

Approved Annual Work Plan & Budget of MDA for the year 2023-24

The Mewat Development Board was constituted during 1980 with the vision to ameliorate the conditions of poverty, unemployment, economic and social backwardness of this area and to raise the standard of living of the people of this area. The vision of Mewat Development Agency (MDA) is to accelerate the pace of development in Mewat region for implementation of developmental schemes specifically designed to benefit this area.

In 2018, Niti Ayog started Aspirational district programme to identify and support the most backward districts of India. Out of 108 districts that were selected by the Niti Ayog, Mewat scored lowest among all the indicators. Hence, Mewat was tagged as the most backward district of the country.

Sustainable Development Goals or Global Goals were adopted by the United Nations in 2015 to end poverty, protect the planet, and ensure that by 2030 all people enjoy peace and prosperity. State of Haryana is committed to achieve SDGs and has taken various steps to achieve the objective.

MDA, being the nodal agency for the development of Mewat district (now known as Nuh district) has very high responsibility to meet the expectation of the people of the region. MDA works in various sectors, either alone or with the support of line departments, for the upliftment of the region.

The approved budget estimate for the year 2023-24 along with objectives and outlay of the schemes are as under:

(Rs. in lakh)				
S.N.	Name of Component	Outlay (General)	Outlay (SCSP)	Total Outlay
1	Female Health, Immunization and Nutrition	275.00	25.00	300.00
2	Scholarship & Coaching	303.12	91.67	394.79
3	Skill Development Trainings	160.38	14.58	174.96
4	Animal Husbandry	150.00	48.75	198.75
5	Rain Water Harvesting/Renewable Energy	450.00	0.00	450.00
6	IEC Activities	50.00	0.00	50.00
7	Study and Surveys	100.00	0.00	100.00
8	Assistance of Consultants	81.50	0.00	81.50
9	Project Management	200.00	0.00	200.00
	Total	1770.00	180.00	1950.00

ANNUAL PLAN 2023-24

The Govt. of Haryana has approved the budget outlay of Rs. 1950.00 lakh (Rs. 1770.00 lakh for General and Rs. 180.00 lakh for SCSP) for the year 2023-24 to MDA. The component-wise objective and budget outlay is as under:

1. Female Health, Immunization and Nutrition

Nuh is the Aspirational District of Haryana State. When the Aspirational District Programme was started, the immunization of the district was 29.92% which was much less

than state average which is 97.40. Even after 4 years of this programme, the immunization has not improved much stagnant at 70%. Similarly, the numbers of SAM children are 53 and MAM children are 7004 on October 2022. These numbers are significantly higher for this region.

Maternal health indicators such as ANC checkups and institutional delivery haven't improved much. As per latest health department data, the numbers of severe anemic (Hb<7) pregnant women in Nuh are 812 and on increasing trends. It is important that necessary interventions may be taken up to improve the health of mother and child.

The score (out of 100) of Nuh in concerned Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in 2022 Index are as follows:

- a. SDG 1 (No Poverty) – 30
- b. SDG 2 (zero hunger) – 38
- c. SDG 3 (Good health and well-being) - 33

As a result, Nuh district stands at Aspirant category (Bottom) in various Goals of Haryana SDG District Index 2022.

In order to improve the standing of Nuh district in Aspirational district programme, Haryana SDG District Index as well as improve the maternal and child health of citizens of Nuh district, it is critical that necessary interventions may be taken up.

Budget Outlay

MDA has proposed budget outlay of Rs. 300.00 lakh (Rs. 275.00 lakh for General & Rs. 25.00 lakh for SCSP) to improve the health of female, immunization of children and to reduce malnutrition among children.

2. Scholarship & Coaching

It is informed that agriculture is the major source of earning for majority of people. Due to backward of this region, not many people are aware of benefit of higher studies. However, Mewat district faces various challenges with regards to higher education such as

- a) Unavailability of experts and specialists as per the demand in the district
- b) Limited or no counseling of students under Government schools as a result of which students are unaware of options available after schooling
- c) Majority of families have limited source of livelihood and earning as a result of which children don't have financial support to either join coaching facilities or join prestigious institutions

Mewat Development Agency has started the scholarship programme for Paramedical courses during the year 2008-09 to meet out the requirement of paramedical staff in the area. Further, MDA has included technical & professional courses in the scholarship scheme from 2012-13.

In order to assist the students to take up Technical, Professional, Medical and Para Medical courses, MDA may continue the scholarship programme and may provide following support to needy students of Mewat:

- A. Scholarship for coaching facilities
- B. Scholarship for higher studies i.e. Technical, Professional, Medical and Para Medical courses.

