


MARCH 2018:

Haryana shooter creates history, is youngest Indian to win World Cup gold:

- Manu Bhaker (Jhajjar) clinched women's 10m air pistol gold at the ISSF World Cup in Guadalajara, Mexico, on Sunday.
- She became India's youngest and probably world's third youngest shooter to win a World Cup gold.

THE MIDAS TOUCH	
➤ Manu began boxing when she was 6 , then played cricket, kabaddi, tennis, Tang Ta (Manipuri martial art) & karate	 <p>Manu Bhaker beat three Olympic medallists in the 10m air pistol event</p>
➤ She was a state-level champion in skating and won medals in athletics too	
➤ She won gold at Tang Ta nationals and has a national medal in karate	
➤ Manu began shooting only in 2016 after her mother feared she could pick up an injury in contact sport	
➤ The 16-year-old got 10 CGPA in her Boards and wants to be a doctor	

Other than winning the gold at a young age, Manu's medal is special as it came while competing against three Olympic (Celine Goberville, Anna Korakkai and Heidi Diethelm) and multiple World Cup medallists. Also, this is the first World Cup where women shooters hit 60 shots in the qualifications. Women shooters used to shoot 40 shots, before the ISSF changed the rules from January 1, 2018 to bring gender equality in the sport.

Haryana saw maximum cancer deaths in 2017

With around 13 people dying due to cancer in Haryana everyday last year, the spread of the dreaded disease has reached alarming proportions in the state. A statement presented by Haryana health minister Anil Vij in the assembly during the budget session mentioned that 2017 saw the maximum cancer deaths (4,592) in the state since 2013.

CANCER PATIENTS AND DEATHS



Year	Cancer patients	Death
2013	11,717	1,845
2014	11,776	2,715
2015	13,697	3,317
2016	16,180	3,668
2017	NA	4,592

Faridabad district had the highest cancer deaths at 771, followed by Jind (441) and Rohtak (354). The data also showed that cancer deaths had been reported from all districts of Haryana.

Aadhaar, invoice made mandatory for liquor vends in Haryana:

Aadhaar number and issue of invoice for sale of alcohol has been made mandatory for retail liquor vends in Haryana.

Haryana will enact law to punish those abandoning cows:

The Haryana government will soon enact a stringent law to punish those found abandoning their milch cows, chief minister Manohar Lal Khattar said.

The chief minister appealed to the people not to abandon their cattle and keep them in their houses, saying it was not easy for the government alone to protect them.

The state government has already enacted the "Gauvansh Sanrakshan and Gausamvardhan" Act for the protection of cows. "The government has tagged cattle in the gaushalas as it would help in knowing their location. Tagging of cattle kept in the houses would also be carried out so that these are not abandoned in any situation."

The state govt has taken a number of steps for the protection of cows. The Khattar government imposed a ban on beef in **2015**, followed by a ban on cow slaughter in the state.

Earlier in March 2015, for "protection and upkeep" of cows, Haryana enacted a law which clamps a complete ban on cow slaughter in the state and provides for a rigorous imprisonment ranging from **three to 10 years** for killing the animal.

Gurgaon varsity to open this year:



The Gurgaon University, which is expected to bridge the gap between school and higher education in the city, will start classes this academic session itself, PWD minister Rao Narbir Singh said. Rao Narbir announced that Dr Markanday Ahuja, an eminent eye surgeon, has been appointed vice-chancellor of the university. Dr Ahuja had earlier been posted as the VC in Baba Mastnath University in Rohtak.

City magistrates in Haryana to act as district urban affairs officers:

Haryana government has decided to enhance the powers of city magistrates and gave them the responsibility of district urban affairs officers to ensure better coordination and faster execution of development works in the urban areas. A proposal to this effect has been approved by chief minister Manohar Lal Khattar.

The district development and panchayat officer holds the responsibility of coordination and control in his department, the city magistrate has been given same responsibility in the form of district urban affairs officer, kavita Jain (Haryana urban local bodies minister) said.

