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NEPAL DISASTER: OVER 4,000 STILL UNACCOUNTED FOR; OFFICIALS WARN OF FRESH FLOODS

Toll crosses 1,000; morgues full, Kathmandu sees mass burials

DEVANSH MITTAL TASHI TOBGYAL
EXPRESS IN NEPAL

Kathmandu, September 1

AS DUSK fell over Kathmandu and rain swept across the valley, a line of ambulances arrived at the western gate of Gokarna Forest Resort, a former retreat and hunting reserve of Nepal's royal family.

Police personnel and workers soon began carrying the remains of unidentified victims of the Bhotekoshi flash floods through the golf course into the nearby forest.

Two JCB excavators had dug large pits in the muddy embankment as officials watched. Nearly 75 bodies were interred and tagged with batch numbers for future identification.

A day earlier, more than 200 victims had been buried at four locations. The death toll rose to 1,050 on Tuesday as security forces recovered more bodies from eight districts, officials said.

Nearly 4,000 people remain missing, including 583 foreigners and 83 security personnel, the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Authority (NDRRMA) said. About 12,000 people have been rescued.

The disaster has pushed hospitals and mortuaries to their limits, while relatives continue searching for loved ones.

At Teaching Medical College, mortuary facilities have been stretched beyond capacity, with relatives arriving daily to identify family members. In Nuwakot district, 24 bodies were recovered from a single building in Betrawati on Tuesday, police said. All were found at Uttargaya Mini Mart, a shopping arcade there. They included 13 women, 10 men and one child.

Search and relief operations



Workers carry bodies of unidentified victims of the flash floods at a burial site near Gokarna Forest Resort in Kathmandu on Tuesday. TASHI TOBGYAL

have been hampered by continued rainfall and landslides, while relatives in remote villages scour riverbanks for those missing. Rescuers have also struggled to reach people stranded by the floods as intermittent rain persists. Authorities issued a fresh flood alert Tuesday after water levels rose in rivers across eastern, central and western Nepal.

The NDRRMA warned of a high possibility of flash floods in Nuwakot and Rasuwa districts, where water levels in smaller rivers and streams are expected to rise. It urged people living near rivers to remain vigilant and take precautions.

By nightfall at Gokarna, the large graves had been filled and the day's work had come to an end. Silence settled over the forest. Beyond the burial site, Kathmandu continued with its usual bustle, though the heavy rain brought rush-hour traffic to a standstill. Families across the country, meanwhile, were still waiting for news of those who had not come home.

PM Balen under pressure to attend UN General Assembly, seek support

Yubaraj Ghimire
Kathmandu, September 1

PRIME MINISTER Balendra Shah is under pressure from within his government and the ruling Rastriya Swatantra Party (RSP) to lead Nepal's delegation to the United Nations General Assembly in New York and seek international support following the country's worst flood disaster.

The pressure comes as the death toll from Wednesday's floods crossed 1,000, with nearly 4,000 still missing.

The government is urging Shah to use the UNGA platform to seek climate justice for Nepal, international support for post-disaster rehabilitation and reconstruction, and a stronger global response to protect the Himalayan ecosystem.



Nepal PM Balendra Shah

"It is still not certain if the Prime Minister will go, but there is unanimity in the government that he should and lobby with the international community for climate justice and post-calamity rehabilitation and reconstruction," a senior government official said.

Foreign Affairs Minister Shirsir Khanal had earlier been assigned to lead Nepal's delegation to the UNGA.

Meanwhile, the Nepal Army has continued its search and rescue operation for a sixth day, particularly inside tunnels at more than a dozen hydropower projects along the Trishuli River.

With no mortuary facilities available in areas along Trishuli River, where the Bhotekoshi merges with it, the government has resorted to temporarily burying unidentified bodies.

"Mortal remains of the dead, especially those not recognisable and decomposed due to prolonged exposure to water, have been temporarily buried," the Ministry of Foreign Affairs said in a statement.

The government has also brought in teams of experts from India, China and South Korea to assist with blasting operations to clear residual blockages.

BANK SANCTIONS LIKELY THIS WEEK, SAYS BESSENT

US launches new barrage of strikes on Iran around Strait

Tehran will be hit again at a much harder and higher level, says Trump

Reuters
Dubai, Washington, September 1

THE US launched new air strikes on Iranian targets on Tuesday, quashing hopes that an exchange of fire last weekend might not lead to a wider renewal of hostilities.

Tehran remained defiant, warning that it would prevent oil being exported from the Gulf, despite a threat by US President Donald Trump to hit Iran "hard" in response to the renewed Iranian strikes, and a warning from US Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent that Washington was about to impose new sanctions.

"Today at 12 pm ET (1600 GMT), US forces began striking Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) targets in Iran," US Central Command posted on X. "The strikes follow recent attempted attacks by the IRGC against commercial shipping in the Strait of Hormuz and against American service members deployed to the region."

Iran's state broadcaster said there had been reports of explosions on Iran's Qeshm Island, on the northern side of the strait.

The state-linked news agency *Nour News* said there had been reports of explosions in the port city of Bandar Abbas and in Chabahar, a port on the southern coast. *IRNA* also reported the sound of explosions in Jask and Sirik.

US President Donald



Iran President Masoud Pezeshkian during a session of the SCO summit in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, on Tuesday. REUTERS

Trump posted on his social media channel that if Iran retaliated for the attack, "they will be hit again at a much harder and higher level".

The *Fars* news cited an IRGC spokesperson as saying the US "will regret its new attacks".

The US Embassy in Qatar urged Americans currently in the Middle East to exercise "heightened vigilance and be aware of potential flight cancellations, airspace closures, and travel disruptions".

Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian had said early on Tuesday at a regional summit in Kyrgyzstan that Tehran would reciprocate immediately if Washington honoured its commitments under a June Memorandum of Understanding that was intended to halt the conflict.

The MOU declared an end to fighting since US and Israeli strikes began on February 28. But it also deferred many of the difficult issues and paved the way for a broader 60-day negotiation period — which passed without further agreement.

Iranian officials have shown no public sign since then of bowing to pressure. "If the enemy wants us not to export oil from the Persian Gulf, no one will be able to export oil," Iranian parliament speaker Mohammad Baqer Ghalibaf was quoted as saying by Iranian media.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Esmail Baghaei told a press conference in Tehran that Washington was "addicted to making excessive demands and has mistaken negotiations for dictating terms".

Before the latest attacks, Bessent had said Washington was likely to announce bank sanctions against Iran this week and next, stepping up an attempt to "economically asphyxiate" Iran's leadership after six months of conflict.

At a G20 finance leaders' meeting in Asheville, North Carolina, he said the US was looking to target entities that did business with the IRGC. "We have zero tolerance. We are going to economically asphyxiate this regime," he said.

• BRIEFLY

UNITED STATES

Nearly 30 years on, ex-gang member convicted of Tupac Shakur's murder



The convict Duane Davis at a court in Las Vegas. REUTERS

AN EX-street gang leader accused of orchestrating the drive-by shooting death of hip-hop star Tupac Shakur three decades ago in Las Vegas was convicted of murder on Monday for his role in a long-unresolved crime that silenced one of rap music's most influential voices. A jury in Clark County, Nevada, deliberated for nearly three hours before finding Duane "Keffe D" Davis, 63, guilty of a single count of first-degree murder with a deadly weapon. Davis will face a maximum sentence of life in prison without possibility of parole at his sentencing on October 13.

COLOMBIA

1 killed, 11 injured in explosion near police station

AT LEAST one civilian was killed, and eleven other people were injured after a car bomb exploded outside a police station in northeastern Colombia, officials said on Tuesday. The attack took place around midnight in Los Patios, a town on Colombia's border with Venezuela that is also part of the Cucuta metropolitan area. President Abelardo de la Esparilla said the government would chase those responsible. AP

THE NETHERLANDS

34 arrested after masked gunmen open fire on cops

DUTCH POLICE on Tuesday said 34 suspects from several countries were arrested after a shooting in which a man was killed and two police officers were wounded in the early hours. The head of the regional police, Jolanda Aalbers, said a "large group" of masked men opened fire when police arrived at a house where suspicious activities had been reported in Overasselt, a village in east of the Netherlands. REUTERS

At SCO summit, Xi urges member states to make security a priority

Press Trust of India
Bishkek, September 1

CHINESE PRESIDENT Xi Jinping on Tuesday called on the members of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) to make security a key priority and crack down on terrorism, separatism and extremism, transnational organised crimes, drug trafficking and telecom fraud.

