

children and those with faltered growth.

- Creche shall have toys and all other teaching-learning materials

required for Early Childhood Care and Development (ECCD) to ensure age appropriate stimulation and learning i.e. early stimulation for children aged below 3 years and Pre School-Education for 3 to 6 years old children.

BUDGET FOR "PALNA" (CRECHE) AS PER HARYANA STATE CRECHE POLICY:

As per the approved budget from the Haryana Finance Department to establish 500 Creches during the period 2023-2026. (The cost of the policy is Rs. 5735.00 Lakh F/Y 2022-23, 3215.00 Lakh F/Y 2023-24 & 3235.00 Lakh 2024-25).

EXPECTED OUTCOMES:

- 12,500 children aged below 6 years (through 500 creches) Sibling care will get reduced.
- State will have improved child health, nutrition & protection indicators.
- Provide quality care to children in need of care.
- Provide support services to working mothers.
- Women gainfully employed: 1000 women would be employed under creches. Another 10,000 to 12,000 would be working in formal/informal sectors.

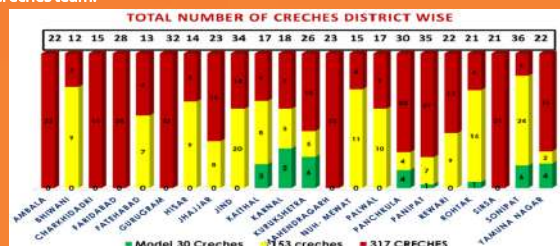


Haryana Creche Model:



In recognition of the importance of ECCD, Sustainable Development Goals have included it in Goal 4 under Target 4.2

Need assessment for creches was conducted across state and 252 areas in 22 districts, need for 317 creches have been identified with the support of the Mobile Creches team:



Target group: 6 months to 6 years children.

CURRENT OPERATIONAL STANDALONE CRECHES:

- Presently, there are 165 standalone Creches that have been successfully operationalized in the state.
- Children Outreach Statistics (April 2022 to March 2023):
- Total number of beneficiaries: 4,980 children.
- Children under 3 years of age: 2,840 (57% of the total beneficiaries).
- This year, Total Beneficiaries: 3925 as on 31st August 2023

Please find below the WCD website link for more information:

<https://wcdhry.gov.in/about-department/haryana-creches/#> and Haryana

State creche policy link:

<https://wcdhry.gov.in/notification-haryana-state-creche-policy-2022/>



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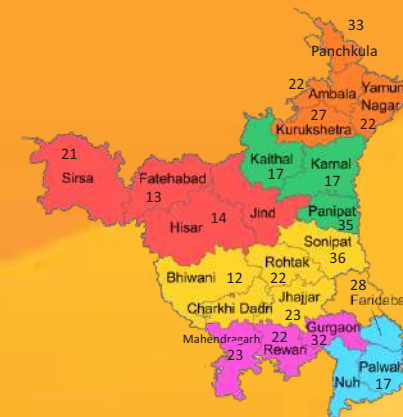
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"Palna" (CRECHE)



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BACKGROUND OF CRÈCHE PROJECT HARYANA:

- The Haryana Government to open Crèches in the state with modern facilities under National Crèche Scheme.
- Hon'ble CM has made an announcement no. 69(ii)- Opening of 500 new Creches with all-encompassing facilities for the children of working women in year 2020-21, realising the need of working women in different sectors.
- WCD Department has signed an MoU with the Mobile Creches organization for set up quality Creches with modern facilities. On 8th March 2021, 30 model creches has been launched by Hon'ble Chief Minister of Haryana.

NATIONAL CRECHE SCHEME:

The Ministry of Women & Child Development implemented National Creche scheme for the children of Working Women in the unorganized sector. The scheme aims to cater to children aged up to 6 years of age. The cost sharing of the scheme is 60:30:10 (Centre: State: NGO). The 10% NGO share will now be borne by the State. Thus, the share of Centre: State is now 60:40.

OBJECTIVES OF THE NATIONAL CRECHE SCHEME:

- To provide day-care facilities for children (6 months to 6 years) of working mothers in the community.
- To improve nutrition and health status of children.
- To promote physical, cognitive, social and emotional development (Holistic Development) of children.
- To educate and empower parents/caregivers for better childcare.

"HARYANA ACHIEVES MILESTONE AS INDIA'S FIRST STATE TO INTRODUCE CRECHE POLICY"

The Women and Child Development Department of Haryana issued a notification on 21st July, 2023, by introducing the Haryana State Creche Policy-2022.

CRECHE POLICY VISION

All children (aged < 6 years) in Haryana have access to free, comprehensive, universal, inclusive and quality Creche provisions to enable them to attain their optimal potential.

MISSION

The mission of the Haryana creche policy is to reach the last child by providing comprehensive childcare services- creches for children under 3 years of age and day-care facilities for children in the age group of 3-6 years including children who are attending preschool or AWCs through an after-school programme.



MAJOR POLICY OBJECTIVES:

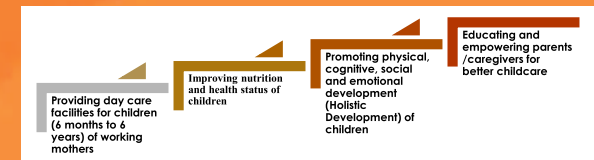
- To expand access to creche and daycare facilities by promoting diverse models of provisions especially targeting children from disadvantaged and vulnerable backgrounds and children in remote or inaccessible areas.
- To ensure holistic development of all children (Aged up to 6 years) by improving their health and nutrition status and promoting their physical, social, emotional and cognitive development.
- To improve the learning outcomes of children in the primary classes by ensuring smooth transition from preschool to formal school.
- To provide safety and protection from physical and mental abuse, harm and neglect by ensuring responsive care in institutional set up and by supporting parents and families in better childcare practices and subsequently reducing

the crime rate against children.

- To engage qualified workforce and build their capacities for ensuring quality childcare services.

These crèches have been set up as per the norms/ National Creche Schemes (NCS) guidelines for crèches, equipped with modern facilities and the hot cooked meal is being served in crèches. 703 children have been registered in these 30 model crèches.

The Haryana creche state policy aims to provide



daycare facilities for children of working mothers in the age group of 6 months to 6 years. The scheme is aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly SDG 5 which aims to achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls. The scheme also aligns with SDG 8 which aims to promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all.

HERE ARE SOME OF THE KEY FEATURES AND NORMS OF THE CRECHES:

- The Creches shall remain open for 8 hours a day, for 26 days a month. The community will decide on the off days and timings of the creche.
- Day-care facilities including sleeping facilities.
- 3 Meals should be served in a day which includes a morning snack, lunch and an evening snack.
- No child should be left alone at any point in the creche, even during breaks.
- **Growth Monitoring:** Monitor the growth of children by measuring their height and weight on monthly basis and identifying malnourished