‘Meri e-Pustak’: Haryana develops app for e-learning for school students

The HaryanaState Council of Educational Research and Training has developed a new mobile application ‘Meri e-Pustak’. It has also started a test version of digi-LEP (learning enhancement programme) teacher training online course.

As NCERT recognizes ‘Meri e-Pustak’ of SCERT, Haryana has **first state** to develop it in-house (with departmental resources and NCERT support only).

No air quality station yet, EPCA raps Haryana and UP

The Supreme Court-appointed Environment Pollution (Prevention and Control) Authority (EPCA) rapped the Haryana and Uttar Pradesh governments for the delay in setting up air quality monitoring stations in the two NCR states. The court told the states to speed up the process of setting up monitoring stations, asking them to ensure the entire network is strengthened ahead of next winter.

NCR's air quality monitoring network is all set to be strengthened further **with 13 new stations** coming up in Haryana, while UP will get 10 more. Currently, **Haryana** has just three monitoring stations — **Gurgaon, Faridabad and Rohtak**. UP meanwhile has just two functioning stations currently — Noida and Ghaziabad, both of which have been showing high readings and were regularly in the “severe” category of CPCB's index during this winter.

EC releases poll schedule for RS seat in Haryana:

Haryana chief electoral officer (CEO) Ankur Gupta said the Election Commission of India has published schedule for biennial election to the council of states to fill one seat which would be vacated due to the retirement of Shadi Lal Batra, sitting member of the Rajya Sabha. In the event of the election being contested, the poll will take place on **March 23, 2018** from 9 am to 4 pm. Counting will be held on the same day at 5 pm by the returning officer.

Haryana to appoint 1,000 former army men as additional SPOs

The Haryana government has given nod for engaging additional 1,000 special police officers (SPOs) from amongst former army men for performing night duty in the Gurugram police commissionerate.

Haryana's first place in ease of doing business report 2018:

Haryana is achieving new heights of growth. The state is poised to become number one with the score of 99.19 per cent in the current index of Ease of Doing Business. This index is still under evaluation and till now Haryana is number one position in the country. Haryana was at 14th place in Ease of Doing Business ranking in year 2014, and the state jumped to 6th position in 2016 and now it has reached at first place in 2018.

FEBRUARY 2018:

Haryana cabinet approves new textile policy:

With an aim to make Haryana a hub of textile manufacturing, the state government approved ‘**Textile Policy 2018**’ to incentivize setting up of new units, and ensure growth and modernization of the existing textile industry in the state.

Industries Minister Vipul Goyal announced this after a meeting of the state cabinet under the chairmanship of chief minister Manohar Lal Khattar. “The policy is packed with fiscal incentives and contains provisions for infrastructure augmentation, setting up of textile parks, promotion of khadi industry and facilities for skill training. It aims at generating 50,000 new jobs by attracting investment in the textile sector to the tune of Rs 5,000 crore.”

The policy has been formulated with an eye on the cotton belt of Haryana. The state is one of the leading cotton producers in the country with **Sirsa, Fatehabad, Bhiwani, Hisar, and Jind** being the main cotton producing districts.

The policy proposes **capital investment subsidy** of 10%, subject to maximum of Rs 20 lakh, for the eligible capital investment for individual textile units set up in textile parks in ‘A’ & ‘B’ category blocks. For bringing in **women entrepreneurship in Haryana**, the policy proposes **15% capital subsidy** subject to maximum of Rs 25 lakh. It aims to boost textile exports by compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 20% during the policy period.

Haryana, UP to join hands on law & order:

Haryana and Uttar Pradesh have decided to work together to improve the law-and-order situation in the two states, take steps to check illegal mining and solve the common issues affecting the people of the two neighbouring states.

NITI Aayog report on Haryana’s health indices had ‘flawed’ data: Khattar

Haryana chief minister Manohar Lal Khattar conveyed his concern to NITI Aayog vice-chairman Rajiv Kumar for the commission having **relied on outdated sampling data** in its recent report titled ‘Healthy States, Progressive India’. The report makes it appear that the state’s performance in health sector was declining.