"We should stay committed to taking security as a key goal, and foster an environment of common security. We should pursue coordinated measures to tackle traditional and non-traditional security threats," Xi said while addressing the SCO summit in the Kyrgyz capital attended by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Russian President Vladimir Putin and others.

"We should crack down on the three forces of terrorism, separatism and extremism, transnational organised crime, drug trafficking, and telecom fraud," he added.



Kyrgyz President Sadyr Zhaparov (right) and China's President Xi Jinping at the SCO summit, in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan on Tuesday. AP

Xi also spoke about the need for multilateral partnership for nuclear safety and security.

"We believe in a sensible, coordinated, and balanced approach to nuclear security, and support a stronger multilateral partnership for nuclear safety and security," he said. He, however, did not elaborate.

The SCO member states should strengthen cooperation on information security, bio-se-

curity, and outer space security, Xi said.

In a veiled criticism of the US, he said, "We must prevent external forces from interfering in our internal affairs, endangering our political security, and undermining regional stability."

He said over the last 25 years, the SCO has travelled an extraordinary journey and emerged as an important pillar of south-south cooperation.

Congo Ebola cases top 6,000, deaths near 3,000

Associated Press
Bunia, September 1

CONGO'S AUTHORITIES said Monday that the fastest-growing Ebola outbreak in history has topped 6,000 cases with 2,911 deaths.

More than 1,360 people have recovered from the virus, in what authorities said was an "encouraging" development. Last week, the virus spilled into two new health zones in the region.

The World Health Organization has said it remains out of control and is on track to surpass the 2014-2016 West Africa Ebola outbreak, the deadliest on record, which killed over 11,000 people, primarily in Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone.

On Saturday, an Ebola response team was attacked on the outskirts of the town of Mambasa in Ituri province while responding to a call to secure a body. Young people armed with machetes stormed the site of the funeral, forcing the team to flee and injuring



Ebola outbreak has triggered a global health concern as WHO monitors rising cases and deaths in Congo. AP

one member, a representative told *The Associated Press*.

"We demand greater security so we can operate in the field and do our work without endangering our lives," said Floribert Magene, a member of the response team.

Bodies of those who died of Ebola can be highly contagious and lead to further spread when people prepare them for burial and gather for funerals. Clinical trials are underway to find a licensed vaccine for the Bundibugyo virus.

• META ACCEPTS IDs TO CHECK AGE, AND PROMISES TO DELETE THEM WITHIN 30 DAYS; BEYOND IDs, A GROWING NUMBER OF TECH COMPANIES ARE USING A.I. TO TRY TO DETERMINE USERS' AGE

To keep children safe online, Meta is trying to get better at guessing their age

Barbara Ortutay
September 1

OF THE child safety measures agreed to in Meta's landmark legal settlement, no category contains more detailed requirements than its commitments on age assurance — and for good reason. No matter how well the protections work, they are of little use if Meta can't tell which users are kids.

Determining which accounts belong to children is also the linchpin of child safety measures that other companies, including Google, TikTok, and Roblox, are ramping up as public and regulatory sentiment turns against them

in the US and other countries.

The Meta settlement, with protections the company says could become industry standards, will give the social media giant a year to refine its approach. But the options are limited, and improving age verification technology presents steep challenges, including navigating privacy implications not just for children but for adults who could have to prove they are over 18.

The \$18 billion settlement resolves claims from state attorneys general that it hurt children's mental health by deliberately designing its Instagram and Facebook platforms in ways hooked young people's at-

tention. The agreement announced last week with Menlo Park, California, company involves 48 states plus District of Columbia and US territories.

In the offline world, people use government-issued IDs to prove they are over 18 or 21, whether they want to get into a club or buy cigarettes. While this technically works online too, many people are not comfortable giving a Big Tech company like Meta or Google access to their driver's license or passport.

Meta accepts IDs to check ages, and promises to delete them within 30 days. Beyond IDs, though, a growing number of tech companies are using artificial intelligence to try to de-



Meta logo on a sign at the company headquarters in California. AP

termine users' ages. This is not true age verification. While AI can estimate a person's age, often accurately, it can't verify a person's birth date.

Last year, Google began using an age-assurance system for YouTube that relies on AI to differentiate between adults and minors based on their watch his-

tories. Meta does the same. AI age checks use clues to determine how old someone is.

On Instagram, this includes "contextual clues" such as posts about birthday celebrations or school, and things like which posts people like, comment or linger on, who their friends are, and the times of day they log in. For instance, someone who is offline during school hours would likely be school-aged.

In a blog post last year, Meta said its AI also looks at photos people post for visual cues, including "height or bone structure, to estimate someone's general age; it does not identify the specific person in the image."

"By combining these visual

insights with our analysis of text and interactions, we can significantly increase the number of underage accounts we identify and remove," company added.

Under the settlement, Meta agreed to strengthen its age-checking technology using its own tools, as well as third-party ones, with regular outside audits on how well it is working.

The agreement also includes specific goals around false positive rates that is, minors who are identified as over 18. And if a user is identified as under 13 and kicked off one of its platforms, Meta will check the ages of their friends, too.

Identity verification companies like Yoti and Persona,

which work with tech companies like Meta and Roblox, use video selfies people upload to estimate their ages.

The gaming site Roblox, which, unlike social media platforms, allows kids under 13 to sign up, requires players to take a video selfie to estimate their age. Roblox says the videos are deleted after the age check is processed. Users are not required to submit a face scan to use the platform, only if they want to chat with other users.

Some users have reported inaccuracies, and experts have expressed caution about reliability of facial age estimation tools, especially for women or certain racial or ethnic groups. AP



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DEARNESS ALLOWANCE ARREARS

Punjab moves SC: 'not lawfully possible' to pay Rs 14,191 crore in 15 days

SLP seeks interim stay on HC verdict and on any contempt proceedings likely to arise due to non-implementation

Ananthkrishnan G & Kanchan Vasdev
New Delhi, Chandigarh, September 1

THE PUNJAB government on Tuesday moved the Supreme Court challenging Punjab and Haryana High Court order directing it to release within a fortnight the pending dearness allowance (DA) and dearness relief (DR) to the employees and

pensioners, contending that the financial obligation works out to Rs 14,191 crores and "compliance within the time allowed is not lawfully possible".

The Special Leave Petition (SLP), filed by the Additional Chief Secretary, Finance, seeks an interim stay on the high court's August 3 judgement as well as on any contempt proceedings likely to arise due to its non-implementation.

The Punjab employees have already filed a caveat in the Supreme Court. Separately, the high court will take up for hearing on September 27 a contempt petition filed by employees against the Punjab government.

Seeking the top court's leave to appeal against the HC judgement, Punjab has argued that payment of the entire amount

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PM calls for dialogue: Conflict not confined to a region, impacts global energy and trade

At SCO, Modi seeks dismantling of terror infra as Pak's Shehbaz listens

Shubhajit Roy
New Delhi, September 1

AS THE war in West Asia completed six months and a peace deal remained elusive, Prime Minister Narendra Modi told leaders of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation countries Tuesday that the crisis demonstrated that a "conflict in one region does not remain confined



Prime Minister Narendra Modi with Chinese President Xi Jinping and Russian President Vladimir Putin in Bishkek on Tuesday. REUTERS

there" and "impacts global energy security, maritime trade and supply chains" with the Global South bearing the brunt of the "consequences".

Addressing the SCO summit in Kyrgyz capital Bishkek, Modi said India's position is that the "resolution of all tensions and conflicts is possible only through dialogue and diplomacy, not on the battlefield".

