



Powering Viksit Haryana

ACCELENSE

A Newsletter to Accelerate SDGs

Edition 6: Social Lense

Theme: Resilient People, Inclusive Futures



SDG Coordination and Acceleration Centre (under the aegis of Swarna Jayanti Haryana Institute for Fiscal Management), Haryana welcomes you to their fortnightly newsletter series SDG ACCELENSE - designed to help share knowledge, spotlight ideas and focus on innovations shaping sustainable development. We hope this “lens” provides multiple perspectives on developmental issues and drives real acceleration on the ground helping achieve a ‘**VIKSIT HARYANA**’. Each edition will explore development through either of the three lenses — the **Social Lense**, capturing stories of people, inclusion, and environment; the **Tech Lense**, highlighting digital and technological enablers of change; and the **Economic Lense**, focusing on growth, finance, and resilience. Together, they will endeavour to provide impetus for the state to be a “Non - stop Life Force” in its path to become globally competitive, inclusive and sustainable Haryana.



Nayab Singh Saini
Hon'ble Chief Minister, Haryana

“Under the leadership of our visionary Prime Minister Sh. Narendra Modi ji, India has not only established itself as an emerging economy but also as an economic power on the global stage. For the fourth consecutive year, India has recorded the highest GDP growth rate among major world economies such as the United States, China, Japan and the European Union. Undoubtedly, this is the result of the collective energy of 140 crore Indians. Haryana remains committed to serving as an uninterrupted and tireless engine of development in the journey towards fulfilment of Prime Minister Sh. Narendra Modi Ji's vision of ‘Viksit Bharat’ @2047.”

Source: Budget Finance Report 2026-27, Government of Haryana

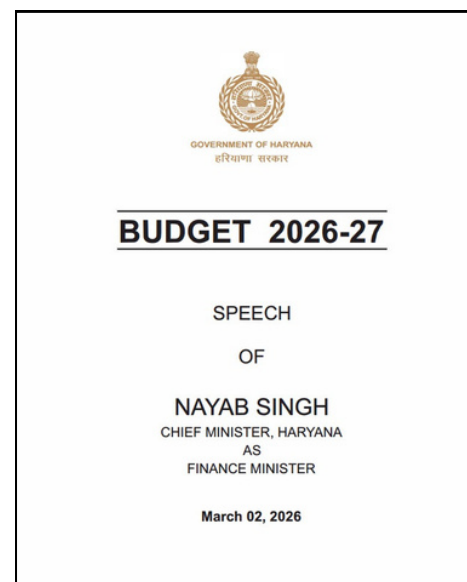
Haryana Budget 2026-27 — ₹2.23 Lakh Crore for a Stronger, More Inclusive State

On 2 March 2026, CM Nayab Singh Saini presented Haryana's largest-ever budget at ₹2,23,658.17 crore — a 10.3% rise over the previous year. The budget was described as a ‘foundation for a stronger future for farmers, youth, women, the poor, workers and the middle class.’

- Women & Child Development: ₹2,263.29 crore (↑ 14.91%) — Lado Lakshmi Yojana: ₹6,500 crore allocated
- Social Justice, SEWA & Antyodaya: ₹17,250.72 crore (↑ 15.74%)
- Rural Development & Panchayats: ₹8,703.74 crore (↑ 22.88%)
- Environment & Forest: ₹741.55 crore (↑ 32%) — Green Climate Resilience Fund: ₹100 crore
- Water Secure Haryana: ₹5,715 crore | Haryana AI Mission: ₹474 crore for 1 lakh youth

source:

- <https://cdnbbsr.s3waas.gov.in/s386e78499eeb33fb9cac16b7555b50767/uploads/2026/03/202603201031104005.pdf>
- <https://prindia.org/budgets/states/haryana-budget-analysis-2026-27>



Haryana Leads India's First Digital Census — CM Nayab Singh Saini Launches Self-Enumeration Drive



On 16 April 2026, Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini launched the first phase of Census 2027 in the state — marking Haryana's entry into India's first-ever fully digital census exercise. The Self-Enumeration process ran from 16–30 April 2026, followed by Houselisting and Housing Census activities from 1–30 May 2026. The CM emphasised that census data will directly shape scheme delivery and development planning towards Viksit Bharat 2047, urging every resident to participate actively through the official portal.

