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Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini Meets Prime Minister Narendra Modi in New Delhi regarding Global Investors Summit 2026, 2nd April 2026

Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini called on Prime Minister Narendra Modi in New Delhi on April 2, 2026. The meeting was held as part of ongoing coordination between the Government of Haryana and the Union Government on key administrative and developmental priorities. The interaction underscored the state's commitment to working in close alignment with central leadership to accelerate growth and ensure smooth implementation of national programmes at the ground level.



The meeting comes at a significant juncture as Haryana prepares for its flagship 'Happening Haryana Global Investors Summit 2026' and continues to strengthen its industrial and export ecosystems. Discussions are understood to have covered Haryana's ongoing development agenda, including large-scale infrastructure investments, the state's push to attract foreign direct investment, and the progress of centrally-sponsored schemes being implemented across the state. Chief Minister Saini has been at the forefront of Haryana's international outreach, having led high-level delegations to Japan, engaged with global investors across multiple countries, and facilitated the signing of numerous MoUs to channel foreign investment into the state. Under his leadership, the state has taken significant strides in ease of doing business, streamlining industrial licensing, and positioning Haryana as a premier destination for manufacturing, logistics, and technology-led growth.



Haryana CM Unveils ₹253 Crore Development Projects in Jind

05th April 2026

Haryana Chief Minister Sh. Nayab Singh Saini on Sunday unveiled development projects worth ₹253 crore at a Dhanyawad Evam Vikas Rally in Jind, giving a major push to irrigation, roads, healthcare and water supply infrastructure in the district.

The Chief Minister laid foundation stones for 12 projects worth ₹140.87 crore and inaugurated three completed projects amounting to ₹112.14 crore. Among the key inaugurations was the reconstruction of Jind Distributary No. 4 at a cost of ₹16.28 crore, aimed at strengthening irrigation facilities. He also inaugurated micro-irrigation systems, solar-powered irrigation infrastructure and a balancing reservoir at Intal Khurd village, developed at a cost of ₹39.49 crore.

The Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Library building at Chaudhary Ranbir Singh University, constructed for ₹56.36 crore, was also dedicated to the public.

Further strengthening infrastructure, the Chief Minister laid foundation stones for projects related to roads, agriculture marketing, housing, health, drainage and water supply. These included road widening works under the CRIF scheme, construction of a Community Health Centre at Kandela village, an Integrated Sainik Sadan, and canal-based drinking water supply schemes in multiple villages.

The Chief Minister said the projects would significantly improve public services, enhance connectivity and strengthen irrigation and drinking water availability across Jind district.



Haryana Strengthens Basmati Rice Export Push as Global Demand Rises

5th April 2026

In early April 2026, Haryana intensified efforts to boost **basmati rice exports**, a key contributor to the state’s agri-export economy.

With strong global demand from regions such as the Middle East, Europe, and North America, exporters in Haryana have been scaling operations to capitalize on favorable market conditions.

State officials and export bodies highlighted that improved crop quality, better irrigation practices, and supportive policies are helping Haryana maintain its position as one of India’s leading basmati exporters.

The government is also facilitating smoother export processes, including quality certification and logistics support, to ensure timely shipments.

However, exporters are also navigating challenges such as fluctuating global prices, freight costs, and regulatory requirements in international markets. Industry stakeholders are increasingly focusing on branding, packaging, and compliance to enhance competitiveness.

This push aligns with India’s broader agricultural export strategy and reflects Haryana’s growing integration with global food supply chains. The expansion of basmati exports is expected to boost farmer incomes, strengthen rural economies, and increase foreign exchange earnings.



CBIC Operationalises Comprehensive E-Commerce Export Reforms to Boost Ease of Trade 7th April 2026

In pursuance of the Union Budget 2026-27 announcement, the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) operationalized a comprehensive set of reforms to strengthen and streamline e-commerce exports as well as broader courier-based imports and exports with effect from 1st April 2026. These reforms are expected to significantly benefit export-oriented MSMEs and businesses across Haryana, which is among India's leading exporting states with merchandise exports of over Rs 1.61 lakh crore in 2024-25.