Among leaders at the summit was Iran's President Masoud Pezeshkian. Modi and Pezeshkian met Monday for the first time since the start of the war.

"In today's interconnected

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CJP condition, Govt request: SC quashes FIRs lodged against students during stir

Ananthkrishnan G
New Delhi, September 1

MEETING A key demand of the Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) which spearheaded the Jantar Mantar protests in New Delhi over exam paper leaks, the Supreme Court, acting Tuesday on requests by the Centre and some states, used its extraordinary powers under Article 142 of the Constitution to quash

FIRs registered across the country against students who participated in the protests.

Following the order, the CJP called off a protest march scheduled for September 5 in New Delhi. "All the FIRs... are hereby quashed," ordered a three-judge bench, comprising Chief Justice of India Surya Kant, Justice Joymalya Bagchi and Justice V Mohana, allowing

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NCLT special bench stays earlier order on Chandra's Rs 6.25-cr settlement plan

George Mathew
Mumbai, September 1

IN A setback for Essel Group founder Subhash Chandra, a five-member special bench of the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) on Tuesday stayed the operation of the tribunal's earlier order which allowed him to settle his personal insolvency proceedings

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EXPRESS investigation

Jharkhand SIR faceoff: BJP agents seek to delete voters, BLOs raise red flag

In Godda, one BJP agent burns 75 forms after Booth Level Officer asks questions; CEO says BLO cannot refuse forms

Shubham Tigga
Ranchi, September 1

ABDUL MANNAN Khan, Mohammad Naushad, Mohammad Shafiq, Bibi Basilan, Mohammad Aslam... With voter after voter in some booths in Jharkhand's Godda district, a pattern has emerged over the past month since the draft electoral roll was published on August 5 as part of the state's Special Intensive Revision (SIR) — a BJP Booth Level Agent (BLA) arrives with a stack of Form 7s seeking to delete voters who figure in the draft roll; and most of these names, as mentioned above, are from the minority community.

Across at least four booths, Booth Level Officers (BLOs) have refused to accept these applications, an investigation by *The Indian Express* has revealed, flagging them as not genuine or not procedurally sound. BLOs are employees of the state government, currently headed by a JMM-Congress alliance.

The BJP has complained

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Mahesh tikri villagers who have complained to the BDO. EXPRESS

• One agent, eight Form 7s

Applications to delete 8 from voter roll filed by BJP agent Sanjeev Roshan



Abdul Mannan Khan



Bibi Basilan



Mirza Galeeb



Mohammad Hasnuddin



Mohammad Naushad



Mohammad Shafiq



Mohammad Shamim



Mohammad Aslam

Behind Form 7: Deletion but only after probe

IN GODDA, Booth Level Officers (BLOs) of at least four booths have said that BJP workers have submitted Form

7s seeking deletion of multiple names. They have also claimed that these forms were not in the proper format, and many of these were rejected, as instructed by the Block Development Officer, Sri-man Marandi.

• What are the legal provisions for deletion from electoral rolls?

Electoral Registration Officers (EROs) are empowered by Section 22 of the Representation of the People (RP) Act, 1950, to make corrections and deletions to the electoral roll either on their own or acting on applications made to them. In each case, they must conduct an inquiry, give the elector concerned time to respond and then pass an order.

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Jharkhand SIR faceoff

that the BLOs are at fault for not accepting the forms, adding a political dimension and setting up a standoff between ground-level election officials and BJP workers, which has now reached the Chief Electoral Officer's desk.

The Indian Express tracked down some voters targeted for deletion and found that not only do they trace their presence in the village for generations but many among them are also verified in the 2003 intensive revision of the rolls. Under the Election Commission's own rules, this should ease their inclusion in the ongoing SIR.

In one booth alone, Booth No. 9 of Maheshtikri village in Godda, for example, 25 such forms were filed against voters by one BJP BLA, Sanjeev Kumar Roshan. *The Indian Express* spoke to eight of these voters, and all of them expressed fears of being disenfranchised or cut off from the roster of government schemes.

In a neighbouring booth, a BLA turned up with 75 such forms, and when questioned by the Booth Level Officer (BLO), he, by his own admission, promptly burned them on the spot.

Sriman Marandi, the Block Development Officer (BDO) of Basantrai, the Godda division under which the booths fall, told *The Indian Express* that, in his capacity as Electoral Registration Officer (ERO), he had received complaints from four booths — Maheshtikri, Pachua Kita, Lochni and Baghakol. An inquiry report would be submitted after a field verification, Marandi said, adding BLOs had been told not to act on forms "because we did not know the source of the forms". "They (the BLAs) could have first submitted a written complaint to the SDO, or to me... asking us to investigate," he said.

Godda MLA Sanjay Prasad Yadav of the RJD said he has spoken to Marandi and was told "action is being taken".

Objections raised by BLOs

The SIR exercise began in Jharkhand on June 30, with a draft list published on August 5 that saw 16.48% of the voters (around 43 lakh) deleted from the electoral rolls. The claims and objections round is currently on, and will end on September 4.

A deletion via Form 7 can be sought on several grounds such as absent, shifted, dead, duplicate, not Indian citizen, etc. The applicant does not need to submit any evidence but has to sign a declaration that says: "I HEREBY DECLARE that to the best of my knowledge and belief... I am aware that making a statement or declaration which is false and which I know or believe to be false or do not believe to be true, is punishable..."

The BLO of Maheshtikri, Anisha Bano, told *The Indian Express* that a BLA of the BJP brought around 25 forms to her which were not "original". "The BLA said the forms were for those voters who are not in the village... and that 50 more such forms will be brought later... All forms had Muslim voters."

She accepted the 25 forms, Bano said, but later, BLOs were instructed by BDO Marandi that such documents were not official forms and should not be accepted. So she declined to take the rest.

Besides, Bano added, all the voters against whom objections were raised had been mapped to the 2003 electoral roll.

Pachua Kita BLO Mukhtar said he had been approached by a BLA with around 75 Form 7s, which were different from what they had officially received from the block office. "The BLA asked

me what the form was for, and said he had been told it was for adding names. I told him that, rather, you are being made a witness to this person's name should be deleted," Mukhtar said, adding that he did not accept the forms.

Mukhtar said almost all the names on the 75 forms were of Muslims, and most were mapped to the 2003 list. When questioned, the BLA who had tried to submit the 75 forms to him "burned all of them", he added.

'This is our home'

In Maheshtikri village, several villagers have submitted a complaint to BDO Marandi regarding mass submission of Form 7s against them in Booth No. 9.

Abdul Mannan Khan, 70, is among them. He and his family have lived in the village for generations, he said, and his name was in the 2003 roll. "This is our home and we are Jharkhandi too. So how can our names be deleted?" BLO Bano has assured them their names will stay, Khan said, but he is afraid he may lose government benefits.

Mohammad Naushad, 50, said his grandparents were mapped to the 2003 electoral roll, while he spent his childhood in Maheshtikri and left home only to find work as a labourer. He continues to vote in Jharkhand, Naushad said. "I go where I get work... What if our names are deleted and we do not get government benefits? What if we are not considered Indian citizens?"

Naushad's father Mohammad Shafiq, 80, said he is a registered voter in Maheshtikri as well, along with wife Bibi Basilan, 65. "I have been voting here since I turned 18... We have been here so many years. We have the khatian (land proof of being a Jharkhandi), every record and paper. Now there is suddenly an obstacle."

Added Basilan: "Our family will be destroyed... Where will

we go?... What kind of system have they created against voters?"

Mohammad Aslam, 65, also a labourer, said he and all the eligible members of his family have always voted in the village. On the Form 7 application, he said: "It seems like an attempt to establish we do not belong here."

About what may follow, Aslam is anxious. "We aren't educated enough to understand the consequences."

Mirza Galeb, 61, who works in Ghaziabad near Delhi, but is back home, said he was born in Maheshtikri and has spent most of his life in the village. "Everything is here," he said.

Shamim, around 45, a labourer, said he only came to know about the Form 7 application against him when an anganwadi worker told him. He was surprised, he said. "Everything is fine online with my application. I also have a receipt."

