

Woodland Overseas School Brings National Honour to Hoshiarpur and Punjab

Only School from Hoshiarpur to Achieve this National-Level Honour

Woodland Overseas School, Hoshiarpur, has brought great pride to Hoshiarpur district and Punjab for being awarded the National Level of Merit Award under SHVR 2025–26, an initiative of the Ministry of Education, Government of India. In the national list, Woodland Overseas School emerged as the highest-scoring private school from Punjab under SHVR 2025–26. This achievement is especially significant as it comes from among India's vast school education system of nearly 12 lakh schools.

SHVR 2025–26 is a comprehensive national school rating programme launched by the Ministry of Education, Government of India. It evaluates schools on a detailed framework covering Behaviour Change and Capacity Building, Mission LiFE / Green Activities, Sustainable Practices, Operation and Maintenance. The recognition is for a much wider vision of creating safe, sustainable, well-maintained, green and future-ready learning environments. The programme focuses on developing responsible habits among students, strengthening campus systems, promoting environmental awareness, encouraging sustainable practices, and building life values through everyday school culture. The process started since 29 September 2025. Thereafter, Woodland Overseas School went through a rigorous multi-stage evaluation process. The school first qualified at the district level, then competed at the Punjab state level, and thereafter entered the national-level evaluation and verification process. Government-appointed teams visited and audited the school at different stages, including district-level, state-level and national-level verification. After field validation and final national verification, the

school was selected for this national-level award. This achievement becomes even more meaningful because, under the SHVR process, 2,101 schools were registered from Hoshiarpur district, and 25,359 schools from Punjab completed the assessment. In this highly competitive process, Woodland Overseas School successfully reached the national level and brought honour to Hoshiarpur and Punjab.

Speaking on the achievement, Mr. Mandeep Singh Gill, Managing Trustee of Woodland Overseas School, said that this honour belongs to the entire Punjab State, Hoshiarpur and the Woodland family. He said Woodland has always believed in holistic education, where academic excellence goes hand in hand with discipline, sports, infrastructure, student care, sustainability, green practices and responsible citizenship. He added, “Woodland Overseas School has always remained committed to quality education and value-based learning. This national recognition from the Ministry of Education, Government of India, proves that Woodland is not only leading in academics and sports, but also in creating a future-ready school environment based on sustainability, behaviour development, maintenance systems and Mission LiFE values.”

Dr. Simerjeet Kaur Gill, Dean of Woodland Overseas School, said that the school’s achievement reflects consistent efforts in building responsible student behaviour, environmental awareness, clean campus habits, green practices, water conservation, waste management and effective operation and maintenance systems. She said the recognition strengthens the school’s commitment to nurturing students who are academically strong, socially responsible and environmentally conscious.

The achievements of Woodland Overseas School extend far beyond academics. The school has been honoured three times with the prestigious Best Green School

Award (National Champion) by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change for its outstanding contribution to environmental conservation and sustainable development. This remarkable achievement reflects the school's unwavering commitment to environmental stewardship and its innovative green initiatives, recognized at the national level.

Continuing its pursuit of providing world-class opportunities to students, Woodland Overseas School has also established Hoshiarpur's first School Pickleball Court, adding another milestone to its journey of excellence. This state-of-the-art sports facility connects students with a globally emerging sport and promotes their holistic development through modern sporting experiences.