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CM Saini launches 'Make in Haryana Industrial Policy'

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HARYANA CHIEF Minister Nayab Singh Saini Monday launched the ambitious Make in Haryana Industrial Policy from Gurgaon, setting a target of attracting Rs 5 lakh crore in investments.

On the first day, MoUs worth Rs 1.10 lakh crore were signed, reflecting strong industry confidence in the state's new vision. The CM also unveiled nine sector-specific industrial frameworks, launched an Intelligent Investment Facilitation Portal, and presented the logo of the upcoming Happening Haryana Global Investors Summit.

Addressing industry leaders and investors, Saini said the new policy would strengthen Haryana's industrial ecosystem, simplify investment procedures, and create broader opportunities for growth. He said that 'Make in Haryana' is not just an industrial policy but a roadmap for the state's next phase of economic growth, built on competitiveness, innovation, sustainability, exports, employment generation, and future-ready manufacturing.

Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini launches the Make in Haryana Industrial Policy from Gurgaon, Monday. PTI

He added that Haryana would soon host the Global Investors Summit.

Highlighting Haryana's economic strength, the CM noted that despite accounting for only 1.3 per cent of India's geographical area, the state contributes nearly 3.6 per cent to the country's GDP. Its extensive network of expressways, freight corridors, rail connectivity, logistics hubs, and direct access to the National Capital Region has transformed Haryana into one of India's most strategic investment destinations. Global companies now view Haryana not only as a manufacturing hub but also as a growth destination, he added.

Launching the Intelligent Investment Facilitation Portal, Saini said ease of doing business alone is no longer sufficient, and the next phase belongs to intelligent governance. He described the portal as a transformational initiative that would fundamentally change the way industries interact with the government, guided by speed and trust. "Investors will no longer need to approach multiple offices for approvals, land allocation, incentives, compliances, and clearances, as all services will be available through a single integrated platform. The portal offers GIS-based land identification, automated investment blueprint generation, AI-enabled assistance, approval pathway guidance, infrastructure information, and comprehensive policy support.

Eyes future-ready industries with AI-driven ecosystem

• FINANCIAL INCENTIVES TO WOO INVESTORS

CAPITAL AND TAX SUPPORT: Up to 30% capital subsidy, along with net state GST reimbursement to improve project viability.

INNOVATION BOOST: Research and Development (R&D) incentives of up to Rs 50 crore to promote innovation-led manufacturing and integration with global value chains.

CENTRAL SCHEME TOP-UPS: A 50% top-up on incentives received under Centre's schemes, such as the Production Linked Incentive (PLI).

SUSTAINABILITY SUBSIDIES: Fiscal support for green manufacturing, including renewable energy adoption, zero liquid discharge systems, and carbon credit generation.

EXPORT RELIEF: Special one-time diversification support for export-oriented units affected by geopolitical disruptions.

SPEED AND TRUST: Addressing industry leaders, and foreign delegations, the CM emphasised that ease of doing business is no longer enough and insisted on the need of speed and trust.

Abhimanyu Hazarika
Gurgaon, June 1

A DEDICATED push for data centres and global capability centres (GCCs), which aim to leverage talent polls, an Artificial Intelligence-driven facilitation ecosystem that will automate investment blueprint generation and mega private industrial parks to house future-ready industries: these are among the highlights of 'Make in Haryana' Industrial Policy launched by Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini on Monday. Aiming to draw Rs 5 lakh crore in investments, the policy aims to position Haryana as a powerhouse for future-ready manufacturing and emerging technologies, said officials.

Eyeing a transition from traditional manufacturing to innovation-led industrial growth, the CM unveiled the framework alongside nine new sector-specific policies in Gurgaon, officials underlined. "Investors now evaluate the overall ecosystem. They ask which state can make faster decisions, which state can provide trust and reliability, and which state can emerge as a long-term growth partner," Saini said, calling "speed and trust" the government's guiding principles.

A central pillar of the newly-launched policy framework is its focus on next-generation technology, officials said.

Zero spend on RTI awareness in 15 yrs; Rs 48 cr on building: Haryana info under scrutiny

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THE HARYANA State Information Commission has spent only Rs 2.5 lakh on public awareness of the Right to Information (RTI) Act in two decades that the law empowering citizens access to records held by public authorities was implemented. In the same 20-year period, it spent over Rs 113.42 crore on salaries and allowances of Information Commissioners and staff and nearly Rs 48 crore on a new office building.