While he travels outside Jharkhand for work, his family has been based in the state, Shamim said. "Our forefathers lived here. My father and three brothers are here. One brother lives in Bihar and has his voter ID there. Apart from him, our Aadhaar cards, addresses and everything are from Jharkhand."

Mohammad Hasmuddin, around 60, a daily wage, said he spent his childhood in Maheshtikri, where his family owns land and has a khatian. His name was in the 2003 electoral roll too, and he had voted earlier in Godda, he said.

"My father, grandfather and great-grandfather have all lived in this house. We have not even changed our house," Hasmuddin said, adding that his son who works in Delhi also returns to the village to vote.

'Part of BJP responsibility'

On August 27, the BJP's Jharkhand SIR convener, Rakesh Prasad, submitted a memorandum to the Additional CEO,

complaining about "discrepancies" in the SIR process in the state, particularly in Sahibganj and Godda districts.

In the case of Godda, the BJP accused BLOs of two booths of refusing to accept Form 7 applications submitted by its BLAs, and asked how BLO Bano, of Booth No. 9, Maheshtikri, had made public the details of its BLA. This had resulted in pressure and threats against the BLA, the BJP claimed.

Asked about BLO complaints regarding Form 7s submitted by BJP BLAs, former BJP Godda MLA Amit Kumar Mandal said this is part of their responsibility and they have been trained in this, including in the use of Form 6 (for new voters) and 8 (to record shifting or correction of entries).

"If someone's name is appearing at two places, the BLA can raise an objection for deletion," said Amit Mandal.

On the allegation that Form 7 documents are being distributed in bulk, with one BLA submitting up to 75, Mandal said there is no prescribed limit on the number of applications a BLA can submit, and that it is the responsibility of the election authorities to verify the objections.

Mandal also said that a BLO must "maintain confidentiality" about the person against whom objections have been filed, as well as of the BLA concerned. "If the BLO has disclosed such information, it can amount to a violation of the Representation of the People Act."

In the 2024 Assembly elections in Jharkhand, Mandal lost from Godda to Sanjay Yadav of the RJD (a part of the JMM-Congress alliance) by more than 20,000 votes. In the 2020 elections, Mandal defeated Yadav, but by a narrow margin of around 4,500 votes.

BJP BLA Sanjeev Kumar Roshan told *The Indian Express* he was given around 25 Form 7s by ex-MLA Mandal and told to submit the same to the BLO. As per Roshan, Mandal told him: "If the BLO accepts the forms, it is fine; if not, bring them back." Roshan

said he got some forms back after these were rejected by Maheshtikri's BLO.

Ganori Mandal, the BLA who submitted 75 Form 7 applications to Mukhtar, told *The Indian Express* he had barely any idea what the form was, and confirmed that, when he got to know something was wrong, he "burned" all the forms. "We are innocent and uneducated people. We got the forms from BJP cadres to submit to the BLO. I thought it was a form to add names," he said.

BDO Marandi questioned the submission of bulk objections. "Any objection should be raised by the family concerned, or there should be solid evidence," he said.

Marandi added that preliminary information suggested that some of the voters sought to be deleted are living at their registered addresses, and said the administration will conduct a field verification for every deletion request.

Jharkhand Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) K Ravi Kumar said that he had spoken to the Godda Assistant ERO and Deputy Commissioner, and there was no illegality. Objections had been filed through Form 7, he said, and these "can be submitted in bulk as well".

The CEO added that if a BLA believes a voter is registered in multiple states, they can file an objection. "There is nothing wrong in filing objections."

He also said that the BLOs should not be rejecting forms: "First, you have to inform the AERO. They will decide what needs to be done. After that, you give your recommendation in the observation report."

The JMM's local block president, Sultan Ahmed, called the forms part of a "conspiracy by the BJP to remove Muslim voters".

Congress general secretary Surya Kant Shukla said the party was keeping a close watch on the SIR in Jharkhand, to monitor any attempts to delete names through Form 7. "We condemn any attempt at targeted deletions."

ances, and that the government remained committed to fulfilling them.

He urged the court to also quash FIRs registered in states and Union Territories even though they may not have approached the court. Mehta urged the court to give the government three months to work out the modalities for grant of compensation to the families of the students who took their lives following the exam paper leak. He then asked Das to respond. After Das read out his statement, the CJI said, "Fair enough from their side... If both sides will show a good gesture, then any, all issues can be resolved one by one... There is nothing in the world which is too complicated that it (cannot be resolved)."

Accepting the Centre's request for time to work out the modalities for payment of compensation, the bench said, "The Central government is directed to formulate the modalities and policy with respect to payment of compensation on a pan-India basis. Such model policy may be circulated to all the State Governments/Union Territories in consultation with all the State Governments/Union Territories, and such a framework may then be adopted by all the State Governments and Union Territories as a regular mechanism of compensatory measures. As regards to the students who committed suicide in respect of NEET 2026, the Central government shall pay compensation to the affected families after the policy is formulated, within a period of three months."

tered without prejudice to rights of parties to take lawful recourse," the bench said.

The CJP informed the bench that it was withdrawing its call for a protest march on September 5. "As co-convener of the Cockroach Santa Party (CJP), I want to state that in their view of the positive assurances of the Government of India and the judicial sanctity bestowed upon them today, and in view of the order being passed by this Hon'ble Court, the CJP deems it appropriate to withdraw the call for the march on 5th September and looks forward to the compliance of today's order," CJP spokesperson Saurav Das, who was present in the courtroom, said, reading from a statement.

Taking note, the bench said "in light of the above directions, both sides shall abide by statements and commitments made before this court." "This order invoking Article 142 is subject to the condition that both sides shall abide by the understanding arrived at. These directions, being issued in peculiar facts and circumstances, shall not be treated as a precedent," it said.

Appearing for the Centre and states, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta recalled the discussions between the Central government and protesters to end the July protests and the assurances given to the latter. He said there was some apprehension in the minds of the protesters about the assur-

Student protest FIRs

applications filed by Delhi Police and the states of Maharashtra, Bihar, Assam and West Bengal. On being told that states like Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh too had registered FIRs against the protesters but had not approached the court for their quashing, the bench directed that "if there is any other FIR registered with respect to the same incidents of protests between July 20-25, 2026, in any state/Union Territory which has not been formally brought to our notice, (they) shall not be pursued or investigated and such FIRs be taken as closed for all intents and purposes". It said "no state/UT shall register any fresh FIR in relation to incidents of protests between July 20-25".

The bench said it was exercising Article 142 powers "keeping in view the future" of young protesters who "bonafidely came to protest". "We find it a fit case to invoke Article 142. These applications are allowed," it said.

It, however, permitted the Central government/Delhi Police to register a fresh FIR in respect of 2,873 individuals with criminal records who were allegedly present at the protest sites.

The Delhi Police had told the court earlier that 2,873 individuals with serious criminal charges against them including those related to "murder, attempt to murder, dacoity, rape, POCSO etc" were at the protest sites. "Such FIR shall be regis-

all initiatives that connect markets, facilitate trade, and open new avenues for growth. However, respect for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of all nations is paramount in these endeavours. This is also the core spirit of the SCO Charter."

"In the future, the scope of connectivity will expand further. Alongside roads, railways and air corridors, we must simplify customs procedures, promote digital documentation, and enhance the efficiency of logistics networks," he said.

India wants to access Central Asia through Iran since Pakistan has denied India overland transit access to the region. And for India, the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor is an irritant since it violates India's territorial integrity and sovereignty.

On the issue of opportunity for the region, Modi said, "This means ensuring that the benefits of SCO cooperation directly reach our people. Our greatest asset lies in the bonds between our people. For India, the SCO represents a confluence of great civilisations, cultures, and ideas. Over the next 25 years, we must place people-to-people ties at the heart of our cooperation. The true yardstick of our success should be the number of new opportunities created for the youth through our efforts, the new markets opened for our entrepreneurs, the extent to which our farmers have benefited from technology, and the improvement in the lives of our citizens."