To address congestion and delays at International Courier Terminals, CBIC introduced a Return to Origin (RTO) facility, allowing uncleared goods to be returned to origin after 15 days through a simplified procedure. The reforms also simplify the re-import of returned or rejected e-commerce goods, adopting a risk-based approach in place of consignment-wise verification. A dedicated return module has been developed in the Express Cargo Clearance System to facilitate smooth processing. The CBIC carried out amendments to the Courier Imports and Exports (Electronic Declaration and Processing) Regulations 2010 and the Courier Imports and Exports (Clearance) Regulations 1998 to give effect to these changes. These reforms aim to improve the ease of doing business for exporters, reduce logistics delays, and boost India's overall e-commerce export competitiveness. Haryana is a major hub for textiles, engineering goods, auto components, and agri-products.



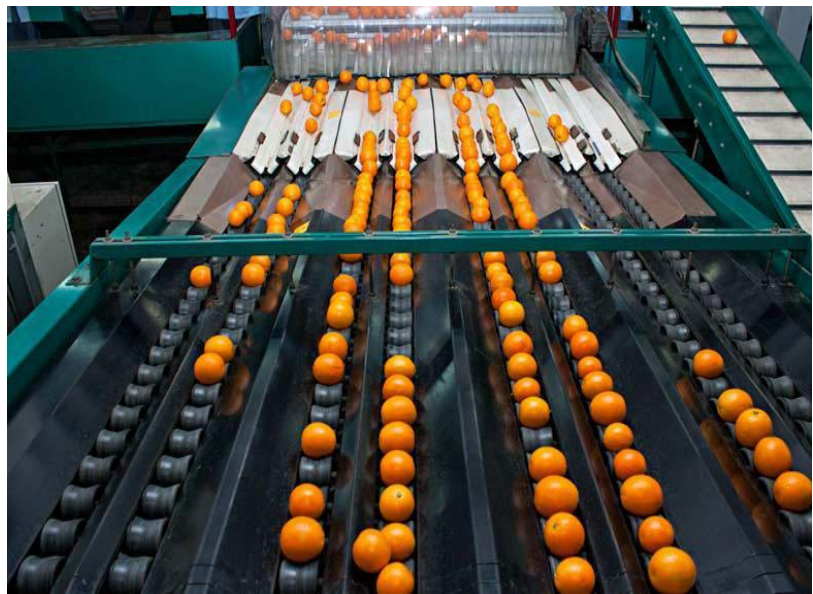
Haryana to Set Up ₹26-Crore Kinnow Processing Plant in Sirsa Under PPP Mode

7th April 2026

In a major push toward value-added agriculture and export-oriented growth, the Haryana government has proposed setting up a ₹26.3 crore kinnow juice processing plant in Sirsa under a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model. The decision was discussed in a high-level Committee of Secretaries on Infrastructure (CoSI) meeting chaired by Chief Secretary Anurag Rastogi.

The plant will be developed at the existing Vita Milk Plant premises, with Haryana Dairy providing land while the private partner will handle investment, installation, and operations over a 33-year concession period. This initiative is aimed at converting surplus and lower-grade kinnow produce into high-quality packaged juice, significantly improving farmer incomes and reducing wastage.

Haryana produces around 4.4 lakh metric tonnes of kinnow annually, with Sirsa contributing nearly 55% of total production. The facility is expected to process 9,000 metric tonnes of kinnow and 12,600 metric tonnes of other fruits each year. This move aligns with Haryana's broader strategy to strengthen agro-processing, enhance export potential, and integrate farmers into global value chains. By promoting food processing infrastructure, the state aims to boost rural employment, attract private investment, and increase its footprint in international agricultural markets.



CM Nayab Singh Saini Reviews Progress of ₹474 Crore AI Development Programme 8th April 2026

Haryana Chief Minister Sh. Nayab Singh Saini held a review meeting on Wednesday to assess the progress of the Haryana AI Development Programme (HAIDP), a ₹474 crore initiative being developed jointly with the World Bank under a 70:30 funding arrangement between the Bank and the state. MD Hartron Sh. J.Ganeshan and other officers remained present.

It was informed in the meeting that the Preliminary Project Report (PPR) of the programme has been approved by the Department of Economic Affairs, Government of India, in January this year, following clearances from the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) and NITI Aayog. A Detailed Project Report (DPR) for HAIDP is expected to be submitted in June.



