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1 ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISIONS & 23 DISTRICTS

- ◆ 22nd district: Charkhi Dadri (carved from Bhiwani, 1 Dec 2016). 23rd district: Hansi (carved from Hisar, Dec 2025).

Division	Districts
Ambala	Ambala, Kurukshetra, Panchkula, Yamunanagar
Karnal	Karnal, Panipat, Kaithal
Rohtak	Rohtak, Jhajjar, Sonapat, Bhiwani, Charkhi Dadri
Hisar	Hisar, Fatehabad, Sirsa, Jind, Hansi
Gurugram	Gurugram, Mahendragarh, Rewari
Faridabad	Faridabad, Palwal, Nuh (Mewat)

2 STATE BASICS

Fact	Detail
Formation	1 November 1966 (carved from Punjab)
Capital	Chandigarh (shared with Punjab)
Area	44,212 sq km
Legislature	Unicameral — 90 Vidhan Sabha seats
First CM	Pt. Bhagwat Dayal Sharma
State Animal	Blackbuck (Krishna Mrig)
State Bird	Black Francolin (Kala Teetar)
State Tree	Peepal
State Flower	Lotus
State Game	Wrestling (Kushti)
Per Capita Income (2024-25)	Rs 3,53,182 — among top states nationally

Borders: North — Punjab, Chandigarh · NE — Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand (small stretch) · East — UP, Delhi (Yamuna) · South/West — Rajasthan

3 WHO'S WHO (KEY OFFICIALS)

Position	Name	Since
Governor	Prof. Ashim Kumar Ghosh (19th Governor)	21 Jul 2025
Chief Minister	Nayab Singh Saini (BJP)	17 Oct 2024
Vidhan Sabha Speaker	Harvinder Kalyan	2024
Deputy Speaker	Dr. Krishan Lal Middha	2024
CJ, Punjab & Haryana HC	Justice Sheel Nagu	Jul 2024

Governor Ghosh succeeded Bandaru Dattatreya. CM Saini won from Ladwa (Kurukshetra). BJP won 48/90 seats in Oct 2024 (47 MLAs + Speaker) — third consecutive term.

4 RIVERS

River	Key Facts
Yamuna	Eastern boundary; does NOT flow through interior
Ghaggar	Most important internal river; seasonal; Shivalik (HP) origin; Panchkula → Ambala → Kurukshetra → Kaithal → Fatehabad → Sirsa; disappears in Rajasthan; linked to Vedic Saraswati
Markanda	Tributary of Ghaggar; Ambala/Kurukshetra
Tangri	Tributary of Ghaggar
Saraswati	Seasonal; Yamunanagar/Kurukshetra area
Krishnavati & Dohan	Two separate seasonal rivers; Mahendragarh/Bhiwani area

5 SOIL TYPES & PHYSIOGRAPHY

Soil	Nature	Where
Bagar	Sandy, arid, infertile	SW — Hisar, Bhiwani, Sirsa, Mahendragarh
Bangar	Older alluvium, clay-rich	Central — Rohtak, Jind, parts of
Khadar	Newer alluvium, fertile	Along Yamuna — Yamunanagar to Palwal
Bet / Nali	Marshy, waterlogged	Nali: Ghaggar plain (Sirsa, Fatehabad, Kaithal); Bet: Markanda plain (Ambala/Kurukshetra)

Physiographic Regions (5): (1) Shivalik Hills — NE (2) Foot Hill Zone / Piedmont Plain (Kandi) — sub-Shivalik strip (3) Ghaggar-Yamuna Alluvial Plain — central (4) Bagar Tract — SW sandy plains (5) Aravalli Hills — S