Mewat Development Agency, Nuh shall provide scholarship during the year 2022-23 to the students of Mewat area for Medical, Technical, Professional, Tourism and PhD courses to promote higher education in the area. MDA shall also provide coaching for preparation of competitive exams like NEET, JEE etc.

The scholarship amount of Rs. 1,00,000/- may be provided for tuition fee and Rs. 60,000/- as maintenance allowance per year (maintenance allowance will be given as fixed lump sum amount for an academic year) for MBBS course. The scholarship amount for other courses i.e. Technical, Paramedical, Professional, Tourism & PhD shall be maximum Rs. 75000/- or 75% of tuition fees whichever is less.

MDA shall also provide financial incentive for motivating the girls to take admissions in Govt. ITIs of Nuh district. MDA will provide incentive to the girls students of ITIs @ Rs. 1000/-per month.

Budget Outlay

MDA has proposed budget outlay of Rs. 394.79 lakh (Rs. 303.12 lakh for General & Rs. 91.67 lakh for SCSP) including Rs. 241.79 lakh for scholarship, Rs. 75.00 lakh for coaching for preparation of NEET, JEE and other competitive examinations and Rs. 78.00 lakh to provide financial incentives to the girls students of ITIs for motivating to take admission in ITIs.

3. Skill Development Trainings

Being an agrarian society, agriculture and allied is the primary source of income of the people of Nuh district. In the recent Haryana SDG District Index 2022, the performance of Nuh district (out of 100) in various goals is very poor as compared to other districts of Haryana. The score of Nuh concerned goals is as follows:

- a. SDG 8 (Decent work and Economic growth) – 51

Hence, to improve the above SDGs and to provide livelihood opportunities to the people of the area, MDA may take up the following skill development trainings.

Shrimp Farming (Agriculture Sector): - Nuh district faces challenge of saline underground water. As a result of which normal agriculture and horticulture crops do not grow in this region. However, the saline water is suitable for fish farming in particular shrimp farming. To take advantage of saline water, it is necessary that people are made aware about this farming as well as there is a need to provide necessary training to those who are interested in taking it up.

Small Poultry Farmer (Agriculture Sector): - Being close to Delhi-NCR region, Mewat area can cater to the need of this region in particularly by providing quality poultry meat and eggs at affordable price. To get this done on mass scale, it is necessary that people of Mewat area are provided necessary training.

Warehouse Packer (Logistics Sector): - Many warehouse centers have established in Tauru block of Nuh district as well as other close regions such as Faridabad and Gurugram. These warehouses require manpower such as warehouse packer on regular basis. This provides a golden opportunity to people of Mewat area. Appropriate training to people needs to be provided to interested people so that people can take up this job and cater to the demand of warehouses as well.

Soft Skills: - Necessary soft skill is the need of this region. While people are interested to move to Delhi-NCR region but due to limited skills, they could not compete with other citizens. Hence, it is necessary that people are provided soft skills so that pass out students and other people may gain necessary skill set.

Solar Panel Installation (Electronics Sector): - There is a growing demand for Solar based electricity in Delhi – NCR region including in Nuh district. However, people with necessary skill sets are in limited numbers. It is the need of this region that people are provided training on solar panel installation so that people can get solar panels installed easily.

Computer Hardware (IT-ITeS Sector): - Of late, many people have started using laptop and computer in Mewat area. However, people have to go to Gurugram to repair even for minor issues. The training on computer and laptop hardware is the need of this region.

MDA has proposed Rs. 174.96 lakh (Rs. 160.38 lakh for General and Rs. 14.58 lakh for SCSP) for the above trainings.

4. Animal Husbandry:

There are 11 registered Gaushalas in the district. These have a cattle population of around 8000. These Gaushalas are majorly managed through donations. Due to scarcity of available funds, the Gaushalas are perennial shortage of feed and Fodder. The animals being received in the Gaushalas are very weak, emaciated and seriously wounded especially the ones rescued by law enforcement agency.

The objective is animal welfare and maintenance of healthy animals in the 11 registered Gaushalas by providing nutritional supplements i.e. mineral mixtures and stomachic powders, improve digestion and utilization of feed and also fulfill the nutritional requirements of the cattle to keep them healthy.

Budget outlay:

MDA has proposed budget outlay of Rs. 198.75 lakh (Rs. 150.00 lakh for General & Rs. 48.75 lakh for SCSP) including Rs. 150.00 lakh for providing assistance for Nutritional/digestive supplements and emergency life saving medicine and cattle sheltered in 11 registered Gaushalas in district Nuh and Rs. 48.75 lakh for establishment of Goat/Sheep unit (20 female+1 Male-Goat/Sheep) for providing employment opportunities to 50 unemployed SC persons by providing 75% subsidy i.e. Rs. 97,500/-.