Pakistan will be hosting the next SCO summit in 2027, and India's participation will be watched closely by members of the grouping.

ernment argued that its rules do not mandate payment of DA to State employees at the rate fixed by the Centre for its employees. It said the Punjab Civil Services (Revised Pay) Rules, 2021, prescribe no specific index, formula, rate or interval for DA and leave the matter to the State government's discretion.

It further submitted that the State pays DA to All India Services officers at the central rate because they are governed by Union law and the State has no power to determine their service conditions.

It pointed out that the Sixth Punjab Pay Commission had revised the State's pay by a multiplication factor of 2.59, rising to 2.72, against the 2.57 adopted by the Seventh Central Pay Commission, "so that Punjab's basic pay is higher than the corresponding Central basic pay across most of the matrix". It said that DA being a percentage applied to basic pay, "an identical percentage upon a higher

base does not produce an identical emolument but a larger one."

It submitted that "in five categories — clerk, driver, stenographer, ETT teacher, and constable — of the seven, the Punjab employee already draws more at the existing 42 per cent (DA) by between Rs 1,832 and Rs 17,852 a month" and it was only in two categories — Superintendent and Police Inspector — that it fell short.

The plea said the State "offered upon oath to cure it, undertaking in principle to raise DA so far as required to extend to its employees parity with analogous Central categories in absolute carry home salary... Yet the impugned judgment did not advert to the undertaking, even though the application was on the file from 28.07.2026, six days before pronouncement."

On the fiscal stress that the order puts on the state, it said, "upon the material compiled by

PM at SCO

world, the scope of security has expanded significantly. The crisis in West Asia has demonstrated that a conflict in one region does not remain confined there. It impacts global energy security, maritime trade and supply chains. The Global South bears the brunt of these consequences. Therefore, India has consistently maintained that the resolution of all tensions and conflicts is possible only through dialogue and diplomacy, not on the battlefield," the PM said.

And as Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif listened, Modi said, "Terrorism remains a grave challenge for all of humanity. In the fight against it, we cannot limit ourselves to a mere 'action-reaction' mindset."

"We must dismantle the entire ecosystem of terror financing, recruitment, radicalisation and safe havens. We must speak in one voice to declare that there is no room for double standards on this critical issue. Countries that use terrorism as an instrument of state policy and provide shelter and support to terrorists must be sent a strong message: Terrorism cannot be a strategic asset for anyone," he said.

In May 2025, days after the Pahalgam terror attack, India launched Operation Sindoor, striking terror targets in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir and Pakistan. This led to four days of hostilities which ended with Pakistan seeking a ceasefire.

Punjab moves SC

would have serious fiscal and constitutional implications. The State has also contended that money cannot be withdrawn from the Consolidated Fund without following the prescribed appropriation process.

"Expenditure of this order cannot be met without a supplementary statement of expenditure under Article 205(1)(a), a demand for a grant, which by Article 203(3), may be made only upon the recommendation of the Governor, the assent of the House under Article 203(2), and an Appropriation Act under Article 204, without which, by Article 204(3), no money may be withdrawn from the Consolidated Fund of the State at all," read the plea. It adds that "every one of those steps presupposes a sitting of the Legislative Assembly summoned by the Governor

under Article 174."

A division bench of the high court had asked the State to release, within a fortnight, every pending installment of DA and DR "to every State employee and pensioner at the rates applicable to officers of the All India Services serving in connection with the affairs of the State". It had also directed that the State would have to pay 6 per cent simple interest in case of default. It also "restrained" the State government "from 'unproductive' expenditure until all dues are cleared. The high court had also quashed a liquidation plan submitted by the State government "as it staggers the admitted arrears of approximately Rs 14,191 crore." The State, in its plea, said the directions produce a "disproportionate outcome".

In its plea, the Punjab gov-

Voters can be deleted, but not without a probe

The ERO can delete an entry from the electoral roll in case the person has died, or is no longer ordinarily resident in that constituency, or has been found ineligible — meaning, they are not a citizen or are under the age of 18 years.

● How can electors apply for deletion?

Under the Registration of Electors Rules, 1960, Form 7 must be used for making "objection for proposed inclusion / deletion of name in existing roll". Electors can file a Form 7 if they want to delete their own name or if they want to object to any other elector in their constituency.

The form can be downloaded from the ECI's voter portal (voters.eci.gov.in) and handed to the BLO concerned or submitted online. The ECINet app can also be used to submit forms online.

● How is Form 7 filed online?

To submit Form 7 online, one has to first create an account and link one's phone number to their electors photo identity card (EPIC) number on the voters' portal or app. Only those registered in the same constituency can submit a Form 7 seeking deletion of a name from a particular constituency.

Form 7 requires the applicant to provide their own name, EPIC number and phone number, as well as the name, EPIC number (if available) and address of the person against whom they are objecting.

The applicant has to select one of five reasons for objecting against an elector: "death", "under age", "absent/permanently shifted", "already enrolled", or "not Indian citizen".

The form does not require any evidence. However, the applicant has to sign a declaration that says: "I HEREBY DECLARE that to the best of my knowledge and belief that I am aware that making a statement or declar-

ation which is false and which I know or believe to be false or do not believe to be true, is punishable..."

Once the form is completed, it can be printed for offline submission to the BLO or submitted online.

● How are the forms processed?

Since 2018, the ECI has had a centralised portal for EROs across the country, known as ERONet. Before that, states had their own applications for processing forms.

The ERONet portal standardised the process. However, each form is processed at the level of the ERO concerned and not centrally.

In 2025, the ECI launched a new version of this portal, combining about 40 of its existing apps and portals for voters and officers. Voters who log on to the voters' portal or officers who access ERONet are all redirected to the new ECINet portal.

EROs and Assistant EROs receive the applications filed in their respective areas through the portal for further processing. For each form, the ERO is required to issue a notice to the elector against whom an objection has been filed, give seven days for response, hold a hearing and pass an order. BLOs are required to conduct field visits to verify as well.

● Are there gaps in the online system?

The portal itself does not require any proof at the time of filing a form for deletion. There is also no verification of whether applicants' EPICs and phone numbers actually belong to them.

But, ECI officials point out, safeguards are built into the system through the provisions of the RP Act and Registration of Electors Rules. While the form may be filed online, the deletion can only be carried out after a detailed inquiry by the ERO and the BLO on the ground.

NCLT special bench

by paying Rs 6.25 crore, against admitted claims of Rs 22,006.57 crore.

The bench, comprising NCLT president Justice (ret'd) Anupinder Singh Grewal, judicial members Bachu Venkat Balaram Das and Mahendra Khandelwal, and technical members Atul Chaturvedi and Ravindra Chaturvedi, directed Chandra, in his capacity as guarantor, not to alienate — sell, transfer or dispose of — any of his properties, either directly or indirectly.

The tribunal also issued notices to all parties and decided to hear the matter again, noting that there was no clear majority view on the earlier verdicts.

The constitution of the larger bench followed the NCLT's order, on August 25, approving a repayment plan under which creditors would receive only about Rs 6.25 crore, against guarantees of about Rs 22,000 crore signed by Chandra.

The case attracted attention because of the exceptionally large gap between the claims and the amount proposed to be paid to creditors.

The NCLT's August 25 order came after a split verdict by a two-member bench was resolved by a third member. The plan received 80.814 per cent of the voting share, while banks opposing it accounted for only 19.186 per cent.

The personal insolvency proceedings against Chandra were initiated in 2024 following a petition by Indiabulls Housing Finance. The proceedings relate to personal guarantees given by Chandra for borrowings of Essel Group-linked companies and are separate from corporate insolvency proceedings involving group companies and regulatory proceedings concerning Zee Entertainment Enterprises.

Following the August 25 order, banks and other creditors raised objections over the exceptionally low recovery and questioned whether Chandra's financial position and assets had been examined sufficiently. They had also questioned whether a forensic investigation was warranted.

Banks now say that at least five entities -- which held 61.78% of the votes cast and backed the repayment plan -- are linked to Chandra, either as

associates or related parties. As many as 23 creditors participated in the voting under the insolvency mechanism, and banks which opposed the plan got a vote share of only 19.186%.

