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DGFT Extends Export Obligation Deadline to Support Indian Exporters

07th March 2026

In a major relief to exporters facing global supply-chain disruptions, the Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) has announced an automatic extension of export obligation (EO) timelines under the Advance Authorisation and Export Promotion Capital Goods (EPCG) schemes. The extension applies to authorisations expiring between March 1 and May 31, 2026, with the revised deadline now set as August 31, 2026.

The decision, issued through a public notice dated March 6, was taken in view of geopolitical tensions affecting shipping routes and logistics corridors, particularly in West Asia. Exporters will not be required to submit separate applications or pay composition fees to avail the benefit.

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry said the move aims to provide operational flexibility and ensure that temporary global disruptions do not adversely impact India’s export performance or compliance requirements.

Export bodies welcomed the step, calling it timely support for sustaining export momentum during uncertain global trade conditions.



Helpline Issued by Chief Minister's Office for Indians Stranded in UAE

09th March 2026

Efforts to assist Indian nationals stranded in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) have been intensified, with the Chief Minister's Office issuing dedicated helpline numbers to provide timely support and information. The administration has urged affected citizens to immediately reach out through these helplines to seek assistance related to their stay, travel, and safe return to India.

IPF Helpline

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Multiple agencies are working in close coordination to ensure relief reaches every individual in need. The Indian People's Forum (IPF) UAE, along with officials and staff of the Indian Embassy in Abu Dhabi, has been playing a crucial and commendable role in this humanitarian effort. On-ground teams are helping stranded citizens with transportation, temporary accommodation, food, and essential consular services.

दूतावास और वाणिज्य दूतावास की आपातकालीन हेल्पलाइन

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UAE में फंसे भारतीय नागरिकों से अनुरोध है कि सहायता व जानकारी के लिए निम्नलिखित **हेल्पलाइन नंबरों** पर तुरंत संपर्क करें।

Officials said that arrangements for the safe and orderly return of Indian nationals to the country are being made on a priority basis. The Chief Minister's Office is closely monitoring the situation and maintaining constant communication with relevant authorities to ensure that no citizen is left without support.

Haryana CM Nayab Singh Saini transfers ₹1,884 crore to beneficiaries through DBT 09th March 2026

Haryana Chief Minister Sh. Nayab Singh Saini transferred around ₹1,884 crore to lakhs of beneficiaries across the state through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) with a single click under various schemes.

Addressing a press conference on Monday, the Chief Minister said that under the leadership of Prime Minister Sh. Narendra Modi, the double-engine Government in Haryana is taking continuous steps to empower every section of society including farmers, women, youth and the poor.

हरियाणा सरकार द्वारा संचालित वृद्धावस्था सम्मान भत्ता, दिव्यांगजन भत्ता तथा अन्य सामाजिक सुरक्षा भत्ता योजनाओं के अंतर्गत

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सामाजिक न्याय तथा अधिकारिता, अनुसूचित जातियाँ एवं पिछड़े वर्ग कल्याण और अंत्योदय (सेवा विभाग)



The Chief Minister also informed that insurance claims for Kharif-2025 crops under the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana have been distributed to farmers. A total of ₹711.69 crore has been transferred to the bank accounts of 1,67,460 farmers today. With this, farmers in the state have received a total of ₹16,160 crore as crop compensation and insurance claims under the scheme over the past 11 years. In contrast, during the 10-year rule of the previous Congress government, only ₹1,138 crore was released as compensation.

State Government had decided from the Rabi-Kharif season 2024-25 to provide commission at the rate of ₹55 per quintal on wheat, paddy and bajra. As per this decision, the remaining amount over and above the commission fixed by the Central Government for paddy and bajra has been paid by the State Government today. A total amount of ₹56.97 crore has been transferred directly into the bank accounts of 11,199 arhtiyas across the state.

Chief Minister Meets Indo-Canada Chamber of Commerce Delegation in Chandigarh.

11th March 2026

Chief Minister Shri Nayab Singh Saini held a meeting today in Chandigarh with a delegation from the Indo-Canada Chamber of Commerce, focusing on strengthening cooperation in key development sectors. The interaction aimed at exploring opportunities for collaboration between Haryana and Canadian institutions in areas of mutual interest.

During the meeting, detailed discussions were held on education, skill development, agriculture, and the health sector. The delegation shared insights on best practices, international partnerships, and investment models that could help enhance capacity building and improve service delivery in these sectors. Emphasis was placed on promoting skill-based education, fostering innovation in agriculture through modern techniques, and encouraging knowledge exchange in healthcare.



The Chief Minister highlighted the state government's initiatives to improve educational infrastructure, expand vocational training, and support farmers through technology-driven solutions. He noted that international collaboration could play a constructive role in accelerating development and creating employment opportunities for youth.

