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Haryana Launches 'Visa Fraud Se Bache' Campaign in Sonapat 26 February 2026

Haryana, in partnership with the UK government, launched the 'Visa Fraud Se Bache' campaign at DCRUST, Sonapat, to protect people from the rising risks of visa fraud and illegal migration. The initiative focuses on the emotional, financial and physical harm caused by fraudulent agents. The launch was attended by UK Home Office Acting Permanent Secretary Simon Ridley, British Deputy High Commissioner Alba Smeriglio, and Haryana Minister Gaurav Gautam.

A multilingual WhatsApp chatbot (+91 70652 51380) was unveiled to help travellers verify visa information, identify red flags and report scams. UK teams will conduct awareness drives in Ambala, Kaithal, Karnal and Kurukshetra, warning people about fake promises like "guaranteed visa and job" or "no IELTS needed."

UK officials emphasised safe, legal migration while praising Haryana's cooperation. British High Commissioner Lindy Cameron highlighted the importance of verified information in preventing exploitation. The campaign marks a strengthened India–UK effort to curb visa fraud and protect aspirants seeking opportunities abroad.

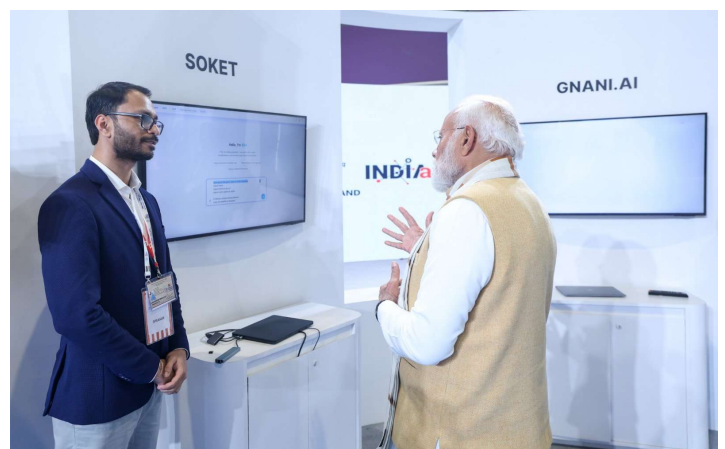


PM Modi Inaugurates India AI Impact Expo 2026 at Bharat Mandapam 16 February 2026

Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated the India AI Impact Expo 2026 at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi on February 16, 2026. The event marks a major milestone in India's AI roadmap, bringing together global technology leaders, startups, researchers, and policymakers. In his message, PM Modi highlighted the extraordinary potential of artificial intelligence and praised India's exceptional talent and innovation ecosystem.

The Expo features over 300 curated pavilions, 600 startups, and multiple international country pavilions showcasing real-world AI solutions already in deployment. Spread across 10 arenas covering more than 70,000 square metres, it serves as a platform where innovation, policy, and large-scale implementation converge. The exhibition runs alongside the India AI Impact Summit 2026, hosting over 500 sessions and more than 3,250 speakers from around the world.

PM highlighted India's growing strength in AI, noting that the country's talent and innovation ecosystem will help deliver transformative solutions for the nation and contribute to global technological progress.



Haryana CM Inaugurates Virtual Firing Training Center in Panchkula 17 February 2026

Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Nayab Singh Saini attended the closing ceremony of the sixth batch of the 'SWEAT Commando Course' at the Commando Training Center in Panchkula, where commandos completed advanced training in modern weapons and techniques. During the ceremony, he expressed pride in the rigorous preparation received by the trainees and highlighted the state's ongoing focus on strengthening specialized forces.

On this occasion, he inaugurated a new Virtual Firing Training Center, built at a cost of ₹85 lakh, aimed at enhancing the commandos' targeting and firing proficiency through simulated practice environments. The initiative is expected to significantly improve operational readiness and precision.

Reaffirming the government's commitment to establishing Haryana as a model for law and order, he noted that ₹300 crore is being invested in modernizing the police force, alongside the recruitment process for 5,500 new police personnel. This modernization drive reflects the administration's broader goal of strengthening public safety and state security capabilities.



Historic Double Gold for Jind at the Asian Lacrosse Championship 18 February 2026

Players from Jind district delivered an extraordinary performance at the Asian Lacrosse Championship 2026 held in Saudi Arabia, securing double gold medals in both the men's and women's categories. Their return sparked celebrations across the district, where a special ceremony was organised to honour their remarkable achievement.

Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Nayab Singh Saini congratulated the players and presented them with ceremonial honours. He praised their dedication, stating that this victory demonstrates how clear goals and sincere hard work can lead to extraordinary success. He emphasised that such performances inspire countless youngsters across Haryana to pursue sports with passion and determination.