On August 30, Chandra said borrowers associated with his personal guarantees had assured him that they would reconcile the accounts with lenders and settle the balance of Rs 4,262 crore.

In its earlier order, the tribunal concluded that the repayment plan could provide a better outcome for creditors than pushing the matter into bankruptcy. It also held that where creditors had approved a plan in accordance with the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, the tribunal would not ordinarily substitute its own commercial assessment for that of the creditors.

The August 25 order had triggered further questions over the effectiveness of personal guarantees and the ability of lenders to recover money when the guarantor's available assets are substantially lower than the liabilities.

The development adds another layer to a closely watched insolvency case that has raised questions about creditor recoveries, promoter guarantees and the limits of the personal insolvency framework.

The most striking aspect of the case is the contrast between Chandra's historical financial standing and the assets disclosed during the insolvency process. Creditors pointed to net-worth certificates issued in 2017 and 2018 showing figures of about Rs 45,888 crore and Rs 40,562 crore, respectively. Against that, the insolvency process recorded Chandra's current assets at roughly Rs 31.79 crore. The huge difference became a central point of contention.

Creditors wanted a forensic investigation and asset-tracing exercise to establish what happened to the wealth that had been attributed to Chandra and the promoter group in earlier years. NCLT's view was that the old net-worth certificates, by themselves, did not establish that assets had been concealed or diverted. The tribunal also held that appointment of a forensic auditor or asset-tracing agency was not a mandatory precondition for considering a repayment plan.



DIRECTS REVENUE OFFICIALS TO SUBMIT AFFIDAVIT

HC: Amazed how authorities allowed constructions to continue on Kaimbwala

Observation comes after an application alleged construction in Sukhna Lake Catchment Area and Eco-Sensitive Zone

Jagpreet Singh Sandhu
Chandigarh, September 1

THE PUNJAB AND Haryana High Court has expressed dismay over constructions in Chandigarh's Kaimbwala village — an ecologically fragile zone — despite a ban imposed by the court's Division Bench.

"We are amazed as to how the authorities have allowed such constructions to go on when there is a ban imposed by the Division Bench of this court," the court observed.

The high court made the observation after a report by the Local Commissioner and a video played before it showed "large number of constructions" and new boundary walls on the khasra numbers (land records) in question.

The Division Bench of Acting Chief Justice Ashwani Kumar Mishra and Justice Rohit Kapoor, in its August 31 order, took on record the report along with a pen-drive submitted by advocate Nitin Kaulsh, who had been appointed as the Local Commissioner on the previous date.

The matter concerns an interim application in a suo-motu taken by the high court against the Chandigarh Administration and others. The application, represented by Senior Advocate Akshay Bhan and Advocate Shaurya Khanna, Advocate and Akhilesh Barak, is related to the alleged ongoing construction at Kaimbwala.

In the application seeking urgent preponement and in-

terim directions, the applicants stated that the immediate trigger arose on August 10 and 11, when private persons allegedly mobilised heavy commercial machinery and 8-10 construction labourers onto an unpartitioned joint agricultural holding at Kaimbwala in Khasra No. 23/12. They alleged that deep trenches were dug and construction of a permanent reinforced cement concrete (RCC) structure was commenced, with steel reinforcement pillars reaching nearly 10 feet in height.

The applicants further alleged that despite real-time alerts, formal complaints and site reports being sent through email and WhatsApp to the Deputy Commissioner, Tehsil-dar Enforcement and SDM (Central) on August 11, the official respondents had shown "complete administrative inertia" and a "total abdication of their statutory enforcement powers". They alleged that, taking advantage of the alleged lack of field intervention, construction of the permanent 10-foot RCC wall was continuing on a daily basis.

According to the application, the alleged construction was taking place within the designated Sukhna Lake Catchment Area and protected Eco-Sensitive Zone (ESZ), situated barely 500 metres from Sukhna Lake.

The applicants claimed that raising a permanent 10-foot RCC structure would artificially alter the natural drainage contours and hydrology of the



The matter has been listed for September 10, 2026. FILE

basin, and referred to interim protection orders passed by the high court on March 14, 2011 and December 18, 2020, which, according to the application, explicitly ban fresh building activities and landscape modifications in the catchment area.

The applicants also alleged that administrative records from June to August 2026 showed a continuous pattern of unchecked activity on the joint estate. They stated that in June and July alone, over 25 to 100 truckloads of external soil and industrial malba were dumped across Khasra Nos. 23/9, 23/11, 23/12, 23/20 and 35/1, allegedly raising the terrain by four to six feet. They further alleged that 15-20-foot-high shade curtains were erected to conceal late-night earthmoving operations and that JCBs were used to bury debris inside 12-15-foot-deep trenches.

The application stated that if the matter remained listed for September 10, the ongoing RCC wall construction would be fully completed and sealed on

the ground, allegedly altering the topography, destroying agricultural topsoil and obstructing natural water pathways feeding Sukhna Lake.

The applicants sought an urgent hearing and interim directions to halt construction activities.

In its August 31 order, the high court said, "We expect that the authorities would ensure that the status as it exists pursuant to order of the writ court is maintained and no unauthorised construction is allowed in the area".

"It shall be open for any of the parties aggrieved by the report of the Local Commissioner to file its objections," the bench added.

The high court directed the revenue authorities to apprise the court through an affidavit "as to who are the persons, who have actually raised construction of boundary walls, in the teeth of the judgment of the Division Bench".

The matter has been listed for September 10, 2026.

Mayor meets Khattar, seeks Centre's support for UT's projects

Express News Service
Chandigarh, September 1

CHANDIGARH MAYOR Saurabh Joshi on Tuesday met Union Minister for Housing and Urban Affairs and Power Manohar Lal Khattar during the latter's official visit to the city and discussed key civic issues and development priorities.

Joshi apprised Khattar of Chandigarh's infrastructure requirements, civic challenges and the development priorities of the Municipal Corporation. He also sought continued support from the Centre for projects aimed at strengthening civic infrastructure and improving urban services.

The Mayor thanked Khattar for the support extended to Chandigarh at a recent meeting of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, where issues concerning the city were discussed.

"Chandigarh deserves development that matches its national importance and its identity as one of India's best-planned cities. The Centre's support and Manohar Lal Khattar's positive approach give us greater strength to take Chandigarh forward," Joshi said.

He said greater coordination between the Ministry and the Municipal Corporation could help expedite development projects and improve civic amenities.

According to the Mayor's office, Khattar gave a positive response to the issues raised and assured continued support for Chandigarh's development.

Joshi reiterated his focus on "Chandigarh First", with emphasis on improving civic services, strengthening infrastructure and ensuring long-term development.

UT Cong stages march to BJP office over FIR against Rahul Gandhi

Express News Service
Chandigarh, September 1

THE CHANDIGARH Pradesh Congress Committee on Tuesday staged a protest march towards the BJP Office in Sector 33, demanding withdrawal of the FIR registered against Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi in Uttarakhand.

Led by Chandigarh Congress president HS Lucky, the protesters marched from Congress Bhawan in Sector 35 towards the BJP office, raising slogans against the BJP government and carrying placards in support of Gandhi. Senior party leaders, councillors, office-bearers and workers participated in the protest.

The march was stopped by Chandigarh Police after barricades were placed on the route to the BJP office.

A heated exchange and jostles between police personnel and Congress workers followed, after which the protesters sat on the road and staged a dharna.

Addressing the gathering, Lucky accused the BJP government of using police and investigative agencies to target political opponents.

He said Gandhi could not be



During the protest on Tuesday

intimidated by such cases and would continue to raise issues concerning the Constitution and democracy.

"More than 32 cases have already been registered against Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi, but Rahul Gandhi is not a leader who can be intimidated. He will continue his struggle for the rights of the people, the Constitution and democracy," Lucky said.

The Congress president also referred to the alleged 'purification' of a place in Uttarakhand following an event attended by Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge. He termed the incident

objectionable and alleged that instead of taking action against those responsible, an FIR had been registered against Gandhi after the Congress raised the issue.