6 KEY FACTS & FIRSTS

- ◆ First state for 100% rural electrification (1970) — most asked fact
- ◆ Stone/mineral quarries at Dadam & Khanak hills (Tosham range, Bhiwani). India's rock salt mines are in Mandi, HP
- ◆ Green Revolution heartland (with Punjab)
- ◆ Kurukshetra — Mahabharata battlefield; Gita delivered at Jyotisar
- ◆ Thanesar (Kurukshetra) — seat of Pushyabhuti dynasty; Harsha later shifted capital to Kannauj (7th c.)
- ◆ Panipat — three historic battles (1526, 1556, 1761)
- ◆ Hisar — "Hisar-e-Firoza", founded by Firoz Shah Tughlaq (1354 CE)
- ◆ Fatehabad — founded by Firoz Shah Tughlaq (named after Fateh Khan)
- ◆ Tarain/Taraori (Karnal) — Prithviraj vs Muhammad Ghori (1191, 1192)
- ◆ Economy (GSVA, 2023-24): Agriculture ~19.5% · Industry ~30.7% · Services ~49.8%

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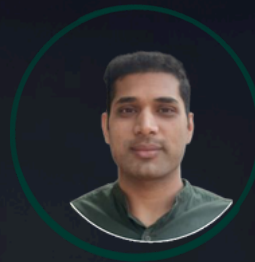
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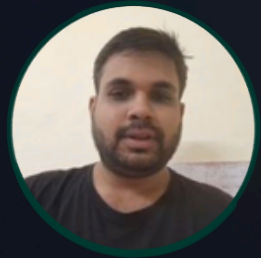
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- ◆ ~80% area under cultivation — one of highest in India
- ◆ Contributes ~27% of national wheat procurement to central pool (71.50 LMT in 2024-25)

7 WILDLIFE SANCTUARIES & NATIONAL PARKS

2 National Parks · 8 Wildlife Sanctuaries · 2 Conservation Reserves · 2 Ramsar Sites

Name	District	Key Feature
Sultanpur NP	Gurugram	Migratory birds; Ramsar site (2021)
Kalesar NP	Yamunanagar	Western limit of naturally occurring sal forests in India; largest NP
Bhindawas WLS	Jhajjar	Largest wetland in Haryana; Ramsar site (2021)
Khaparwas WLS	Jhajjar	Wetland, birds
Bir Shikargah WLS	Panchkula	Shivalik foothills; Jatayu Vulture Breeding Centre, Pinjore
Khol Hi-Raitan WLS	Panchkula	Shivalik; leopard habitat
Chhilchhila WLS	Kurukshetra	Migratory birds (bar-headed geese)
Nahar WLS	Rewari	Semi-arid; nilgai
Abubshahar WLS	Sirsa	Arid zone; blackbuck
Saraswati Plantation CR	Kaithal + Kurukshetra	Conservation Reserve; Haryana also has Bir Bara Ban CR (Jind, 419.26 ha)

8 MAJOR LAKES

Lake	District	Notes
Brahma Sarovar	Kurukshetra	Sacred; Mahabharata lore; major ritual bathing tank
Sannihit Sarovar	Kurukshetra	Sacred bathing site; abode of Vishnu
Surajkund	Faridabad	Built by King Suraj Pal, Tomar dynasty (10th c.)
Badkhal Lake	Faridabad	Man-made; dried up (~2002); revival ongoing
Damdama Lake	Gurugram	Scenic lake near Sohna, Aravalli
Tilyar Lake	Rohtak	Tourist recreation complex; boating
Karna Lake	Karnal	Named after Mahabharata's Karna

9 HARAPPAN / ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES

Site	District	Significance
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Rakhigarhi	Hisar	One of the largest IVC sites; 7 mounds (PIB); DNA study (Shinde et
Banawali	Fatehabad	Pre-Harappan + Harappan + Bara (post-Harappan); toy plough; R.S.
Mitathal	Bhiwani	Pre-Harappan + Harappan; Suraj
Siswal	Hisar	"Siswal culture" (pre-Harappan); Suraj Bhan
Bhagwanpura	Kurukshetra	Late Harappan + PGW overlap; J.P. Joshi
Agroha	Hisar	Agrasena link; Yaudheya centre

