



Haryana Centre of Excellence

Why in News?

Recently, **the Haryana government** has decided to set up a [Centre for Urban Excellence \(CUE\)](#) for regulated urban development.

Key Points

- **Nodal Agency and Objective:**
 - [The Department of Town and Country Planning \(DTCP\)](#) serves as the nodal agency for planned development in Haryana.
 - The CUE aims to partner with a reputed institution to **build cutting-edge knowledge, capacities, and implementation models.**
 - It also aims to **foster innovation, facilitate stakeholder discourse, and enhance Haryana's urban livability index** to international standards within a decade.
- **Urban Growth in Haryana:**
 - Haryana's urbanization level (35%) surpasses the national average (31%) as per [the 2011 census](#).
 - The state's urban population growth rate (44.25%) is higher than the national rate (32%).
 - Rapid urbanization has highlighted the need for a policy advocacy body like the CUE to address urban development challenges.
- **Mission and Focus Areas:**
 - The CUE's mission is to strengthen state agencies' capacities for systematic urban innovation and governance.
 - It will focus on:
 - [Environmental sustainability.](#)
 - Technology adoption.
 - [Resource conservation.](#)
 - A people-first approach.
 - Shaping policies and practices for balanced growth and development.
 - Activities include research, strategic advisory, technical support, training, and capacity building.