



Increase in Income Limit of OBC | Haryana | 24 Jun 2024

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Recently, Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini announced an **increase in annual income** limit for [creamy layer of Other Backward Classes \(OBC\)](#) from ₹6 lakh to ₹8 lakh.

Key Points

- The primary goal is to safeguard the welfare of the OBC community in Haryana and provide **substantial benefits to the youth in government jobs**.
- The chief minister stated that the [reservation quota for backward classes](#) in **Group-A and Group-B positions**, presently at 15%, will be **raised to 27%**, aligning with the [policy of the Central government](#).

Reservation in India

- In exercise of the powers conferred by [Article 340](#) of the Constitution, the President appointed a backward class commission in December 1978 under the chairmanship of [B. P. Mandal](#).
 - The commission was formed to determine the criteria for **defining India's "socially and educationally backward classes"** and to recommend steps to be taken for the advancement of those classes.
 - The Mandal Commission concluded that India's population consisted of approximately 52 percent OBCs, therefore **27% government jobs should be reserved** for them.
 - The commission has developed **eleven indicators** of social, educational, and economic backwardness.
 - Apart from identifying backward classes among Hindus, the Commission has also identified **backward classes among non-Hindus** (e.g., Muslims, Sikhs, Christians, and Buddhists).
 - It has generated an all-India other backward classes (OBC) list of 3,743 castes and a more underprivileged "depressed backward classes" list of 2,108 castes.
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Addressing a gathering in Gohana on the occasion of [626th birth anniversary of saint Kabir Das](#), the Haryana chief minister Nayab Singh Saini announced that **Gohana in Sonapat is set to be announced as the 23rd district of Haryana**.

Key Points

- A committee has been formed to form new districts in the state and it will submit its report within three months. After which Gohana will be declared as a new district of the state.
- During the gathering the chief minister announced:
 - The **construction of a chowk** named after **Saint Kabir in Gohana**.
 - Allocation of **₹31 lakh to Gohana Dhanak shiksha sabha** for the **construction of a library and langar hall**.
 - Immediate initiation of the **construction of a bypass on the Rohtak-Jind** road as soon as the required land is available.
 - Completion of the **backlog in government jobs**.
- The CM also informed that the [Haryana Antyodaya Parivar Parivahan Yojana \(HAPPY\)](#) has been introduced, which offers **free travel up to 1000 km annually** in Haryana State Transport buses to 84 lakh individuals from 23 lakh families with incomes below ₹1 lakh.
 - Under the [Chirayu yojana](#), the government is providing **free medical treatment up to ₹5 lakh per year** to economically disadvantaged individuals at government and private hospitals.
 - The state government has also initiated the **Mahapurush Samman Prachar Prasar Yojana** to **promote the teachings of great personalities** among the masses.

Sant Kabir Das

- He was born in the city of **Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh**. He was a **15th century mystic poet, saint and social reformer** and a proponent of the Bhakti Movement.
 - Kabir's legacy is still going on through a sect known as **Panth of Kabir**, a religious community that considers him as the founder.
- His early life was in a Muslim family, but he was strongly influenced by his teacher, the Hindu bhakti leader **Ramananda**.
- Kabir Das' writings had a great influence on the Bhakti movement and includes titles like **Kabir Granthawali, Anurag Sagar, Bijak, and Sakhi Granth**.
 - His verses are found in Sikhism's scripture [Guru Granth Sahib](#).
 - The major part of his work was collected by the fifth Sikh guru, [Guru Arjan Dev](#).
 - He was best known for his two-line couplets, known as '**Kabir Ke Dohe**'.
- Kabir's works were written in the **Hindi language** which was easy to comprehend. He used to write in couplets to enlighten people.