- Self-Enumeration portal: se.census.gov.in — multilingual, mobile-friendly
- 7,000 to 65,000 census workers trained across Haryana
- Data stored on secure Ministry of Home Affairs servers
- Census tagline: "Our Census, Our Development"
- Directly linked to SDG-aligned policy planning and inclusive governance

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- <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2252673®=3&lang=2>

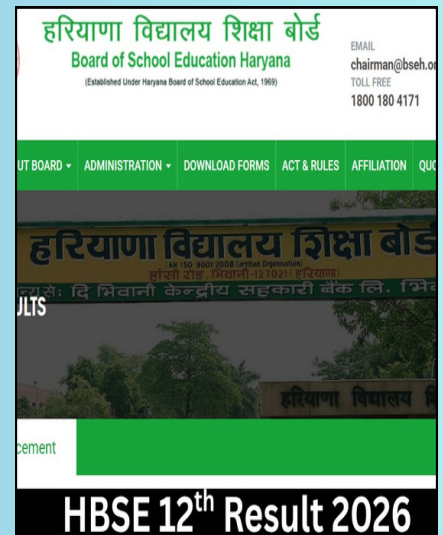
Haryana Board Results 2026 — Girls Outshine Boys, 84.67% Pass in Class 12

BSEH declared Class 12 results on 12 May 2026 — girls are leading. Out of 2,42,856 students who appeared, 2,05,618 passed overall at 84.67%. Deepika from Rewari topped the state with 499/500. Rural students slightly outperformed urban peers — a sign of expanding aspiration across the state.

- Overall pass: 84.67% — Girls: 87.97%, Boys: 81.45%
- Science: 90.08% | Commerce: 88.20% | Arts: 82.60%
- State topper: Deepika (Rewari) — 499/500 marks
- Results declared across 1,431 exam centres statewide

source:

- <https://bseh.org.in/recent-news>
- <https://testbook.com/news/hbse-12th-result-2026-out-topper-list/>



Haryana Creates Green Climate Resilience Fund — Commits ₹100 Crore for Net-Zero Future

Haryana Budget 2026-27 established a dedicated Green Climate Resilience Fund (₹100 crore) for net-zero targets. Environment & Forest received a 32% budget increase to ₹741.55 crore. ₹5,715 crore allocated for Water Secure Haryana. A new Haryana Agri Discom proposed for uninterrupted power to 7.12 lakh agricultural consumers.

- Green Climate Resilience Fund: ₹100 crore corpus
- Environment & Forest budget: ₹741.55 crore (↑ 32%)
- Water Secure Haryana: ₹5,715 crore for conservation & recharge
- Haryana Agri DISCOM: serves 5,084 feeders, 7.12 lakh consumers

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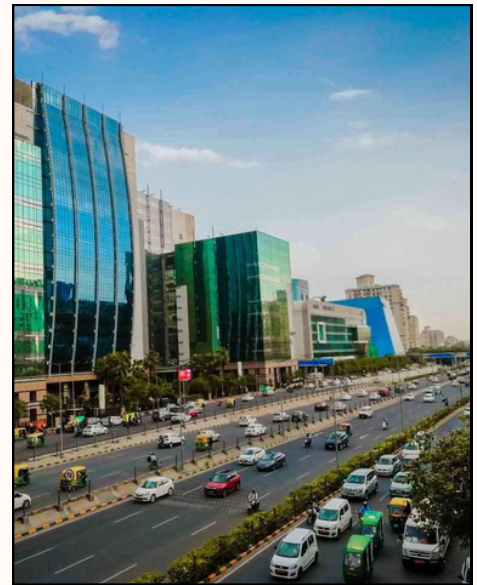
Haryana Pushes for Modern, Inclusive Urban Development Across All Districts

Urban Local Bodies & Town Planning received ₹6,797.57 crore in Budget 2026-27 — a 24.86% jump. Haryana's urban spending now exceeds the national state average at 3.8% vs 3.2%. The Antyodaya Saral Portal delivers 600+ services and a SAKSHAM Fund of ₹500 crore targets revival of old industrial areas.

- Urban Local Bodies & Town Planning: ₹6,963 crore (↑ 25%)
- Haryana urban spend: 3.8% vs 3.2% national state average
- Antyodaya Saral Portal: 600+ online government services
- SAKSHAM Fund: ₹500 crore for industrial area revival

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NITI Aayog Releases Bold 13-Point Roadmap to Transform India's School System

India manages the world's largest school system — 14.71 lakh schools, 24.69 crore students, 1.01 crore teachers. NITI Aayog's landmark 13-point roadmap proposes State School Standards Authorities (SSSAs), competency-based curricula and AI-enabled personalised learning. 94.5% of private schools now have internet access.

- 14.71 lakh schools | 24.69 crore students | 1.01 crore teachers
- 94.5% private schools have internet access
- 13-point plan: AI learning, SSSAs, competency-based curricula

source:

- <https://niti.gov.in/sites/default/files/2026-05/School-Education-System-in-India.pdf>
- <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2258645®=3&lang=1>



NITI Aayog Launches SDG 5 District Reports — Gender Equality Data for Every District

NITI Aayog launched State, UT and District Reports on SDG 5: Gender Equality tracking 26 indicators across 792 districts — India's most granular gender data exercise. Union Minister Annapurna Devi: "High-quality data, robust ecosystems with tech-enabled monitoring are vital for dynamic policy making."