In a note that the CM handed over to Kumar, it has been clarified that **neonatal mortality rate** (NMR) has actually shown a two point decline from 24 in 2015, to **22** in 2016, whereas the report cites the previous increase from 23 in 2014, to 24 in 2015. Similarly, the **under-five mortality rate** (UFMR) has declined from 42 in 2015, to **37** in 2016, whereas the report cites the previous increase from 40 in 2014 to 42 in 2015.

The full immunization coverage which the report shows increased from 82.54% in 2014 to 83.47% in 2015 and it has further improved to **89.13%** in 2016.

According to the report, sex ratio at birth (SRB) as per the sample registration system (SRS) has declined from 866 per 1,000 to **831** from base year 2012-14 to reference year 2013-15. This is based on SRS in which 251 sampling units in rural and urban areas covering only 2,35,000 population of the state and providing information for the state **only not district-wise**, it was pointed out to Kumar.

Haryana to hold agri-summit :

Haryana organised an agri-summit, aimed at raising farmers' income, in **Hisar** on February 23.

Haryana's green cover worse than Punjab: the State of the Forest Report (FSI) 2017

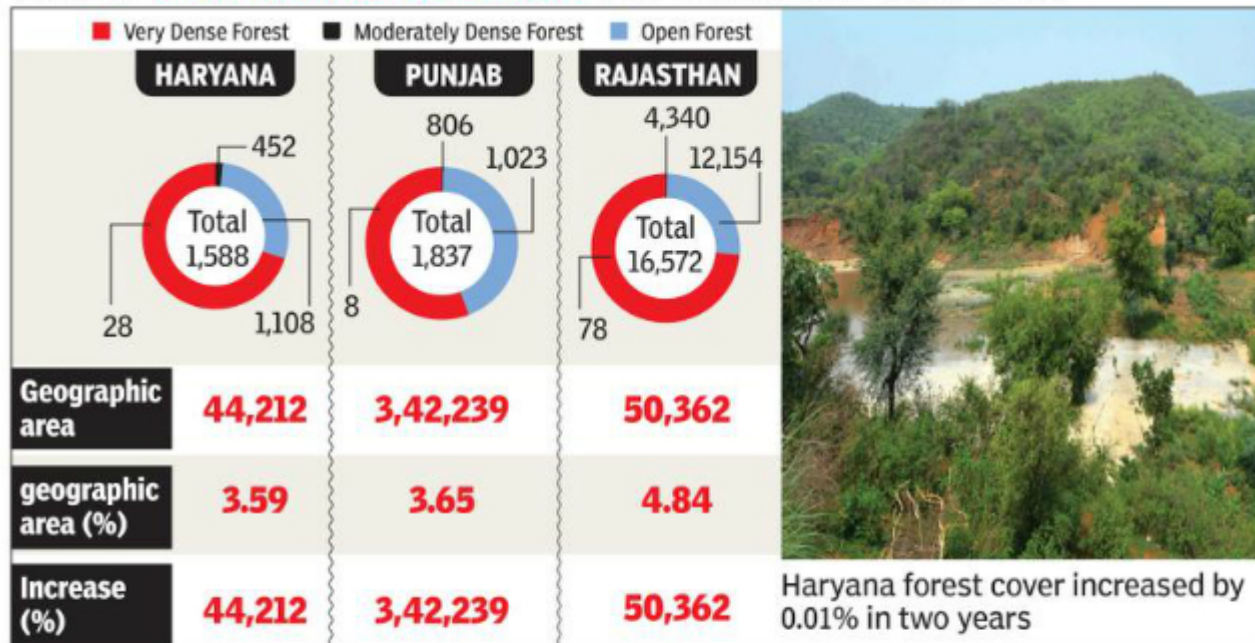
Haryana has pipped Punjab in taking the dubious distinction of the **lowest forest cover** in the country with only **3.59%** green cover, according to the State of the Forest Report (FSI) 2017.

