

## Haryana Budget 2025-26

## Why in News?

Haryana Chief Minister presented the **state's budget** for the **financial year 2025-26**, unveiling a comprehensive plan aimed at fostering <u>sustainable growth</u> and **economic expansion**.

## **Key Points**

- Total Budget Outlay: The budget proposes an expenditure of ₹2,05,017.29 crore for 2025-26, marking a 13.7% increase from the previous fiscal year's (2024-25) revised estimates.
  - **Department of Future**: A new "**Department of Future**" will be established to prepare Haryana for upcoming economic, technological, and environmental challenges.
    - This department will serve as a strategic think tank, focusing on areas such as climate change preparedness, artificial intelligence (AI), automation, and economic resilience.
- Haryana Al Mission: The government plans to launch the Haryana Al Mission, with the World Bank assuring assistance of over ₹474 crore.
  - Under this mission, hubs will be established in **Gurugram** and **Panchkula** to promote Al adoption and integration of emerging technologies within governance and industry.
- Lado Lakshmi Scheme: An allocation of ₹5,000 crore has been made for the Lado Lakshmi Scheme, which aims to provide ₹2,100 per month to women, reflecting the government's commitment to women's empowerment and financial support.
- Employment Generation: The budget emphasizes job creation, with a target of providing employment to 50 lakh youth under Mission Haryana-2047, demonstrating a long-term vision for workforce development.
- Substance Abuse Prevention: A new authority named <u>SANKALP (Substance Abuse and Narcotics Knowledge Awareness and Liberation Program Authority)</u> will be established with an initial fund of ₹10 crore.
  - This body will coordinate efforts to combat drug addiction through awareness and rehabilitation initiatives.
- **Fiscal Prudence:** Strengthening Haryana's Financial Health Over the past decade, Haryana has demonstrated remarkable fiscal discipline.
  - The revenue deficit has reduced from 1.90% of GDP in 2014-15 to an estimated 1.47 % in 2024-25, and as a percentage of the total budget.
  - it has declined from 13.4% to 9.9%.
  - Similarly, the fiscal deficit has been steadily managed, reducing from 2.88% in 2014-15 to 2.68% in 2024-25.
- Support for Athletes: National and international athletes will receive free insurance coverage of up to ₹20 lakh, with the government covering the premium.
  - Olympic medalists will be provided ₹10 lakh to start their own businesses and will be eligible for a ₹5 crore loan with a 2% subsidy to establish their own sports academies.
- Infrastructure Development: Significant investments are planned for infrastructure, including
  the development of multi-level parking facilities in several cities and a new metro line in
  Gurugram.
  - Flight services from Hisar airport to destinations like Ayodhya, Jaipur, Chandigarh, Ahmedabad, and Jammu are also on the agenda.

- Strengthening Agriculture And Rural Economy: Haryana being an agrarian state, the budget prioritises agricultural growth.
  - Initiatives such as the interest-free loan of up to Rs 1 lakh for women dairy farmers, a
    new horticulture policy, and an air cargo facility for horticultural produce at Hisar
    airport will significantly enhance the agricultural value chain.
  - Additionally, <u>cow sanctuaries</u> are being set up in every district to promote animal welfare and sustainable livestock farming.
- Education Initiatives: Female students pursuing graduation or post-graduation in science and engineering will receive an annual scholarship of ₹1 lakh under the Kalpana Chawla Scholarship Scheme, promoting higher education among women in technical fields.
- Empowering Startups: The state government is actively encouraging private investors to create a Rs 2,000 crore 'Fund of Funds.'
  - This initiative supports entrepreneurs, fostering a startup culture and attracting investments to Haryana.
- Mission Haryana-2047: A visionary initiative under this budget is 'Mission Haryana-2047. It aims to elevate Haryana's Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) to USD 1 trillion.
  - The state's GSDP has witnessed a remarkable increase from Rs 4,37,145
     crore in 2014-15 to a projected Rs 12,13,951 crore in 2024-25, growing at an annual average rate of 10.8 per cent.
  - Similarly, per capita income has surged from Rs 1,47,382 in 2014-15 to an estimated Rs 3,53,182 in 2024-25.

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