5. Rain Water Harvesting/Renewable Energy

Rain Water Harvesting

Due to non-availability of a perennial river or lake in the district, ground water is the only source of water. 78% of the district has saline ground water and remaining 22% fresh water. Rainwater harvesting is an important environment friendly approach which has double benefit in both keeping the ground water table and undisturbed and charging the aquifer. Such a green practice encouraged in form of community development programme can find its popularity when it shows the many fold benefits of, in one hand, bringing people together to collective thinking on `green` approaches, innovating approaches to save earth by harping on their creative notes, achieving nobler feelings saving water for future; on the other hand, rainwater as well as run-off storm water stored

in a planned way save the earth soil erosion, flood; recharge the aquifers to give a shot in the arm to the decreasing groundwater table.

To aid towards the greater objective of water management and conservation and to increasing recharge of groundwater by capturing and storing rainwater, rainwater harvesting from rooftop run-offs and natural water bodies augment the community development, the rainwater harvesting system may be constructed in the area.

Renewable/Solar Energy

Solar energy is emerging as a major source of energy for the future which is pollution free & a green source of energy. The Government of Haryana considers solar energy as vital form of energy in the State to address the growing impacts of climate change at local and national levels. It has the potential of not only lowering the state's expenditure on energy but also have potential to reduce transmission & distribution losses.

MDA is planning to install solar energy systems in educational institutes of the area to bring more students to classrooms by reducing power outages. Solar energy will help in running fans, water coolers as well as practical labs in schools, with just one-time investment by MDA.

Budget outlay:

MDA has proposed budget outlay of Rs. 450.00 lakh including Rs. 350.00 lakh for construction of Rainwater Harvesting Structure and Rejuvenation of polluted ponds and Rs. 100.00 lakh for setting up of solar energy systems in Govt. buildings and grid in villages.

6. IEC Activities:

It is informed that the major issues in Mewat are that many people are unaware about Government schemes, support provided by departments and latest information in timely manner. Due to unawareness, a major section of the society remains deprived from Government schemes/programmes and its support.

In addition, Mewat faces various social and cultural issues that need to be addressed holistically. Social and cultural issues includes multiple pregnancies with no gap, no focus towards nutritious food, female children not encouraged for higher studies, hesitation towards vaccination and Dowry etc.

Therefore, special efforts are required to provide awareness of government schemes/programmes to every resident in the timely manner and to bring behavioral change among residents of Mewat area. Hence, there is requirement of special IEC activities in the area and it may be divided in two parts:

- a) Advertisement of Government schemes and programme.
- b) Awareness programme for addressing social and cultural issues.

To achieve this objective, MDA is planning to conduct following activities:

- i. Selection of dedicated resources that would work with MDA in achieving objectives mentioned in one-year plan.

- ii. For the advertisement of government schemes, target groups/ audience would be reached out through print, electronic, social and outdoor media.
- iii. For behavioral change, different stakeholders would be reached out through separate activities such as announcement through religious leaders, meetings, village level consultations, individual/collective meetings, presentations to institutions, mass media, school competitions, other publicity materials - display hoardings, pamphlets, fliers, organizing rallies etc.
- iv. To increase awareness effectively.

Budget Outlay

MDA has proposed Rs. 50.00 lakh for untied funds to promote/awareness programmes about the govt. schemes and flagship programmes of the Govt.

7. Study and Surveys

MDA has proposed Rs. 100.00 lakh for study & surveys on each indicator of Aspirational District Programme, socio-economic indicators and other required parameters/indicators to identify the gaps for making planning for development of Mewat area.

8. Assistance of Consultants in MDA

It is informed that Mewat was selected as aspirational district by NITI Aayog in the year 2018. As per the baseline ranking conducted by NITI Aayog, Mewat was at last. As a result of which, Mewat was tagged as the most backward district of the country.

Mewat lagged on almost all parameters of social development sectors such as education, health, nutrition, water availability, skill development etc. The primary reasons for the backwards of the region are as follows:

- a) Inadequate infrastructure
- b) Very less staff
- c) Incomplete dissemination of Government schemes and services to public
- d) Ineffective monitoring of the Government services
- e) No information on best practices in government departments

Hence, to look after the work of Aspirational District programme and to assist District Administration, the consultants may be hired in MDA.

MDA has proposed Rs. 81.50 lakh for assistance of consultants in MDA.

9. Project Management

MDA has proposed Rs. 200.00 lakh under Project Management component for salary of staff & other expenditure.