"Instead of taking action against those who hurt the dignity of the Dalit community and act against the spirit of the Constitution, registering a case against the Leader of Opposition reflects the double standards of the BJP government," Lucky said.

He further accused the BJP government of failing to address issues such as unemployment, inflation, corruption and paper leaks, alleging that cases against opposition leaders were being used to divert public attention.

"Instead of addressing its declining credibility, the government is using police and investigative agencies as political weapons. The Congress party will continue its struggle on issues concerning the public," he said.

Lucky also announced that the Chandigarh Congress would intensify its agitation in the coming days on issues including inflation, unemployment, corruption and what he termed administrative failures in the city.

UT rolls out multi-category online building plan approvals

Chandigarh: The UT Administration has expanded its online building plan approval system to cover multiple categories of residential, commercial and industrial plots, with self-certification by architects, real-time alerts and a digital monitoring dashboard.

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SHER-E-PUNJAB T20 LEAGUE

Arjun's all-round show powers Ludhiana Lions to three-wicket win

Express News Service
Mohali, September 1

AN ALL-ROUND performance by Arjun Rajput (82 and 4/27) helped Ludhiana Lions defeat Bathinda Royals by three wickets in the fourth match of the fourth edition of the Sher-e-Punjab T20 League at the IS Bindra PCA International Stadium on Tuesday.

Lions won the toss and opted to field. Bathinda Royals posted 165 in 19 overs, with Noorveer Singh top-scoring with 39 off 24 balls, including two fours and four sixes. Skipper Harnoor Singh contributed 38 off 19 balls, hitting six boundaries.

Rajput was the pick of the Lions' bowlers, claiming four wickets for 27 runs in four overs, while Sahil Bhaskar took three for 25.

Chasing 166, Ludhiana made a disastrous start, slipping to 29 for four in 3.4 overs. Rajput and Abhijeet Garg then added 52 runs for the fifth wicket to steady the innings. Garg was run out for 13 in the 10th over.

Rajput continued to anchor the chase, adding 68 runs off 36 balls with Krish Bhagat for the sixth wicket before being dismissed leg-before-wicket by



Arjun Rajput

Gourav Chaudhary in the 16th over.

Rajput struck eight fours and four sixes in his 45-ball 82. Bhagat remained unbeaten on 35 off 19 balls as Lions reached 166 for seven in 18.4 overs, with eight balls to spare. Gourav Chaudhary took two wickets for 31 runs for Bathinda.

Lions had opened their campaign on Monday night with a seven-wicket win over Mohali Kings. Mohali Kings scored 176 for nine in 20 overs, with Aryan Bhatia making 48. Sumit Sharma and Gourav Chaudhary took three wickets each for Lions.

In the chase, Lions reached 177 for three in 17.2 overs, with Gourav Chaudhary unbeaten on 76 off 45 balls and Ridham Satyawar on 51 off 39.

Meanwhile, the Punjab Cricket Association has announced free entry to the Yuvraj Singh Stand for fans during the league stage. Tickets for other stands are priced at Rs 50 and Rs 100, while Corporate Box tickets cost Rs 499.

The PCA has designated the Dussehra Ground near Gate No. 6 as a parking area for spectators.

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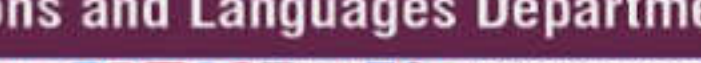
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EMPLOYMENT NOTICE

EX-SERVICEMEN CONTRIBUTORY HEALTH SCHEME

STATION HQ, AMBALA CANTT

1. Ref Advertisement dated 28 Jul 2026.

2. Additional application forms for the following posts are also invited for employment of contractual staff for ECHS Polyclinics³

Ser No.	Appointment	Minimum Qualification Fixed	No of Vacancy		Age in Years		Fixed Remuneration
			ESM Only	Open for ESM & Civilian	For Employment	For Contractual Service	
2.1	Medical Officer	MBBS & Min 03 Yrs Experience after Internship Preferable Additional Qualification in Medicine/Surgery	-	02 (Ambala-01 & Kaithal-01)	63	65	Rs. 95,000/-pm
2.2	Nursing Asst	GNM Diploma/Class-I Nursing Assistants Course (Armed Forces) & Min 05 Yrs Experience	-	02 (Kurukshetra)	56	58	Rs.36,500/-pm
2.3	Female Attendant	Literate & Min 05 Yrs Experience in Civil/ Army Health Institutions	-	01 (Sonapat)	53	55	Rs. 21,800/- pm

3. The following amendment is hereby made in the advertisement/nepapers of 28 Jul 2026:-

For - One Vacancy each for the post of Medical Officer for ECHS Polyclinic, Ambala & Kaithal published against ESM vac.

Read - Application forms for Medical Officer for ECHS Polyclinic, Ambala & Kaithal is required against Open Vac.

4. Last date of submission of application is **16 Sep 2026**.

PUNJAB GRAMIN BANK

REGIONAL OFFICE : JALANDHAR

[Rule (8-1)] SYMBOLIC POSSESSION

NOTICE FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

Whereas the Undersigned being "Authorized Officer" of Punjab Gramin Bank, Regional Office : Jalandhar, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 in Exercise of powers conferred under section 13(2) read with Rule 9 security interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued demand notice on the date mentioned against the account calling upon the respective Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s) to repay the amount as mentioned against account within 60 days from the date of notice/date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s) having failed to repay the Amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken **Symbolic Possession** of the property/ies described here below in Exercise of the powers conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of said Act read with Rules 8 & 9 of the said rules on the date mentioned against account.

The Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s) in particular & the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the said property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **Punjab Gramin Bank, Branch Office: Bahaderke**, for amount, interest and other expenses thereon.

The borrower(s)/ guarantor(s) attention is invited to provisions of Sub-Section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured asset(s).

Name of Branch Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s) B/o : Bahaderke	Description of the Immovable Property	Date of Demand Notice	Date of Possession	Amount Outstanding as per Demand Notice
Borrower(s): Smt. Shini W/o Sh. Santosh Kumar, R/o House No. G-5, 488/1, Street No. 2/7, Near Shiv Puri, Tehsil & Distt. Ludhiana. Also at : Village Noorwala, Tehsil & Distt. Ludhiana.	Mortgage of property measuring 70 Sq. yards comprised in Khata No. 269/282 having Khasra No. 15/1/3, Situated at Village Noorwala, Tehsil & Distt. Ludhiana as per jamabandi for the year 2016-17 vide vasika No. 2023-24/106/1/14720 dated 26.09.2023 in the name Smt. Shini W/o Sh. Santosh Kumar. Bounded as under: East: Neighbour, West: Street, North: Neighbour, South: Neighbour.	12.06.2026	29.08.2026	Rs. 17,70,794/- (Rupees Seventeen Lakhs Seventy Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety Four Only) as on 30.05.2026 and interest / other charges accrued thereon.

Date : 01.09.2026

Place : Jalandhar

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E-AUCTION/

SALE

NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR E-AUCTION FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE/MOVABLE PROPERTIES

DETAIL OF THE ENCUMBRANCES KNOWN TO THE SECURED CREDITORS: NOT KNOWN

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable/Movable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 read with provisions of Rule (8) & (6/2) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rule, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the borrower(s), mortgagor(s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described movable/immovable property(ies) mortgaged/ hypothecated/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive/ physical (whichever is applicable) possession of which has been taken by the Authorized officer of Bank/ Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", & "Whatever there is" on date as mentioned in the table herein below, for recovery of its dues due to the Bank/ Secured Creditor from the respective borrower(s) & guarantor(s). The reserve price and the earnest money deposit will be as mentioned in the table below against the respective properties.