The programme aims to skill over one lakh residents in artificial intelligence and incubate more than 100 startups, among other objectives. It is structured around five key pillars aligned with the IndiaAI Mission, namely skilling and workforce development, startup financing and incubation, compute and datasets, use cases and applications, and ethical AI governance.

The review meeting was held following a two-day visit by a World Bank mission team to Panchkula on April 6 and 7. On the first day, various government departments were requested to identify potential AI use cases. Departments have been given 15 days to submit their inputs, after which priority use cases will be finalised for the state's AI Innovation Sandbox.

The AI Innovation Sandbox is envisaged as a “test before invest” platform that will identify, validate and pilot AI solutions across priority sectors. The sandbox is fully funded by the World Bank.

Haryana Holds High-Level Meeting with World Bank to Accelerate ₹5,700 Cr Water Project 9th April 2026

In a significant step toward international cooperation, Haryana held a high-level meeting with a delegation from the **World Bank** to accelerate the ₹5,700 crore “Water Secure Haryana” programme. The meeting was chaired by Chief Secretary Anurag Rastogi and focused on strengthening long-term water sustainability in the state.

The collaboration involves technical expertise, funding support, and strategic planning assistance from the World Bank, highlighting Haryana’s growing engagement with global institutions. The programme aims to address critical issues such as groundwater depletion, inefficient irrigation practices, and climate-related water risks.

Officials discussed project timelines, implementation frameworks, and policy reforms required to ensure effective execution. The initiative is expected to enhance agricultural productivity, improve water-use efficiency, and support sustainable industrial growth—key factors influencing Haryana’s export competitiveness, especially in agriculture and food processing sectors.

This engagement reflects Haryana’s broader approach of leveraging international partnerships to solve structural challenges and modernize its infrastructure. By working with global financial institutions, the state aims to adopt best practices and align itself with global sustainability standards.



Haryana Launches Comprehensive Export Promotion Policy 2026 to Expand Global Footprint 10th April 2026

On April 10, 2026, the Haryana government introduced a revamped Export Promotion Policy aimed at significantly enhancing the state's participation in global trade. The policy focuses on strengthening export infrastructure, supporting MSMEs, and diversifying export markets beyond traditional geographies.

A key feature of the policy is financial assistance for exporters, including subsidies for participation in international trade fairs, support for product certification, and incentives for quality improvement.

The government also announced the development of dedicated export clusters for sectors such as textiles, auto components, and food processing—industries where Haryana already has a strong base. To streamline logistics, the policy emphasizes improving connectivity through integrated logistics parks and better access to ports via multimodal transport systems.

The state aims to align with India's broader vision of becoming a \$2 trillion export economy by strengthening Haryana's role as a key contributor. Officials highlighted that the policy will help local businesses scale internationally, attract foreign buyers, and improve competitiveness. Overall, this initiative is expected to drive export growth, generate employment, and position Haryana as a leading export-driven economy in North India.



Haryana CM Disburses ₹1,665 Crore Under Social Security Schemes

10th April 2026

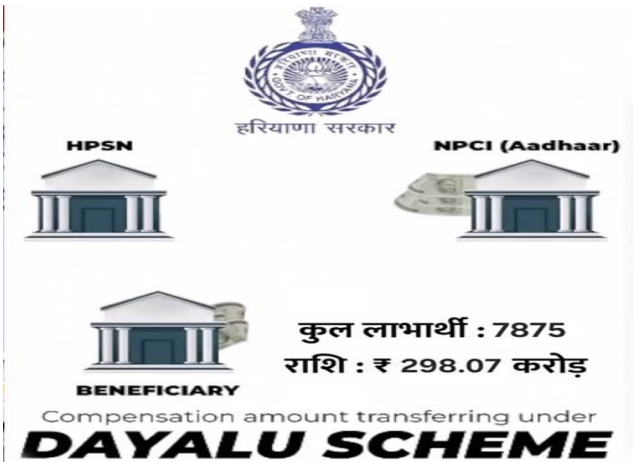
In a major boost to social welfare and financial inclusion, Haryana Chief Minister on Friday transferred ₹1,665.25 crore directly into the bank accounts of beneficiaries under 18 government schemes through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT).