Sports experts believe that this international success marks a significant milestone for athletes emerging from smaller towns and rural regions. The achievement is expected to boost Haryana's sports culture, motivating more youth to compete at national and international levels. The triumph of Jind's athletes is being seen as a strong and positive sign for the future of sports development in the state.



Uchana Gets Major Boost with ₹103.31 Crore Development Projects 18 February 2026

Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Nayab Singh Saini inaugurated and laid the foundation stones of five key development projects worth ₹103.31 crore during a public event in Uchana, Jind district. The initiatives include three completed projects valued at ₹28.54 crore and two major projects for which foundation stones were laid, costing ₹74.77 crore.

The projects span multiple sectors, including drinking water supply, irrigation strengthening, sanitation upgrades, and sports infrastructure. Key works include renovation of the Sudkain Distributary under the Narwana Water Services Division, development of a multipurpose hall in Dumerkha Kalan, and modernization of village water supply systems. Collectively, these projects are expected to significantly enhance the quality of public services for residents.

Officials present at the event highlighted that the development push reflects the government's commitment to balanced and inclusive regional growth. They emphasized that Uchana has historically been overlooked, and these projects mark a new phase of focused advancement aimed at strengthening infrastructure, improving connectivity, and meeting long-standing public needs.



Haryana Assembly Budget Session 2026 Begins with Active Participation 20 February 2026

The Haryana Assembly Budget Session 2026 commenced on February 20 in Chandigarh, with Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Nayab Singh Saini taking part in the first day's proceedings. The session opened with the Governor's address and set the stage for detailed discussions on the state's fiscal priorities and governance roadmap. Leaders and officials gathered to initiate deliberations on budget expectations, economic performance, and legislative business.

During the inaugural day, the Assembly focused on laying the groundwork for upcoming debates, with members preparing to present region-specific issues and recommendations. The session highlighted the government's commitment to transparency and structured parliamentary processes, ensuring a constructive start to the legislative period.

The Budget Session is expected to address key public welfare topics, including economic growth, infrastructure expansion, and social sector strengthening. With active participation from government representatives, the first day reflected the administration's intention to maintain continuity, accountability, and responsiveness in policy formulation.



India–Brazil Partnership Strengthens With Major New Agreements

21 February 2026

India and Brazil expanded their strategic partnership with the signing of several key agreements during President Lula's visit to New Delhi. Both nations reaffirmed their commitment to raising bilateral trade to USD 20 billion over the next five years, reflecting deepening trust and economic alignment between the two emerging global players.

The agreements covered critical minerals, rare earths, digital public infrastructure, defence, energy, and advanced technologies, marking a significant boost to cooperation. Leaders emphasized collaboration in areas such as AI, semiconductors, renewable energy, and mining, aimed at building resilient supply chains and supporting sustainable development. They also highlighted shared goals in climate action and joint efforts against terrorism.

As Brazil remains India's largest trading partner in Latin America, this renewed engagement strengthens Global South solidarity. Both sides expressed confidence that the new agreements will accelerate growth, innovation, and strategic coordination, positioning the partnership as a key pillar in an evolving geopolitical landscape.



CM Saini Inaugurates New Auditorium & Unveils Statue of Savitribai and Jyotirao Phule 22 February 2026

Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Nayab Singh Saini inaugurated a newly constructed auditorium in New Delhi on 22 February 2026, marking the addition of an important cultural and community space to the city's public infrastructure. The modern facility is expected to host educational programs, social events, and official gatherings, offering upgraded amenities for wider public use.

During the same event, CM Saini also unveiled a statue of Savitribai Phule and Jyotirao Phule, honouring their pioneering contributions toward education, social justice, and empowerment. The ceremony highlighted their legacy as key reformers whose work continues to inspire advancements in equality and education across India.

Officials emphasised that the inauguration reflects ongoing efforts to enhance cultural spaces while preserving and celebrating India's social reform heritage. The newly built auditorium and the unveiled statue together represent a commitment to promoting awareness, community engagement, and historical recognition in the national capital.



CM Saini Holds Courtesy Meeting with Home Minister Amit Shah in New Delhi 22 February 2026

Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Nayab Singh Saini paid a courtesy visit to Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah in New Delhi on February 22, 2026. During the meeting, the two leaders held detailed discussions on key state matters, focusing on governance priorities, ongoing initiatives, and administrative issues requiring central support.

According to official updates, the interaction provided CM Saini an opportunity to outline Haryana's current developmental agenda and seek insights for accelerating progress across critical sectors. The meeting highlighted mutual commitment toward addressing state-level challenges through collaborative decision-making.