- 26 gender equality indicators tracked across 792 districts
- Focus: skilling, financial inclusion, gender-responsive budgeting, care economy
- UNDP, UNICEF, UN Women, World Bank participated in the workshop

source:

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UNESCO: Climate Change Missing From School Syllabi in 78 Countries — India Must Lead

UNESCO's GEM Report 2026 reveals climate change is absent from Grade 3 syllabi in 78 countries, Grade 6 in 50 countries and Grade 9 in 28 countries. For India, where NEP 2020 emphasises holistic education, this is both a challenge and an opportunity to build climate-literate citizens from the classroom up.

source:

- <https://www.unesco.org/reports/gem-report/en/2026-monitoring-sdg4>
- <https://unesdoc.unesco.org/ark:/48223/pf0000392406>

India Leads BRICS MSME Agenda — Financial Inclusion for Small Businesses at Centre Stage

As Chair of BRICS in 2026, India spearheads renewed MSME cooperation under the BRICS Partnership on the New Industrial Revolution (PartNIR). The first BRICS SME Working Group Meeting (24 April 2026) focused on 'Access to Finance for MSMEs.' India has also signed MSME cooperation agreements with Japan, South Africa and New Zealand.

- 7.47 crore MSMEs employ 32.82 crore people | 31.1% of India's GDP
- 48.58% share of India's total exports
- Inaugural BRICS MSME Forum planned later in 2026

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UN Women Report — Online Violence Against Women Reaches a Tipping Point



A landmark report released by UN Women on 30 April 2026, ahead of World Press Freedom Day, confirms that online violence against women journalists and human rights defenders has hit a critical threshold — and AI is making it worse. The report, Tipping Point: Online Violence — Impacts, Manifestations and Redress in the AI Age, based on a global survey of 641 women across 119 countries, reveals how digital abuse is increasingly spilling into real-world harm and forcing women out of public life.

- 70% of women surveyed experienced online violence in the course of their work
- Reports to police doubled since 2020 — from 11% to 22% among women journalists
- 45% of women journalists self-censor on social media — up 50% since 2020
- 1 in 4 women journalists diagnosed with anxiety or depression linked to online abuse
- AI-enabled tools including deepfakes and image manipulation driving new forms of abuse

source:

- <https://www.unwomen.org/en/news-stories/press-release/2026/04/reports-to-police-of-online-violence-against-women-journalists-double-since-2020-with-one-in-four-experiencing-related-anxiety-and-or-depression>
- <https://news.un.org/en/story/2026/04/1167416>

Global Forest Goals Report 2026 — India's Forest Cover Gains Offer a Roadmap for Haryana

The UN Global Forest Goals Report 2026 assesses progress toward 6 Global Forest Goals under the UN Strategic Plan for Forests 2017–2030. India added 1,445 sq km of forest cover, placing it among the top 10 forest-gaining nations globally — a model relevant to Haryana's expanding Aravalli green belt.

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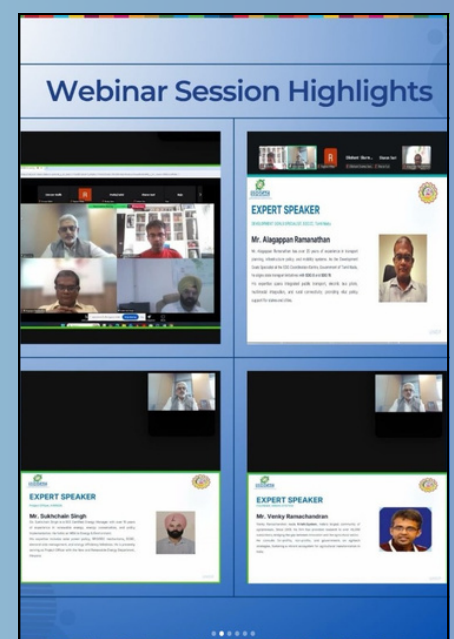
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EVENT HIGHLIGHT

Haryana Carbon Connect — UNDP-SDGCAC Knowledge Series Webinar

As part of the UNDP–SDGCAC Knowledge Series, the Sustainable Development Goals Coordination and Acceleration Centre (SDGCAC), Haryana organized a webinar titled “Haryana Carbon Connect: Turning Carbon Liabilities into Economic Assets” on 8 April 2026. The webinar brought together distinguished experts from the transport, energy, and agriculture sectors to discuss the transformative potential of carbon markets in advancing Haryana's sustainable development agenda. Key speakers included Mr. Alagappan Ramanathan, Development Goals Specialist at SDGCC Tamil Nadu, who shared insights on sustainable mobility and carbon market frameworks; Mr. Sukhchain Singh, Project Officer at HAREDA, who highlighted Haryana's opportunities in renewable energy and energy efficiency; and Mr. Venky Ramachandran, Founder of Krishi.System, who discussed farmer-centric approaches to regenerative agriculture and agricultural carbon markets. The session explored opportunities in electric mobility, renewable energy, low-carbon buildings, climate-smart agriculture, and waste management, while emphasizing the need for robust institutional coordination, policy convergence, and innovative financing mechanisms. The webinar reinforced Haryana's potential to emerge as a leading state in sub-national carbon market development and highlighted how carbon credits can support sustainable economic growth, climate resilience, and SDG-aligned development pathways.





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