



Haryana Increases Agniveer Quota

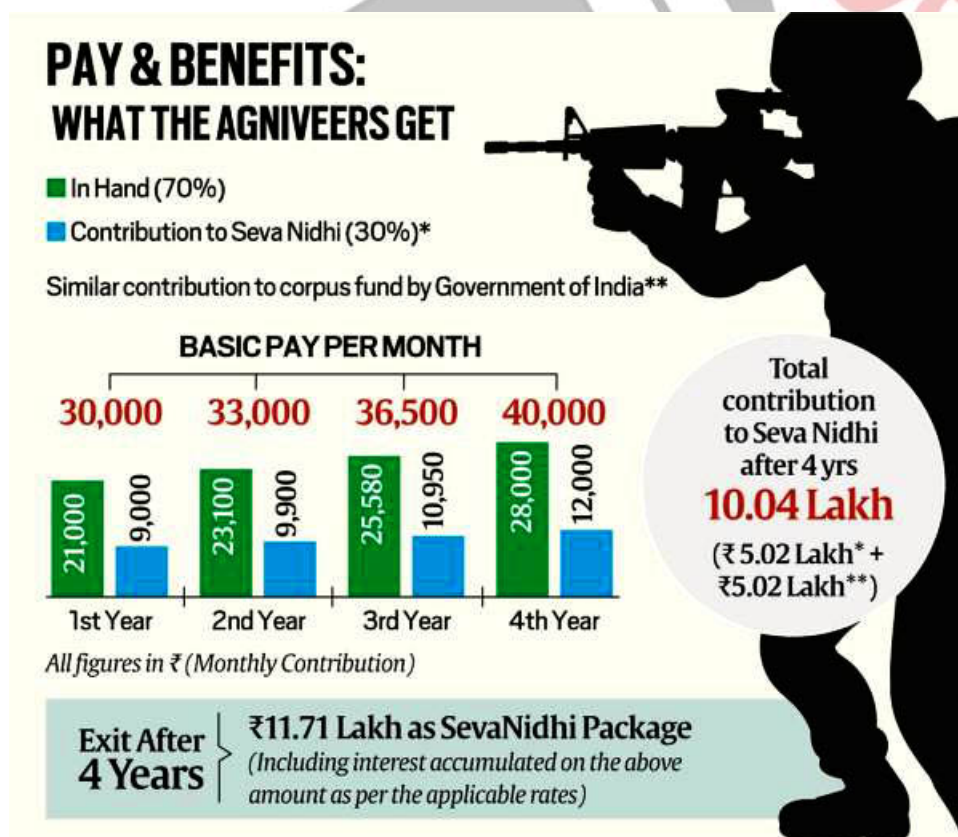
Why in News?

Recently, the **Haryana government** announced a **10% horizontal reservation to Agniveers** in recruitment for the posts of constable and forest guard, among others.

Key Points

- Agniveers will receive **5% horizontal reservation in Group-C direct recruitments** and **1% in Group-B direct recruitments for civil posts**.
- Private establishments that pay Agniveers a monthly salary of 30,000 or more will receive an **annual subsidy of 60,000 from the state government**.
- An Agniveer starting a business will receive **interest benefits on loans up to 5 lakh**.
- Agniveers will be **prioritized for arms licenses and employment** in government departments/boards/corporations.

Agnipath Scheme



- **About:**
 - It allows **patriotic and motivated youth to serve in the Armed Forces for a period of four years**.

- Under this scheme, the **youth joining the army will be called Agniveer**. Youth will be able to be recruited into the army for a short duration.
- Under the new scheme, around 45,000 to 50,000 soldiers will be recruited annually, and most will leave the service in just four years.
- However, after **four years, only 25% of the batch will be recruited back** into their respective services, for a period of 15 years.

▪ **Eligibility Criteria:**

- It is **only for personnel below officer ranks** (those who do not join the forces as commissioned officers).
 - Commissioned officers **are the army's highest ranked officers**.
 - Commissioned officers **hold an exclusive rank** in the Indian armed forces. They often hold a **commission under the president's sovereign power** and are officially instructed to protect the country.
- Aspirants between the ages of 17.5 years and 23 years will be eligible to apply.

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