The visit is part of the Chief Minister's ongoing engagements in the national capital, where he has been meeting senior leaders and attending community events. CM Saini reaffirmed that the guidance received from Union leadership plays an important role in shaping Haryana's growth trajectory and ensuring effective implementation of welfare initiatives.



PM Modi Becomes First Indian Leader to Receive Israel's Highest Parliamentary Honour

25 February 2026

India marked a proud moment as Prime Minister Narendra Modi was awarded the Speaker of the Knesset Medal, the highest honour of the Israeli Parliament. During his historic address in Jerusalem, the Knesset conferred this distinction in recognition of his exceptional leadership and his role in deepening India–Israel strategic relations. Modi is the first-ever Indian Prime Minister to receive this honour, reflecting Israel's deep appreciation for India's growing global presence.

Israeli leaders praised Modi's contributions across defence, technology, innovation, and diplomatic cooperation. Knesset Speaker Amir Ohana emphasized that the award symbolizes the strategic alliance strengthened under Modi's tenure. Standing ovations and enthusiastic responses from Israeli lawmakers underscored the warmth between the two nations.

This recognition highlights India's rising global stature, strong leadership, and expanding influence on international platforms. Modi also joins a rare group of world leaders honoured by both Israel and Palestine—having received Palestine's Grand Collar in 2018.



Haryana approves final alignment of RRTS corridor connecting Gurugram with Noida

26 February 2026

The Haryana government has approved the final alignment of the 64-km Namo Bharat RRTS corridor, which will connect Gurugram, Faridabad, Noida and Greater Noida. Of the total stretch, 52 km will lie within Haryana, marking a major milestone in enhancing high-speed regional mobility across the NCR.

The corridor will originate from IFFCO Chowk in Gurugram, move along Sector-29 and Dr B.R. Ambedkar Marg, then turn eastward toward Ghata Chowk before progressing via the Gurugram–Faridabad Road. Integrated RRTS-cum-metro sections have also been approved, including a 14.5-km stretch in Gurugram and a 16-km stretch in Faridabad, ensuring strong connectivity with Delhi Metro, Rapid Metro and the upcoming Gurugram Metro network.

Designed as a transformative mobility network, the corridor aims to reduce congestion, provide fast and safe transport, and support balanced urban development. By linking major economic centres, the project is expected to accelerate employment, investment and regional growth, while improving daily commuting for lakhs of NCR residents.



Haryana Launches Large-Scale Land Development Plan Through e-Bhumi Portal

24 February 2026

Haryana Government has announced an ambitious land procurement initiative to drive planned urban development across the state. Under this programme, approximately 1.67 lakh acres of land across 69 cities will be purchased through the e-Bhumi portal, with the consent of landowners. The land will be used for the development of residential, commercial, and institutional zones, supporting the state's long-term infrastructure and housing needs.

In the first phase, the state aims to procure around 40,000 acres in 13 cities, allowing authorities to assess on-ground requirements before expanding the initiative. The digital, voluntary model has been designed to ensure transparency, reduce disputes, and make participation easier for landowners.

The government has encouraged landowners to register their interest via the portal before the final deadline of April 30, 2026. With strong emphasis on structured growth, this initiative is expected to boost real estate development, employment opportunities, and overall urban infrastructure across Haryana.

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Agricultural Development Fair Celebrates Innovation and Water Conservation in Ladwa

28 February 2026

A two-day Agricultural Development Fair was organized in Ladwa as part of the 150th birth anniversary celebrations of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, bringing together progressive farmers and agricultural stakeholders. The event aimed to showcase advancements in farming practices and promote knowledge-sharing among cultivators across the region.

The fair focused on the theme “Water Conservation: More Than A Drop,” emphasizing the urgent need for sustainable water management in agriculture. Exhibitions, demonstrations, and expert sessions highlighted innovations that can enhance productivity while conserving vital natural resources. The platform celebrated Haryana’s agricultural spirit, recognizing farmers who are driving transformation through modern techniques and inspiring their peers.

The fair concluded with expressions of gratitude to participating farmer families and women contributors. Organizers noted that the event reflected the state’s ongoing commitment to strengthening agriculture and supporting farming communities ahead of the upcoming festival of Holi.



About the Department

Established in 2020, the Foreign Cooperation Department has played a pivotal role in strengthening Haryana's presence on the world stage by promoting trade, investment, and the welfare of the Haryanvi diaspora. The Department through its persistent efforts envisions to promote Haryana as the most preferred destination for foreign investments, boost exports from Haryana, advance Haryanvi culture, and further welfare interests of Haryanvi's through engagement, advocacy, and assistance.



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