Addressing a press conference, the Chief Minister said that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the double-engine government is working with commitment towards women's empowerment and inclusive economic development. Social Justice and Empowerment Minister Sh. Krishan Kumar Bedi was also present on the occasion.

The Chief Minister informed that the sixth installment of the Deen Dayal Lado Lakshmi scheme was released, under which ₹203.28 crore was transferred to 9.68 lakh women beneficiaries. With this installment, the total disbursement under the scheme has reached ₹1,038.05 crore. He said that the government has earmarked ₹6,500 crore for the scheme in the Budget 2026–27, reflecting its long-term commitment to women's welfare.

Additionally, ₹1,144.55 crore was transferred to 35.55 lakh beneficiaries under 15 social security pension schemes, including old-age pension, disability pension and other welfare pensions, ensuring financial support to vulnerable sections.

The Chief Minister also announced that families of two firefighters who lost their lives in Faridabad would receive financial assistance and government jobs, reaffirming the state's commitment to supporting bereaved families.



Haryana CM Invites Global Investors at TiECon Chandigarh Summit 2026

11th April 2026

Haryana Chief Minister Sh. Nayab Singh Saini on Friday invited investors and entrepreneurs to explore opportunities in the state's rapidly expanding food processing, logistics, electric vehicle (EV) and allied sectors, asserting that Haryana offers a highly conducive industrial ecosystem.

Addressing delegates from 12 countries and 27 Indian states at the TiECon Chandigarh Summit 2026, the Chief Minister said India is moving from a consumption-driven economy towards a production- and innovation-led growth model, with Haryana playing a key role in this transition. He underlined that continuous reforms, digital governance, and streamlined procedures had strengthened ease of doing business in the state.

Highlighting sectoral strengths, Saini noted that Haryana has over 28,000 food processing units, yet holds vast untapped potential. He said the state ranks third nationally and first in North India in logistics, supported by its strategic location in the NCR. He also encouraged investment in the EV sector, backed by a progressive policy framework and incentives.

The Chief Minister said Haryana is the seventh-largest startup hub in the country, with over 9,500 recognized startups, nearly half of them women-led. He also highlighted major infrastructure projects and export performance of Rs 2.75 lakh crore in 2023-24.



Haryana Strengthens Global Engagement Through Diaspora Outreach in Spain 12th April 2026

As part of its ‘Go Global’ vision, the Government of Haryana held an interaction with members of the Haryana diaspora in Spain on April 12, 2026, to deepen global engagement and explore new avenues of collaboration. The meeting was coordinated with the Chief Minister’s Office, Haryana, and the Department of Foreign Cooperation, Government of Haryana.

The discussions focused on strengthening partnerships in key areas such as investment promotion, overseas employment opportunities, skill and language training, and enhanced participation of the diaspora in Haryana Pravasi Divas. Members of the Spain-based Haryana community shared insights on opportunities for economic cooperation and the role the diaspora can play in supporting the state’s development goals.



Officials highlighted the state government’s proactive approach to connecting with its global community and leveraging international exposure to drive growth, innovation and employment generation in Haryana. Emphasis was laid on creating structured mechanisms to facilitate diaspora-led investments and to support youth from Haryana seeking overseas job placements through skill and language readiness.

Reiterating its commitment to meaningful diaspora engagement, the Haryana government underlined that such interactions are vital to strengthening Haryana’s global footprint. The dialogue reflected a shared vision of transforming Haryana through global partnerships, community participation and a forward-looking ‘Go Global’ approach.

Haryana Strengthens Textile Export Ties with Europe Through Strategic MoUs 13th April 2026

On April 13, 2026, the Haryana government announced the signing of multiple Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) with European companies to enhance textile exports, particularly from hubs like Panipat and Gurugram. The agreements were finalized during an international trade interaction involving Haryana's industry representatives and European business delegations.

The partnerships aim to boost exports of home textiles, carpets, and technical fabrics by facilitating better market access, design collaboration, and technology transfer. European firms expressed interest in sourcing sustainable and high-quality textile products from Haryana, aligning with growing global demand for eco-friendly materials.

State officials highlighted that these MoUs would not only increase export volumes but also help local manufacturers upgrade production standards to meet international compliance requirements. Special emphasis is being placed on sustainability, digital textile printing, and innovation in fabric development.