Members of the Indo-Canada Chamber of Commerce expressed interest in working closely with the state government and exploring avenues for institutional partnerships, training programmes, and joint projects. The meeting concluded with a shared understanding to maintain continued dialogue and cooperation in the coming period.

Chief Minister Meets Honda Motorcycle and Scooter India Management in Chandigarh

11th March 2026

Chief Minister Shri Nayab Singh Saini held a meeting with the management of Honda Motorcycle and Scooter India at Sant Kabir Kutir today to discuss the company's ongoing and future engagement in Haryana. The meeting focused on Honda's corporate social responsibility (CSR) initiatives, long-term strategic roadmap, and proposed investments in India.

During the interaction, the Honda management presented an overview of its CSR activities aimed at community development, skill enhancement, road safety awareness, and environmental sustainability. The delegation also shared details of its futuristic plans and upcoming investments, including a high-tech project proposed in Haryana. The project is expected to further strengthen the state's industrial ecosystem, boost advanced manufacturing capabilities, and generate new employment opportunities for the local youth.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister appreciated Honda's consistent commitment to innovation, sustainable development, and its significant contribution to the growth of the automobile and manufacturing sector in Haryana. He reiterated the state government's proactive approach in facilitating industry-friendly policies, infrastructure development, and ease of doing business to attract quality investments.

The meeting concluded on a positive note, reaffirming mutual cooperation between the Haryana government and Honda Motorcycle and Scooter India to promote technology-driven growth, industrial excellence, and overall economic development in the state.



Chief Minister Meets Singapore India Business Federation Chairman, Invites Investment in Haryana

11th March 2026

Chief Minister Shri Nayab Singh Saini today met Shri Prasun Mukherjee, Chairman of the Singapore India Business Federation (SIBF), at Sant Kabir Kutir. The meeting focused on strengthening economic cooperation and exploring new avenues for investment in Haryana.

During the interaction, the Chief Minister extended a formal invitation to the Singapore India Business Federation and Singapore-based investors to invest in Haryana. Discussions were held on the proposal to establish a business centre of the Federation in Gurugram, which would serve as a platform to facilitate trade, investment, and collaboration between Singaporean companies and local industries. The possibility of Singapore companies opening their offices in the state was also deliberated upon.

The Chief Minister assured that the Haryana government is fully committed to providing all possible support to investors, including policy facilitation, infrastructure development, and ease of doing business.

On this occasion, Shri Prasun Mukherjee invited the Chief Minister to visit Singapore and interact directly with investors. He emphasized the importance of direct dialogue to explore investment opportunities and strengthen economic ties. The meeting concluded on a positive note, reaffirming mutual interest in deepening cooperation and promoting sustainable economic growth.



CM Nayab Singh Saini Chairs High-Powered Purchase Committee Meeting; Projects Worth ₹657.82 Crore Approved 11th March 2026

A meeting of the High-Powered Purchase Committee was held under the chairmanship of Haryana Chief Minister Sh. Nayab Singh Saini. During the meeting, approvals were granted for the purchase of necessary equipment for several departments including Public Health, Public Works Department, Urban Local Bodies, Agriculture, and Power Corporations. In addition, the tender process for several development projects was also completed.

A total of 15 agenda items worth ₹675.82 crore were presented in the meeting. After negotiations, the contracts were finalised for ₹657.82 crore, resulting in savings of approximately ₹68.13 crore for the government.

The Chief Minister directed officials to regularly monitor development projects to ensure timely completion. He also stressed that special attention should be given to the quality of development works. He warned that delays or negligence in quality will not be tolerated. He further instructed officials to complete the tender process on time and said strict action will be taken against any officer found negligent.



Principal Secretary to Govt of Haryan Foreign Cooperation Department participates in Urban Innovation Summit 2026 11th March 2026

Principal Secretary to the Government of Haryana for the Foreign Cooperation Department, Ms. Amneet P. Kumar, IAS, was honoured to participate in the Urban Innovation Summit 2026, where she took part in a high-level fireside chat on the theme "Building Smart, Resilient and Inclusive Cities."

During the discussion, Ms. Kumar shared insights on the need for integrated urban planning that balances technological innovation with social inclusion and environmental sustainability. She highlighted how smart governance, data-driven decision-making and international collaboration can play a crucial role in addressing challenges such as rapid urbanisation, climate resilience and equitable access to urban services. Ms. Kumar emphasised Haryana's commitment to adopting global best practices while tailoring solutions to local needs, ensuring citizen-centric urban development.

Her participation underscored Haryana's growing engagement in global urban policy conversations and its focus on building cities that are not only technologically advanced but also resilient, inclusive and sustainable for future generations



India Revises FDI Rules for Land-Border Countries to Ease Strategic Investments 11th March 2026

The Union Cabinet has approved key amendments to India's foreign direct investment (FDI) policy governing investments from countries sharing land borders with India. The revised framework introduces clearer beneficial ownership norms and a faster 60-day approval timeline for select strategic manufacturing sectors.