The information was obtained through an RTI application by PP Kapoor, an activist. The RTI Act became operational in Haryana on October 12, 2005.

According to the information obtained, the state government spent "only Rs 2,49,936 on creating public awareness about the RTI Act during the entire 20-year period". Strikingly, "not a single rupee has been spent on RTI awareness campaigns during the last 15 years".

The figures triggered criticism from transparency advocates, who argue that an information law can be effective only when citizens are aware of their rights and know how to use the legislation.

The records show that the "Haryana State Information Commission spent Rs 113.42 crore over the last two decades on the salaries, allowances and related benefits of Information Commissioners and staff".

Currently, the Commission has a Chief Information Commissioner (retired IAS officer TVSN Prasad), and five Information Commissioners (Amarjit Singh, Karamvir Saini, Neeta Khera, Sanjay Madaan and Ajay Kumar Sura), while five commissioner posts remain vacant. Until December 2024, the Commission operated from rented premises in Chandigarh. It shifted to its newly constructed headquarters in Sector 3, Panchkula, on December 16, 2024.

The new four-storey building cost taxpayers Rs 47.64 crore, including Rs 9.31 crore for the plot; Rs 38.83 crore for construction. In addition, the Commission spent Rs 13.62 lakh on furniture and interior furnishings. The building's electricity bill for the past 16 months alone stands at Rs 79.53 lakh.

Kapoor said that as per the RTI findings, "the Commission's new office has been functioning for the last 18 months without obtaining an Occupation Certificate (OC) and Fire Safety Certificate". Under the Haryana Building Code, 2017, an Occupation Certificate is mandatory before a building can be occupied.

Despite concerns over spending priorities, the Commission has processed a substantial number of RTI-related cases over the years. During the last 20 years, it received: 1,13,897 second appeals, 12,629 complaints. Of these: 1,08,288 second appeals have been disposed of and 11,186 complaints have been resolved. The Commission currently has 5,609 pending appeals, and 1,443 complaints pending.

The records further show that during the last five years, the Commission imposed penalties totaling Rs 1.79 crore on defaulting Public Information Officers (PIOs). However, only Rs 64.56 lakh has been recovered so far.

The Commission's website lists 1,863 defaulting PIOs who have yet to deposit penalty amounts. A cumulative Rs 2.95 crore in penalties remains outstanding and unrecovered.

"Despite spending crores of rupees annually on commissioners and staff, the RTI regime in Haryana is weakening. Many PIOs continue to deny or delay information, forcing citizens to pursue lengthy appeals. Spending only about Rs 2.5 lakh on RTI awareness in 20 years, while spending Rs 113 crore on salaries and nearly Rs 48 crore on a building, reflects misplaced priorities in an institution established to promote transparency and accountability," said Kapoor.

91 students from Haryana's 'Super 100 programme' qualify IIT-JEE Advanced exam

Chandigarh: As many as 91 students from the state's flagship 'Super 100 programme' qualified for the IIT-JEE Advanced 2026 examination, a spokesperson of the School Education Department said on Monday.

The spokesperson said that based on the compiled results of 206 students, the programme recorded an impressive success rate of 44.2 per cent, highlighting the effectiveness of the state government's focused mentoring, academic support and result-oriented coaching framework.

Providing category-wise details, the spokesperson said that 24 successful candidates belonged to the general category, 30 from the OBC, while 37 students belonged to the Scheduled Caste (SC) category.

The results also reflected the growing success of girls in competitive examinations, with 34 students qualifying IIT-JEE Advanced 2026 with the help of the programme.

The spokesperson said that Hisar emerged as the top-performing district with 16 students qualifying the examination. Fatehabad secured the second position with 9 successful candidates, while Faridabad and Jind recorded 8 qualifiers each.

Kaithal recorded 7 qualifiers, while Gurugram and Rewari contributed 6 successful students each, followed by Mahendragarh, Bhiwani, Kurukshetra and Palwal with 4 qualifiers each. Similarly, Charkhi Dadri, Jhajjar, Sonipat, Nuh (Mewat), Panchkula and Sirsa registered two successful candidates each, while Ambala, Karnal and Yamunanagar recorded one qualifier each.

Altogether, 90 students from districts across Haryana qualified IIT-JEE Advanced 2026 under the Super 100 Programme.

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Haryana links IAS officers' Mission Karmayogi training with annual reports

Sukhbir Siwach
Chandigarh, June 1

THE HARYANA government is intensifying its efforts to make governance more transparent and accountable under Mission Karmayogi. Officials are being trained to ensure that even oral instructions from ministers are formally recorded on file, a move aimed at strengthening procedural integrity.

