

### **Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme (IGNOAPS)**

Under the scheme, financial assistance is provided to the selected beneficiaries as per the following Criteria:

- 1. Age of the beneficiary (male or female) is 65 years of more,***
- 2. The beneficiary falls under the BPL category as per RHS 2005 (as updated).***

The amount of Old Age Pension was increased fourfold i.e. from Rs. 100/- per month to Rs. 400/- per month during the financial year, which is shared equally by the Central & State Governments. Previously the Central Government contributed Rs 75/ per person and the balance Rs 25/ was contributed by the State Government. In order to improve delivery of services the Gram Panchayat were conferred sanctioning authority, previously vested in the S.D.O. From November, 2007, the National Old Age Pension Scheme (NOAPS) has been renamed as Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme (IGNOAPS). The benefit of pension has been extended to all individuals who have attained the age of 65 years as on November, 2007 and are enlisted in the list of Below Poverty Line (BPL) families. Now there is no quota of Pensioners. The scheme provides for Universal Coverage of all eligible beneficiaries.