10 HERITAGE SITES BY DISTRICT

- ◆ **Kurukshetra:** Sheikh Chilli's Tomb (ASI) · Brahma Sarovar · Sannihit Sarovar · Sthaneshwar Mahadev Temple · Jyotisar · Bhadrakali Temple
- ◆ **Hisar:** Gujri Mahal (Firoz Shah Tughlaq) · Firoz Shah Palace / Lat ki Masjid · Hansi Fort (Asigarh) · Rakhigarhi, Siswal, Agroha
- ◆ **Mahendragarh:** Jal Mahal (Shah Kuli Khan, 1591, Akbar era) · Birbal ka Chhata (Rai Bal Mukand Das, Shah Jahan era) · Chhatriyon wali Baoli
- ◆ **Panchkula:** Yadavindra Gardens, Pinjore (Fidai Khan Koka, Aurangzeb era) · Bhima Devi Temple (State Archaeology)
- ◆ **Faridabad:** Surajkund (Tomar dynasty, 10th c.) · Badkhal Lake
- ◆ **Panipat:** Battlefield memorials · Ibrahim Lodhi's Tomb (Panipat MC) · Kabuli Bagh Mosque (Babur, 1527, ASI — first Mughal monument in India) · Hemu's Samadhi
- ◆ **Rewari:** Rao Tula Ram memorial · Heritage Steam Locomotive Museum
- ◆ **Yamunanagar:** Topra (Ashokan Pillar — moved to Delhi by Firoz Shah Tughlaq) · Adi Badri · Kapal Mochan

11 1857 REVOLT LEADERS BY AREA

Area	Leader(s)	Notes
Ambala	Early unrest (10 May 1857; before Meerut)	60th Native Infantry
Rewari / Ahirwal	Rao Tula Ram, Rao Gopal Dev	Battle of Nasibpur; died in Kabul exile (1863)
Rohtak	Bisarat Ali, Sabar Khan	Kharkhauda-based Risaldar
Hisar / Hansi	Lala Hukam Chand Jain, Faqir Chand, Munir Beg (Hansi); Muhammad Azim (Hisar)	Hisar-Hansi-Sirsa belt
Mewat	Sadrudin, AbdusSamad Khan	Meo resistance
Faridabad	Dhanna Singh Rajput	Local leadership
Palwal	Mirza Gafur Ali, Harsukh Rai	Tradesmen-led
Farrukhnagar	Nawab Ahmad Ali Khan	Nawab of Farrukhnagar; hanged 23 Jan 1858
Jhajjar	Nawab Abdur Rahman Khan	Hanged by British (Dec 1857)

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Panipat	Imam Ali Qalandar	Sufi fakir; captured and hanged
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12 DEMOGRAPHICS

Metric	Figure	Source
Population (Census 2011)	2,53,51,462	Census of India
Decadal Growth (2001–11)	19.9%	Census of India
Sex Ratio (overall)	879 females per 1000 males	Census 2011
Sex Ratio at Birth (SRB)	893 per 1000 male births	NFHS-5 (2019–21)
Literacy Rate (overall)	75.6%	Census 2011
Male Literacy	84.1%	Census 2011
Female Literacy	65.9%	Census 2011
Population Density	573 persons / sq km	Census 2011
Urban Population	34.8%	Census 2011

No official Census after 2011. NFHS-5 SRB (893) is sex ratio at birth — do not confuse with Census overall sex ratio (879). National SRB (NFHS-5): 929.

13 GI-TAGGED PRODUCTS

Product	Category	Notes
Basmati Rice	Agricultural	Multi-state GI (Haryana, Punjab, UP, etc.)
Phulkari	Handicraft / Textile	Embroidery; shared with Punjab

Panipat Handloom proposed for GI (status pending). Murrah Buffalo listed in GI applications — confirm from GI Journal before citing as tagged.