According to the FSI report, Haryana overtook Punjab, which has 3.65% forest cover. Though both states' ratios are abysmally low when compared to the national target of 33%, experts believe Haryana might fare worse in future FSI reports as it is yet to take protective measures for both the Aravalis and Shivaliks under its jurisdiction.

Haryana, on the other hand, has failed to re-notify 20,851 acres out of 25,037 acres forest cover, which expired in the last 10 years. This has left the Aravalis in Haryana vulnerable to land use change for real estate and other projects.

Punjab, which was earlier the list topper, now has forest cover over 3.65% of its geographical area, compared to Haryana's 3.59%. Between 2015 and 2017, Punjab managed to increase its the forest cover by 0.13%, while Haryana only managed to clock 0.02%.

ONLY MARGINAL RISE IN FOREST AREAS



Open forest: Areas with tree cover but without biodiversity (scrubs not included in total forest) (*Area in sqkm)

BEST 5

State / UT	Forest cover as % of geographic area
Lakshadweep	90.33%
Mizoram	86.27%
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	81.73%
Arunachal Pradesh	79.96%
Manipur	77.69%

WORST 5

State / UT	Forest cover as % of geographic area
Haryana	3.59%
Punjab	3.65%
Rajasthan	4.84%
Uttar Pradesh	6.09%
Gujarat	7.52%

Moreover, Haryana has only 1,588 sq km of forest, the lowest among all Indian states. Some union territories that have lesser forest area than Haryana still maintain better percentage of their geographical area under forest cover. Compared to Punjab, there is more very dense forest (canopy density of 70% and above) and open forest (canopy density between 10-40%) in Haryana, while its moderately dense forest (canopy density between 40-70%) is 40% lower than that of Punjab.

After 58 years, AWBI shifts to Haryana:

Filmmakers will now have to travel to Seekri village in Faridabad in Haryana to get an Animal Welfare Board of India (AWBI) certificate for their films.

Khelo India School Games: Haryana are the top guns

MEDALS TALLY: TOP 10

	G	S	B	Total
Haryana	38	26	38	102
Maharashtra	36	32	43	111
Delhi	25	29	40	94
Karnataka	16	11	17	44
Manipur	13	13	8	34
Uttar Pradesh	10	24	28	62
Punjab	10	5	20	35
Kerala	7	11	10	28
Tamil Nadu	6	11	11	28
West Bengal	5	4	6	15

After an intense battle among the participating states and their athletes, Haryana emerged as the overall champions, finishing with 102 medals, which included 38 gold, 26 silver and 38 bronze medals. It was a three-way fight between Haryana, Maharashtra and the hosts Delhi vying for the top honours, but the boy and girl boxers from Haryana produced a dominant show on the concluding day of the Games to pip their rivals at the post.

Excavations start at 5,000-year-old pre-Harappan site in Haryana:

Fresh excavations are underway at **Kunal**, a pre-Harappan site around 5,000 years old, in Haryana's Fatehabad district.



The archaeological excavations at Kunal had started in 1986 and are continuing with a few field-season gaps, an official release said.

CBI charges former Haryana CM Bhupinder Hooda for 'Rs 1,500 crore con':

The CBI submitted a chargesheet against former Haryana chief minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda and 33 others in connection with an alleged land acquisition **scam in Manesar** that caused farmers a loss of around Rs 1,500 crore.

32nd Surajkund Mela 2018: 2nd to 18th February, 2018

Location: Surajkund, Faridabad

Area: 40 acres with about 1010 work huts

Organised By: Surajkund Mela Authority in collaboration with the Union Ministries of Tourism, Textiles, Culture, External Affairs, Department of Tourism, Government of Haryana and Haryana Tourism Corporation

First Hosted In: 1987

Last Year's Footfall: More than 1.2 million (including foreign visitors)

The Theme State for the 32nd Surajkund Mela 2018 is Uttar Pradesh. A treat for visitors, people will get to see another set of rich culture, traditions, and exclusive artefacts made by the artisans of that state in the most vivid craft festivals of India.



While Jharkhand was the Theme State of the 31st Surajkund Mela 2017, Telangana wore that crown in the 30th Surajkund Mela 2016.

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