The scheme of Awards to Rural Adolescent Girls implemented to encourage rural girls for pursuing higher education. To reduce malnutrition among children, Anganwadi Workers have been trained to equip with knowledge and skill of infant and young child feeding

The scheme of Best Mother Award has been implemented under which mothers are given prizes for better care of child especially girl child.

The scheme of Annual Sports Meet for Rural Women was implemented to provide and opportunities of sports and recreations to rural women.

Gender Sensitization training has been imparted to Panches and Sarpanches, Medical Officers/ Health Functionaries and Police Personal.

Integrated Child Development Services Scheme is the biggest scheme of child development was implemented in 137 blocks including 18 urban blocks under which the package of services of Supplementary Nutrition, Immunization, Health Check Up, Referral Services, Non-formal Pre-School Education and Health and Nutrition Education provided to six months to six years old children, pregnant and nursing mothers.

To lend necessary resource support to Gram Panchayat and its sub committee for effective discharge of functions assigned to them, a rural NGO named as Sakshar Mahila Samooh (SMS) has been formed. These SMSs create awareness regarding key social issues like sex ratio, literacy, universalization of elementary education, health and nutrition education, opportunities for economic empowerment for women, hygiene, sanitation and environment and schemes run by the Government for women, girls, children and village community.

26 Anganwadi Workers were given State Level Awards @ Rs. 5000/- each for their exemplary performance in ICDS services. Anganwadi Workers and Helpers have been insured under the scheme 'Anganwadi Karyakatri Bima Yojna' of Life Insurance Corporation of India.

Under the Training Programme for I.C.D.S. functionaries, funds released to Anganwadi Workers Training Centres and one Middle Level Training Centre.

The scheme of Construction of Anganwadi Centres was implemented under which funds released to Additional Deputy Commissioners to construct Anganwadi Centres.

Incentive Awards for improvement in Sex Ratio and in Nutritional Status given to districts for securing 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> positions.

Kishori Shakti Yojna was implemented in 128 ICDS Projects to improve health and nutritional status of adolescent girls. Under this scheme, adolescent girls have been provided supplementary nutrition and training in life development skills .

Financial assistance in the shape of grant-in-aid was provided to Voluntary Organizations for running training centers for women and child welfare activities. Steps have been taken to implement the Dowry Prohibition Act more effectively in the state. Under Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, the State Govt. has decided to appoint Protection Officers and register service providers for providing necessary assistance to the aggrieved persons in the state.

Activities for awareness generation against social evils like dowry, female foeticide and child marriage and publicity of the departmental schemes made through posters, pamphlets, Radio Jingles and through press note etc.

Haryana Women Development Corporation arranged institutional finance for self employment of women. The corporation has provided loans to SMS for starting sanitary napkin units and to women/girls to pursue higher education under loaning scheme.

JJ Act 2006 is being implemented in the state for the care and protection of children.

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