14 GOVERNMENT SCHEMES

Scheme	What It Does
Mera Pani Meri Virasat	Rs 7,000–8,000/acre to farmers shifting from paddy to less water-intensive crops
Kheti Khaali Phir Bhi Khushhali	Rs 7,000/acre for leaving fields fallow (no paddy sowing)
Bhavantar Bharpai Yojana	Price deficiency payment for horticulture — govt pays gap if market < protected price
Mukhyamantri Muft Ilaj Yojana	Free OPD + medicines at all govt hospitals, no income ...
Parivar Pehchan Patra (PPP)	Unique 8-digit Family ID; single-window for all govt scheme access
Mukhyamantri Bagwani Bima	Crop insurance for horticulture (vegetables, fruits, spices)
Pt. DDU Pashudhan Suraksha	Subsidised livestock insurance for BPL./small farmers

Antyodaya Parivar Utthan	Uplift poorest families (income < Rs 1 lakh) via skill training + convergence
Mukhyamantri Vivah Shagun	Rs 71,000 (SC/DT) · Rs 51,000 (BPL./widow) · Rs 41,000 (non-SC) · Rs 1,01,000 (inter-caste)
Ayushman Bharat – Chirayu	Top-up to AB-PMJAY; up to Rs 5–10 lakh cashless
Mukhyamantri Parivar Samridhi	Umbrella for PM-SYM, PM-KISAN, PM-JJB; families < Rs 1.80 lakh
Haryana Kaushal Rozgar Nigam	Transparent contractual govt hiring (replaced outsourcing agencies)
Swarna Jayanti Nahri Punarjivan	Canal network rejuvenation and repair
Lado Lakshmi Yojana (2025)	Rs 2,100/month cash transfer to women; Rs 5,000 cr allocation
Kalpna Chawla Scholarship (2025)	Rs 1 lakh/year for female science/engineering students
Dugdh Utpadhak Protsahan (2025)	Rs 5/litre subsidy + insurance for dairy farmers
Free Roadways Travel (2024)	1,000 km/year free on Haryana Roadways for families < Rs 1 lakh income
Solar Rooftop Top-up (2024)	Additional Rs 50,000 for PM Surya Ghar rooftop solar installations

15 FOLK & CULTURAL TERMS

▶ Performing Arts

- ◆ **Saang / Swang:** Traditional folk theatre. Two schools: Rohtak & Haathras. Greatest exponent: Pt. Lakhmi Chand
- ◆ **Ragini:** Song/verse form in Saang; narrative ballad singing; backbone of Haryana folk music

▶ Folk Dances

Dance	Context
Dhamal	Men's vigorous dance (Ahir community), Holi
Loor	Girls' dance, Phalgun (spring)
Ghoomar	Women's circle dance (shared with Rajasthan)
Khoria	Folk dance
Phag	Associated with Holi
Chhathi	6th day after child's birth
Gugga	Gugga Navami worship

▶ Rural Terms

Term	Meaning
Ghethi	Milking animal
Laggar	Outer house

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Basan	Utensil / vessel
Nohra	Courtyard/enclosure for cattle
Manjira	Small metallic cymbals
Surkhab	Brahminy Duck (Ruddy Shelduck)
Churma	Sweet dish — wheat, ghee, jaggery

► Musical Instruments

Algoza (twin flutes) · Been (snake charmer) · Dholak (two-headed drum) · Sarangi (string) · Manjira (cymbals)

► Crafts

Phulkari (embroidery, shared with Punjab) · Panipat Handloom (durries, carpets) · Chhaj weaving (winnowing fan)

16 KEY PORTALS

Portal	Purpose
Meri Fasal Mera Byora	Mandatory farmer registration — crop details, MSP purchase, insurance
Uttam Seed Portal	Seed supply chain tracking — breeder to certified seed quality control
Antyodaya SARAL	Single portal for ALL G2C services; unique SARAL ID for tracking
Real Time Data Acquisition System	Monitors tubewell/groundwater extraction in real-time

17 HARYANA BUDGET AT A GLANCE

Metric	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Total Budget (Rs crore)	1,89,877	2,05,017	2,23,658
GSDP (Rs crore)	12,13,951	13,47,486	~15,20,000
Fiscal Deficit (% GSDP)	2.77%	2.67%	2.65%
Revenue Deficit (%)	1.47%	1.53%	Declining
Capital Expenditure	—	—	Rs 28,205 cr (12.6%)