Panipat, often referred to as the "Textile City of India," is expected to benefit significantly, with increased orders and long-term contracts from European buyers. This development reflects Haryana's continued focus on expanding international trade relations and positioning itself as a key exporter in the global textile market.



PM Gati Shakti Accelerates Infrastructure Development in Haryana

13th April 2026

Infrastructure development in Haryana has gained fresh momentum under the PM Gati Shakti initiative, with 42 major projects already mapped on the platform and another 40 projects currently in the pipeline.

Chairing a review meeting on Monday, Chief Secretary Sh. Anurag Rastogi directed departments to ensure speedy and coordinated implementation of projects. The meeting, organized by the Industries and Commerce Department, focused on integrated planning, inter-departmental coordination and timely execution.

The Chief Secretary emphasized that PM GatiShakti should be adopted as the central planning tool for all major projects to ensure transparency, efficiency and optimal outcomes. He said effective implementation of the initiative would not only fast-track infrastructure development but also help attract investment, generate employment and position Haryana as a leading state in logistics and industrial growth.



He reiterated that all infrastructure projects costing over ₹100 crore would be routed exclusively through the PM GatiShakti platform, with reviews conducted by mechanisms such as the Network Planning Group and the Empowered Group of Secretaries.

PM GatiShakti is a GIS-based platform integrating over 2,400 data layers, enabling data-driven decision-making and real-time monitoring. It has already delivered tangible benefits, including improved connectivity in rural areas and optimized planning of projects such as the 12.11-km greenfield ring road at Farrukhnagar.

The meeting also reviewed plans for greenfield industrial parks across several districts, expected to boost regional industrial development and employment.

Mundra Port Becomes India's Largest Automobile Export Hub, Boosting Haryana's Auto Sector 14th April 2026

Mundra Port in Gujarat, managed by Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone (APSEZ), has officially surpassed traditional hubs like Chennai and Ennore to become India's largest automobile export gateway. This development carries significant implications for Haryana, which produces approximately two-thirds of India's passenger cars and houses major Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs), including Maruti Suzuki, Honda, and other global automotive leaders in Gurugram, Faridabad, and Manesar.

Mundra Port's rise as an automobile export hub is driven by its proximity to the northern and western automobile manufacturing clusters in Haryana, Rajasthan, and Gujarat, thereby significantly reducing inland logistics costs. The port features a dedicated Roll-on/Roll-off (Ro-Ro) terminal with a parking yard capable of handling over 15,000 vehicles at a time, and its deep-draft capabilities accommodate the world's largest Pure Car and Truck Carriers (PCTCs), enhancing economies of scale for global manufacturers. Major OEMs like Maruti Suzuki, Nissan, and Toyota have increasingly shifted their export volumes to Mundra due to faster turnaround times and improved logistics efficiency. This shift marks a significant milestone in India's maritime logistics and the Make in India initiative, directly benefiting Haryana's automobile sector which contributes over Rs 1 lakh crore annually to the state's exports. The development is expected to further incentivise automotive investment in the state.



Haryana Eyes Glydways Pod Transit to Transform Gurugram’s Urban Mobility 15th April 2026

Haryana Chief Minister on Wednesday chaired a high-level meeting with a delegation from Suzuki Motor Corporation and Glydways at Sant Kabir Kutir, the Chief Minister’s residence, to review the proposed implementation of the Glydways pod transit system in the state.

The meeting focused on modernising Haryana’s urban transport infrastructure, with Gurugram identified as a potential model city for smart and sustainable mobility solutions. Discussions covered the feasibility of introducing pod-based taxi services, identification of viable routes, Public-Private Partnership (PPP) frameworks and the scope for launching pilot projects in high-density urban corridors.

Representatives from Glydways briefed the Chief Minister on their advanced pod transit technology, which is fully automated, driverless and operates on an on-demand model. The system is designed to offer fast, safe and energy-efficient mobility while reducing traffic congestion and carbon emissions in urban areas.

The Chief Minister emphasised the state government’s commitment to embracing innovative and future-ready transport solutions. The government, he added, would extend all necessary support to ensure smooth planning and effective execution of such transformative initiatives.



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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