Under the new rules, non-controlling investments of up to 10 percent from land-border countries may be allowed under the automatic route, subject to sectoral conditions and disclosure requirements. The policy also aligns beneficial ownership definitions with global anti-money laundering standards.

The government said the changes are aimed at streamlining compliance, encouraging technology partnerships, and attracting investments in sectors such as electronics, capital goods, and semiconductor manufacturing, while maintaining safeguards related to national security.



FCD Advisor Engages Panjab University on Future-Ready Skills

11th march, 2026

Sh. Pawan Kumar Choudhary, Advisor with the Foreign Cooperation Department, addressed an enthusiastic gathering at the Panjab University Placement Office, leading a candid, high-energy conversation with students and professors on bridging the gap between academia and industry.

In his remarks, Choudhary underscored a holistic skills framework that blends futuristic thinking (AI, sustainability, and global innovation), trust-building soft skills (empathy, resilience, storytelling), technical mastery (data, coding, emerging tools), and business acumen (ethics, strategy, entrepreneurial grit). He emphasized that it is this integrated skillset that transforms ideas into real-world impact

The interactive session featured tough, forward-looking questions from students, reflecting a strong appetite for **hands-on learning**, **industry mentorship**, and **global exposure**. Choudhary welcomed the rigor and curiosity in the room, noting that the dialogue would be followed by **structured workshops** to deepen practical readiness—including project-based learning, cross-disciplinary hackathons, and sessions on responsible AI, sustainability-driven business models, and data-led decision-making.



Haryana to Play Leading Role in Realising Viksit Bharat by 2047: CM Nayab Singh Saini 12th March 2026

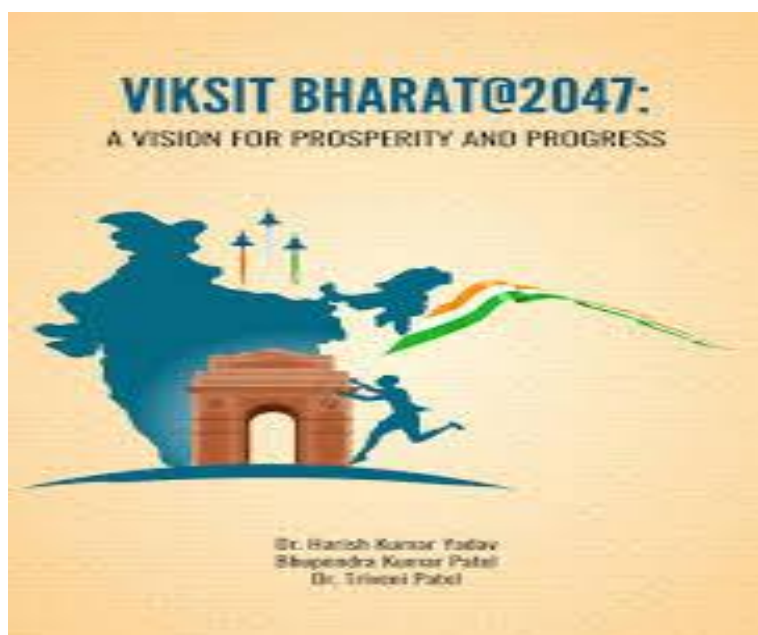
Haryana Chief Minister Sh. Nayab Singh Saini on March 12 said that the state is committed to playing a leading role in achieving the national vision of Viksit Bharat by 2047. Addressing a summit at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi, the Chief Minister said Haryana is aligning its development priorities with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's roadmap for building a strong, prosperous and self-reliant India.

Expressing gratitude to the Prime Minister for setting an ambitious national goal, Sh. Saini said the state government is working on the four key pillars highlighted by the Prime Minister—farmers' welfare, women empowerment, youth employment and upliftment of the poor. He noted that Haryana's farmers are excelling not only in traditional agriculture but also in natural farming and horticulture, while women are making significant contributions across agriculture, health, education and other sectors.



The Chief Minister highlighted initiatives such as the Startup Policy to encourage youth entrepreneurship and welfare schemes like Ayushman Bharat, Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana and PM-Kisan to support economically weaker sections.

He also announced the establishment of a dedicated Future Department for long-term policy planning and said the state is moving rapidly in emerging areas like Artificial Intelligence, with AI hubs planned in Panchkula and Gurugram.



Emphasising industrial growth, Sh. Saini said work is underway on multiple Industrial Model Townships, new industrial and semiconductor policies, and skill development initiatives to generate employment and accelerate Haryana's overall development.

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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