► Budget 2024-25

- ◆ Free Roadways travel (1,000 km/yr) for families < Rs 1 lakh — Rs 600 cr allocation
- ◆ Solar rooftop additional Rs 50,000 to 1 lakh households under PM Surya Ghar
- ◆ Chirayu-AB expanded to families above Rs 3 lakh (annual contribution Rs 4,000–5,000)
- ◆ Canal water irrigation charges waived from April 2024 — Rs 54 cr annual relief
- ◆ Sector allocations: Education Rs 21,187 cr · SEWA sector Rs 11,940 cr · Health Rs 9,579 cr

► Budget 2025-26

- ◆ Lado Lakshmi Yojana — Rs 2,100/month to women; Rs 5,000 cr allocation

- ◆ Department of Future — strategic think tank for AI, climate, automation
- ◆ Haryana AI Mission — World Bank support Rs 474+ cr; hubs in Gurugram & Panchkula
- ◆ Kalpana Chawla Scholarship — Rs 1 lakh/yr for female science/engineering students
- ◆ Interest-free loans up to Rs 1 lakh for women dairy farmers
- ◆ SANKALP Authority — Rs 10 cr for drug addiction rehabilitation
- ◆ Fund of Funds — Rs 2,000 cr target from private investors for startups
- ◆ Hisar airport: flights to Ayodhya, Jaipur, Chandigarh, Ahmedabad, Jammu + air cargo warehouse
- ◆ Per capita income reached Rs 3,53,182 (from Rs 1,47,382 in 2014-15)
- ◆ Mission Haryana-2047: target USD 1 trillion GSDP, 50 lakh youth employment

► Budget 2026-27

- ◆ Total outlay Rs 2,23,658 cr — 10.3% increase over 2025-26 RE
- ◆ Fiscal deficit at 2.65% of GSDP (within FRBM limit)
- ◆ Capital expenditure Rs 28,205 cr (12.6% of total budget)
- ◆ World Bank: Rs 2,716 cr for Haryana Clean Air Project
- ◆ "Water Secure Haryana": Rs 5,715 cr total outlay (incl. Rs 4,000 cr World Bank loan)
- ◆ Rs 100 cr corpus for Haryana Green Climate Resilience Fund (net-zero aligned)
- ◆ New Haryana Agriculture Discom for uninterrupted farm power supply
- ◆ Social Justice & Antyodaya: Rs 17,251 cr (+15.74%)
- ◆ Rural Development: Rs 8,704 cr (+22.88%) · Haryana AI Mission: Rs 474 cr (continued)

18 TRANSPORT & INFRASTRUCTURE

► Airports

- ◆ Chandigarh International Airport — shared with Punjab & Chandigarh
- ◆ Hisar Airport — domestic flights to Ayodhya, Jaipur, Chandigarh, Ahmedabad, Jammu + air cargo warehouse (Budget 2025-26)

► Expressways

Expressway	Length	Through Haryana	Status
KMP (Kundli–Manesar–Palwal)	135.6 km	Entire route in Haryana	Fully operational (Nov 2018)
Delhi–Amritsar–Katra	670 km total	135 km (116 km operational, 2025)	Under construction; target 2026

► RRTS (Namo Bharat) Corridors

Corridor	Length / Cost	Key Stations in Haryana	Status
Delhi–Panipat–Karnal	136.3 km; Rs 33,000 cr	Sonipat, Panipat, Karnal (11 stations in HR)	Union Cabinet approval stage (2026)
Delhi–Gurugram–SNB	105 km	Gurugram, Manesar, Dharuhera	Construction likely Aug 2026

► Metro & Rail

- ◆ Gurugram Metro extension: Sector-56 to Panchgaon (approved)
- ◆ Kundli Metro: Rithala–Narela–Kundli (Delhi Metro Ph IV; 2.73 km in Haryana)
- ◆ Haryana Orbital Rail Corridor: 121.7 km total; Manesar–Patli (5.9 km, freight) operational Jun 2025; full corridor target 2028

