



LEADING EDGE

SECOND QUARTER, FINANCIAL YEAR 2026–27

MINISTRY UPDATE AND VISION 2030



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DEAR HAGGAI FRIENDS AND MINISTRY PARTNERS,

Greetings from all of us at Haggai Institute, India, in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ!

We have completed the second quarter of the 2026–27 financial year and are already approaching the end of 2026, reminding us of the adage, “*Time and tide wait for no one.*” We are immensely thankful to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ for His continued provision, providence and protection amid challenges and uncertainties, and for guiding us towards new opportunities.

For much of this year, the world has been on tenterhooks, with active wars in at least five theatres, some of them overlapping. It is deeply troubling that conflict has come to be accepted as a way of life and absorbed into our daily experience. The loss of life—particularly among innocent men, women and children—is appalling and heartbreaking. Yet defiant and uncompassionate leaders and administrators continue to stride across the world stage as though there were no tomorrow.



INTERNAL VACANCY

DIRECTOR, OPERATIONS

Haggai Institute, India invites applications for the position of Director – Operations, based at the national office in Dammaiguda, Hyderabad. Reporting to the Executive Director, the successful candidate will provide strategic leadership for ministry operations, strengthen regional teams and alumni partnerships, enhance training quality and systems, support participant recruitment, and mobilise resources.

Key responsibilities include:

- Planning, organising, implementing, and coordinating national ministry operations.
- Developing and mentoring Regional Directors, Area Managers, Coordinators, faculty, and alumni networks.
- Improving training quality, operational systems, communications, and resource mobilisation.

We are looking for a candidate who:

- is a born-again Christian, active church member, and Haggai Institute alumnus / alumna.
- has a postgraduate qualification with strong leadership, networking, communication, and basic computer skills.
- is willing to travel extensively; ministry experience, basic accounting skills, and substantial professional experience are preferred.

Eligible persons should email their résumé with references to dulipthangasamy@haggai-india.com no later than 16 October 2026.

The question, then, is this: how should we respond to the turmoil around us, when so little seems to make sense to so many? Do we have the courage to offer the hope that springs from our faith and from the future set before us? Or will we resign ourselves to the same gloom and despair that surround us?

A further question stands before us: when did we last offer words of hope, purpose and destiny to those overwhelmed by what they see and hear? We share the same environment as everyone else. Are we using that common ground to bear witness to our faith, our hope in the Lord Jesus Christ and the certainty of what lies ahead, as prophesied in God's Word? These are life-sized questions for us as Haggai alumni—far more important than simply trying to secure our own future and that of our families against uncertainty.

MINISTRY FRONT

On the Haggai ministry front, this has been a season of consolidation and progress: renewing longstanding partnerships, exploring new avenues, revitalising alumni networks in dormant areas and prayerfully connecting with specific groups.

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Four years into our Vision 2030 journey, we can see the value and impact of working in partnership with like-minded mission organisations, churches and institutions. Although the course is not always smooth, we can testify that God's goodness and faithfulness remain steadfast, unfailing and unwavering. Our focus continues to be the execution of five high-level objectives that are critical to achieving the Vision 2030 goals. We will continue along this path as we steadily advance towards the end of the decade.



PROGRAMME REACH AND REGIONAL – LANGUAGE INITIATIVES

During the first half of 2026–27, from April to September 2026, we were pleased to conduct 52 seminars across the country, equipping 1220 participants. About one-third of these seminars took place in the country's three gospel-poverty regions: the eastern, northern and western states. 35 of the 52 seminars were conducted in local languages.

We also had the privilege of hosting the first-ever national seminar at our National Office in Hyderabad in early September 2026, attended by 29 participants from all walks of life. As we seek to maximise our reach in both urban and rural communities, the growing number of regional-language seminars has led us to consider regional-language Facilitator Development Seminars (FDSs) for facilitators who may not be conversant in English. As reported earlier, we held our first regional-language FDS in Telugu in April 2026, with 18 participants. We also propose to conduct a Hindi FDS in Raipur in November 2026.



To reach young working professionals in our megacities more effectively through the training and equipping of Christian leaders, we are developing several strategies this year. We will share updates on these initiatives in the months ahead. Please keep them in your prayers: that the ministry's purpose may be served through our plans and actions, that these efforts may align with the will of God, and that we may reach the nation by equipping its leaders.



ALUMNI ASSOCIATIONS

Healthy alumni associations are the backbone of the ministry, and our team is working diligently to revive and energise dormant associations. At present, only about 50% of our 104 alumni associations across the country meet even occasionally. Work is under way to revive 10 associations in different regions. We invite every alumnus and alumna to engage actively with the association nearest to where you live, and to participate, support and plan for the ministry's progress in your area.

HIIMMS Modernisation

We are pleased to share an important update on the Haggai Institute India Ministry Management Systems (HIIMMS). Our current configuration has served us well for nearly a decade, thanks to Bijoy Sangma, who designed the system. It has enabled us to manage far-flung, pan-India operations across seven regions in a paperless environment.

We are now changing platforms and updating the architecture to give users a smoother, more seamless experience. Core functionality will remain unchanged, while the system will gain a refreshed look and feel together with additional capabilities. Please keep our technology team and service providers in prayer as they work towards a seamless migration with no disruption to our daily operations.

A CALL TO PARTICIPATE

I would especially like to thank our Regional and National Headquarters staff, the Executive Committee and Society members, the Regional Council and Alumni Association leaders, Donor Partners and the Honorary Coordinators across the country for their dedication, sacrificial service and prayerful involvement in the ministry.

As alumni, stewards, prayer partners and stakeholders, we earnestly invite your active participation through your time, treasure and talents at both regional and national levels. The task before us is great, and the time available is short.

As Paul exhorts us in Colossians 4:5-6: *“Walk in wisdom toward those who are outside, redeeming the time. Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one.”*

With prayers & wishes

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