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1st January 2022

Topic: Punjab Government Scheme

Importance: Punjab PPSC Prelims and Mains

What is the Scheme?

- The Punjab State Government launched the Aashirwad Scheme to provide financial assistance of Rs 51,000 for the girl's marriage.
- The government changed the previous Shagun Scheme to Ashirwad Scheme.
- This is the second hike in the scheme amount by the present government, which had earlier enhanced the assistance of Rs 15,000 to Rs 21,000 soon after it took over in 2017.
- The girls from scheduled caste (SC) / backward classes (BC) / economically weaker sections (EWS) can now apply

online.

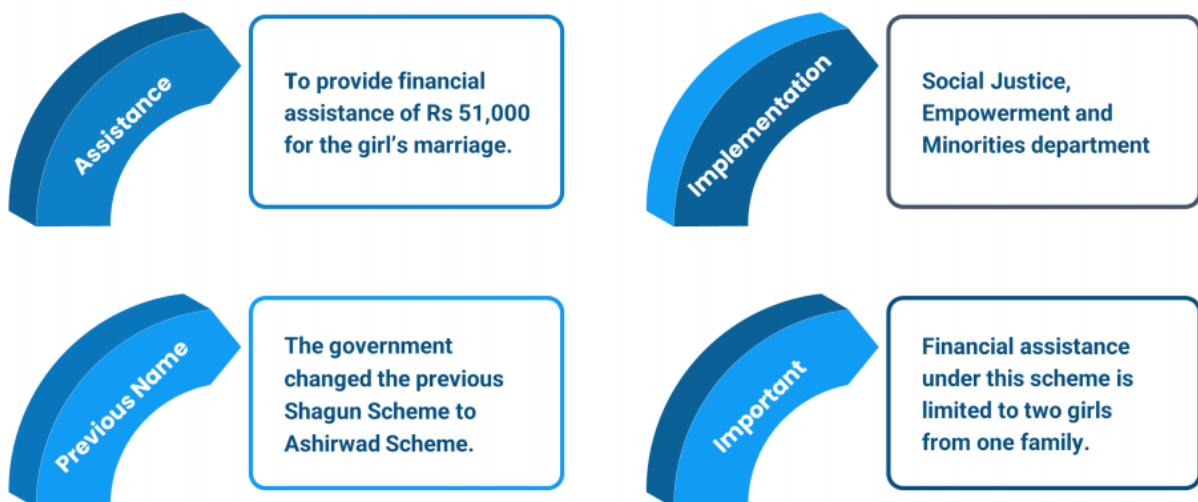
- At the time, the Cabinet of State also decided to make payments directly into the beneficiary's bank accounts through the online banking management system.

Who implemented it?

- The scheme implemented by the Social Justice, Empowerment and Minorities department.

Punjab Aashirwad Scheme

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Qualifying criteria for the Punjab Ashirwad Scheme.

- The applicant is expected to be a permanent citizen of the State of Punjab.
- The applicant's family should be below the poverty line

(GLP)

- The applicant must belong to the Scheduled Castes, Backward Classes and other economically weaker families.

Key highlights from Aashirwad Scheme Punjab include:-

- The beneficiary of the scheme would include girls belonging to the state of Punjab only.
- Consequently, applicants seeking financial assistance for their marriage may apply online at punjab.gov.in.
- Only those girls who are above 18 years of age can fill Ashirwad Scheme registration / application form.
- The state government will transfer payment directly into the bank account of the beneficiaries.

Latest Update:

- The latest increase will benefit 60,000 beneficiaries, placing an additional charge of Rs 180 crore on the public purse, the statement said. To avail the benefit, the annual income of the family from all sources should not exceed Rs 32,790.
- The girl's parents/guardians should be domiciled in Punjab and financial assistance under this scheme is limited to two girls from one family.

(Source: Punjab Government and Sarkari Yojana)

Topic: Initiative of Punjab Government.

Punjab PCS Mains

What is the news?

- Punjab Cabinet led by Chief Minister Charanjit Singh Channi to boost the state's economy and increase employment generation, has approved special packages of incentives for new mega and ultra mega projects for such projects across the state Large scale for the ton Investment can be attracted to.
- The cabinet also approved waiver of all arrears of the electricity bills of cowsheds.

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