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19 ECONOMY SNAPSHOT

Industry	Location
Automobiles / Auto components	Gurugram-Manesar-Dharuhera (Maruti, Hero, Honda)
IT/ITES	Gurugram
Textiles / Handloom	Panipat
Scientific Instruments	Ambala
Brass & Copper	Rewari, Jagadhri
Steel / Iron pipes	Hisar, Faridabad
Paper manufacturing	Yamunanagar
Petrochemicals (IOCL Refinery)	Panipat
Basmati Rice processing	Karnal

Major crops: Wheat, Basmati Rice (Karnal), Mustard, Cotton (Sirsa/Hisar/Fatehabad), Sugarcane (Yamunanagar/Ambala), Bajra (Bhiwani/Mahendragarh)

Sectoral composition (2023-24, GSA): Agriculture ~19.5% · Industry ~30.7% · Services ~49.8%

20 FAIRS & FESTIVALS

Fair	Location (District)	When
Surajkund Crafts Mela	Faridabad	February
Geeta Jayanti Mahotsav	Kurukshetra	Nov-Dec
Gogamedi / Guga Naumi	Bhiwani, Hisar, Sirsa	Bhadrapada
Kartik Fair	Kurukshetra (Sannihit Sarovar)	Kartik Purnima
Baisakhi Fair	Pehowa (Kurukshetra)	April
Baba Mastanath Fair	Asthal Bohar, Rohtak	Phalguna Purnima
Kapal Mochan Fair	Bilaspur, Yamunanagar	Kartik Purnima
Pinjore Heritage Festival	Panchkula	Annual
Cattle Fair	Jhajjar	Annual
Sohna Fair	Gurugram	Kartik Purnima

21 MAJOR UNIVERSITIES & INSTITUTES

Institution	Location	Key Fact
Kurukshetra University	Kurukshetra	Estd. 1956; state university
Maharshi Dayanand University (MDU)	Rohtak	Estd. 1976; NAAC A++
CCS Haryana Agricultural	Hisar	First agri university in Haryana (1970)

Guru Jambheshwar University	Hisar	Science & Tech focus; estd. 1995
Central University of Haryana	Mahendragarh	Central university; estd. 2009
BPS Mahila Vishwavidyalaya	Sonipat	Women's university
Chaudhary Devi Lal University	Sirsa	Estd. 2003
IIM Rohtak	Rohtak	Institute of national importance; estd. 2009
ICAR-NDRI	Karnal	National Dairy Research Institute; Deemed Univ. (1989)
NIFTEM	Kundli, Sonipat	Food technology; under MoFPI; estd. 2012

22 SPORTS & ACHIEVERS

Haryana produces a disproportionate share of India's Olympic and CWG medallists, especially in wrestling, boxing, and shooting.

Athlete	Sport	District	Key Achievement
Neeraj Chopra	Javelin throw	Panipat	Tokyo 2020 gold, Paris 2024 silver; NR 90.23m (Doha DL, May 2025)
Manu Bhaker	Shooting (10m air pistol)	Jhajjar	2 bronze at Paris 2024 — first from independent India with 2 medals at
Ravi Kumar Dahiya	Wrestling (57 kg freestyle)	Sonipat	Tokyo 2020 silver
Bajrang Punia	Wrestling (65 kg freestyle)	Jhajjar	Tokyo 2020 bronze
Sakshi Malik	Wrestling (58 kg freestyle)	Rohtak	Rio 2016 bronze — first Indian woman wrestler to win Olympic medal
Geeta Phogat	Wrestling	Charkhi Dadri	First Indian woman wrestler to qualify for Olympics (London 2012)
Vinesh Phogat	Wrestling (50 kg)	Charkhi Dadri	3x Olympian; reached Paris 2024 final (DQ'd — overweight). No medal.
Yogeshwar Dutt	Wrestling (60 kg freestyle)	Sonipat	London 2012 bronze
Amit Panghal	Boxing	Rohtak	World Championships silver (2019); 2x Olympian

- ◆ Tau Devi Lal Stadium, Panchkula — multi-sport complex (cricket, football, athletics); ~7,000 capacity



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