



# Stage Home Policy Approved in Haryana

## Why In News?

- On September 26, 2022, on the proposal of Haryana Tourism Minister Kanwar Pal Gurjar, Chief Minister Manohar Lal approved the home stay policy to make village tourism (rural tourism) more effective than hotels to promote culture and tourism in the state.

## Key Points

- The state government is serious about promoting rural tourism. Under the home stay policy, tourists from India and abroad will get a chance to stay in a plain-rural environment instead of expensive hotels when they visit major tourist destinations in the state. They will be able to enjoy rural tourism.
- The Tourism Minister said that this policy has been first implemented in the hills of Morni in Panchkula, where so far 30 licenses have been granted by the state government.
- Chief Minister, Mr. Manohar Lal directed the officials of the Tourism Department during his visit to Rakhigarhi that the process of granting licenses under the stay-home policy in Rakhigarhi of Hisar district, which was the site of the Indus Valley Civilization, should be expedited soon.
- Haryana has great potential for development of sites like Adibadri, Lohgarh, Kalesar, Buddhist Stupa, Aravalli forest area, Kurukshetra, Shivalik and Saraswati river. Village tourism can develop a lot here. For the tourists to stay at these places, the people in the respective villages will make huts of two rooms.
- The Haryana government plans to train villagers on how to interact with tourists, how to give good information about sightseeing and other food along with desi food. This will not only increase the income of the villagers, but tourists will not even experience distance while staying away from home.
- Additional Principal Secretary to CM, Who is looking after tourism work in the Chief Minister's Office, Dr. Amit Agarwal said that this will provide employment to the local people and tourists will be able to enjoy rural lifestyle and food.