As part of this initiative, the performance of officials in ongoing training programmes is being directly integrated into their Annual Confidential Reports (ACRs), thereby linking learning outcomes with career evaluation and accountability.

All IAS officers have been required to participate in courses such as noting and drafting, public policy writing, Generative AI for everyone, preparation of cabinet notes, cybersecurity, and evidence in public policy.

A senior Haryana officer explained that appearing for these tests has been made mandatory, with performance reflected in ACRs. Officers must qualify in at least 50 per cent of the total seven courses. These courses are designed to make governance more transparent, for example by ensuring that oral instructions from ministers are properly documented on file.

The online tests are structured to ensure that officers not only complete training modules but also demonstrate their ability to apply the knowledge in governance. These assessments measure competency, link learning outcomes to performance appraisals, and encourage continuous skill development, thereby making bureaucrats more efficient, digitally skilled, and citizen-focused.

In April, in the courses meant for officers with 9–16 years of service, Narhari Singh Banger, a 2011 batch IAS officer currently serving as Managing Director of CONFED, secured 86 marks out of 100, earning the second spot nationally. Abhishek Meena, a 2016 batch IAS officer and presently Deputy Commissioner of Rewari, scored 62 marks, placing him third. The top performer was Anju Mishra, who scored 89 marks.

Mission Karmayogi, launched nationally in 2020, is India's flagship programme for civil services capacity building.

AFT halts recovery of Rs 20-lakh gratuity from retired major general

Man Aman Singh Chhina
Chandigarh, June 1

THE ARMED Forces Tribunal (AFT) has stayed the recovery of gratuity from a retired major general, observing that the mere pendency of a Supreme Court appeal in an illegal gratification case does not justify disciplinary action against him because the apex court has not stayed the AFT order that exonerated him in the case.

In an order dated May 22, 2026, passed by the principal bench of Justice Rajendra Menon and Lt Gen C P Mohanty (Retd), the tribunal held, "Prima facie, we find that based on the order passed by this Tribunal in the previous round of litigation, i.e., OA No. 1038/2021, merely because the SLP is pending before the Hon'ble Supreme Court, in the absence of any stay granted by the Hon'ble Supreme Court, there cannot be any pendency of disciplinary proceedings against the applicant".

The bench directed the central government and other respondents to file their replies within six weeks.

Major General John Mathews, who retired on September 30, 2022, upon attaining the age of superannuation, faced a Court of Inquiry in 2019 over allegations of obtaining illegal gratification in the purchase of security-related equipment (SRE) in the Southern Command. He was commissioned in the Army in the Mechanised Infantry Regiment in June 1985. He assumed the post of general staff (operations) of the Southern Command headquarters at Pune in December 2018.

A Court of Inquiry was constituted against the general at the behest of certain officers into the alleged illegal gratification obtained for facilitating clearance, grant, or payment for ongoing SRE projects. He challenged the proceedings before the AFT.

'Bias, prejudice and mala fide intent'

In a detailed judgment on September 7, 2022, the AFT set aside the entire Court of Inquiry and exonerated him, noting bias, prejudice, and mala fide intent in the proceedings. The tribunal also directed the Army to investigate the mala fides in the recording of the Court of Inquiry and the involvement of Lt Col Himal Sisodia (complainant) and others, if any, in the procurement of SRE and take action as deemed necessary.

The central government challenged the AFT order before the Supreme Court in 2023, but was not granted any interim stay. Consequently, the tribunal's 2022 order remained operative.

Following the AFT order, the Principal Controller of Defence Accounts (PCDA) Pensions issued corrigenda in January 2023 and September 2024, releasing full retirement benefits, including gratuity of Rs 20 lakh and commuted value of pensions, and recording "Disciplinary Action Pending: NO" in pension records.

The officer received his full pension regularly until January 2026. However, on January 21, 2026, PCDA (Pensions) issued a corrigendum, reverting the pension to "provisional" status, reducing gratuity to 0 per cent and marking commutation as "not recommended". This led to the recovery of the entire gratuity amount from the officer's pension, slashing his net pension from around Rs 1.18 lakh to Rs 75,000–76,000 per month.

The officer approached the AFT again, contending that the action was taken without any showcause notice, without affording him a hearing, and in complete violation of the tribunal's 2022 order. He argued that the respondents were stopped from reversing their earlier position after having released full benefits and acknowledged the absence of any pending disciplinary proceedings.

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