SCHEDULE OF SALE OF THE SECURED ASSETS

Lot No.	Name of the Branch	Description of Movable/ Immovable Mortgaged Property(ies) and Name of Owner(s)/ Mortgagors	Date of Demand Notice u/s 13(2) of SARFAESI Act 2002		Reserve Price	Date and Time of E-Auction	
	Name of the Account		Outstanding Amount	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)			
			Date of Possession	Bid Increase Amount			
			Nature of Possession				
1.	BO: SAMB, CHANDIGARH JAI BHOLA NATH ENTERPRISES PVT. LTD. Jai Bhola Nath Enterprises Pvt. Ltd., Opposite Kumar Filling Station, Fazilka Road, Abohar, Sh. Shiv Lal Doda S/o Sh. Chhabeel Dass, Opposite Kumar Filling Station, Fazilka Road, Abohar, Smt. Sunita Doda, Opposite Kumar Filling Station, Fazilka Road, Abohar, Avinash Doda S/o Sh. Chhabeel Dass, Opposite Kumar Filling Station, Fazilka Road, Abohar, Sh. Gagan Doda S/o Sh. Shiv Lal Doda, Opposite Kumar Filling Station, Fazilka Road, Abohar, Sh. Raj Kumar Batra, Plot No. 29, Industrial Area Rania Road, Phase III, Sirda, Sh. Amit Arora, 62, Basant Avenue, Amritsar, Ms. Sanal Doda, H. No. 80, FF, Anand Vihar, Piltampura, New Delhi.	Residential cum commercial Plot measuring 5456 Sq. ft. bearing RTD No. 6301 Dated 05.02.13 regd. With Sub Registrar Abohar situated at New Fazilka Road, opposite Kumar Filling Station, Abohar. (Punjab)	16.04.2018	R.P.: Rs. 71,40,000/-	24/09/2026 From 11.00 AM to 4.00 PM		
			Rs. 4,04,70,190.98 plus interest and other charges w.e.f. 01.04.2018	EMD: Rs. 7,14,000/-			
			17.09.2018	Bid Increase amount: Rs. 1,00,000/-			
			SYMBOLIC POSSESSION				
2.	BRANCH: SAMB CHANDIGARH M/s Golden Agarlan Private Limited M/s Golden Agarlan Private Limited, through liquidator Sandeep Chitkara, Sadiq Road, Faridkot, Faridkot City, Punjab-151203, Sh. Malkiat Singh S/o Sh. Sarwan Singh R/o Sadiq Road, Sant Mohan Avenue, Faridkot 151203, Harshinder Kaur W/o Sh. Gurcharan Singh R/o Opposite K V School, Faridkot 151203, Smt. Ramandeep Kaur W/o Harpreet Singh Gill R/o Village Pindi Blocha Sadiq, Faridkot 1512512, Sh. Sukhbir Singh @ Sukhveer Singh @ Sukhveer Singh Samra S/o Late Harinderjeet Singh C/o Samra Industries, Sadiq Road, Near Canal, Faridkot 151203, M/s Samra Ice & General Mills a prop firm situated at sadiq road, Faridkot 151203, Smt. Gagandeep Kaur D/o Late Harinderjeet Singh c/o Samra Industries, Sadiq Road, Near Canal, Faridkot 151203, Smt. Bhupinder Kaur W/o Late Harinderjeet Singh C/o Samra Industries, Sadiq Road, Near Canal, Faridkot 151203, Sh. Rajveer Singh @ Rajveer Singh Samra S/o Late Harinderjeet Singh C/o Samra Industries, Sadiq Road, Near Canal, Faridkot 151203, Smt. Samanpreet Kaur W/o Sh. Jagjit Singh R/o Bhan Singh Colony, Street No. 3, Faridkot, 151203, M/s Everest Industries, a prop firm situated at Sadiq Road, Faridkot, 151203 through its prop Sh. Malkiat Singh, Smt. Amanveer Kaur W/o Rushnil Singh Chahal H. No. 1564 Sector 36D, Chandigarh.	All part and parcel of Industrial Plot measuring 4 Kanal situated at Sadiq Road, Near M/s Samra Industries, Faridkot, RTD No. 323 dated 05.25.2003 owned by Sukhbir Singh So Harinderjit Singh and Rapir Singh S/o Harinderjit Singh (Not Demarcated) Note: Original Title Deeds are held with the CBI & bank will provide the same to purchaser through court of CBI	10.04.2018	R.P.: Rs. 29,00,000/-	24/09/2026 From 11.00 AM to 4.00 PM		
			Rs. 50,93,78,115.82 plus further interest & expenses w.e.f. 01.04.2018 at contractual rate until payment in full	EMD: Rs. 2,90,000/-			
			21.07.2019	Bid Increase amount: Rs. 1,00,000/-			
			SYMBOLIC POSSESSION				
3.	BRANCH: SAMB CHANDIGARH M/S JOGINDER PAL DODA M/s Joginder Pal Doda, H. No. B-VIII/195, Street Nirankari Bhawan, Ward No. 12, Abohar-152116, Sh. Anand Kumar S/o Sh. Ved Parkash R/o Street No. 1, 3rd Crossing New Suraj Nagar Abohar-152116, Sh. Shiv Lal Doda S/o Sh. Chhabeel Dass, Opp. Kumar Filling Station Fazilka Road, Abohar-152116, Sh. Gagan Doda S/o Sh. Shiv Lal Doda, Opp. Kumar Filling Station Fazilka Road, Abohar-152116, Sh. Anil Kumar S/o Sh. Lal Chand, R/o H No. 730, 1B, Abohar-152116, Sh. Amit Doda S/o Sh. Nanak Chand Doda, Opp. Kumar Filling Station Fazilka Road, Abohar-152116, Smt. Sunita Doda, Opp. Kumar Filling Station Fazilka Road, Abohar-152116, M/s Gagan Distillers & Beverages Pvt Ltd, 227, Dharan Kunj Apartment Sector 9, Rohini New Delhi-110085, Late Sh. Satya Pal R/o 107, Ward No. 25, Patel Nagar, Abohar-152116, Smt. Asha Rani W/o Sh. Satya Pal R/o 107, Ward No. 25, Patel Nagar, Abohar-152116, Late Sh Satya Pal through his L.R's Ms. Anupma Street No. 15, near post office, Abohar 152116 Tehsil Abohar Distt. Fazilka.	Equitable mortgage of Commercial building admeasuring 986.66 Sq. Yards situated at Plot No. 996/13A (1996/3A), Street No. 15, Dashmesh Nagar, Gill Road, Ludhiana Owned by Sh. Gagan Doda S/o Sh. Shiv Lal Doda, vide RTD. No. 4879 Dated 09.08.2010.	16.04.2018	R.P.: Rs. 3,22,24,300/-	24/09/2026 From 11.00 AM to 4.00 PM		
			Rs. 13,16,78,059.60 plus further interest and costs w.e.f. 01.04.2018 and other expenses less recoveries until payment in full.	EMD: Rs. 32,22,430/-			
			17.09.2018	Bid Increase amount: Rs. 1,00,000/-			
			SYMBOLIC POSSESSION				

CONTACT PERSON: SHRI SUBHRAJIT MISHRA, AUTHORISED OFFICER, SAMB CHANDIGARH, MOBILE: 9571988800

CONTACT PERSON: SHRI NAND KISHORE BARNWAL, AUTHORISED OFFICER, SAMB CHANDIGARH, MOBILE: 9735244455

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF E-AUCTION SALE

1. The sale shall be subject to the Terms & Conditions prescribed in the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 and to the following further conditions. The auction sale shall be "online through e-auction" portal <https://baanknet.com>

2. The intending Bidders/Purchasers are requested to register on portal (<https://baanknet.com>) using their email-id and mobile number. The process of e-KYC is to be done through DigiLocker. Once the e-KYC is done, the intending Bidders/Purchasers may transfer the EMD amount to their e-Wallet using online/challan mode before the e-Auction Date and time in the portal. The registration, verification of e-KYC, transfer of EMD in wallet and linking of wallet amount to Property must be completed well in advance, before auction.

3. Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) amount as mentioned above shall be paid online/challan mode and will be credited in bidders e-Wallet. Bidders, not depositing the required EMD online, will not be allowed to participate in the e-auction. The Earnest Money Deposited shall not bear any interest.

4. Platform (<https://baanknet.com>) for e-Auction will be provided by e Auction service provider M/s PSB Alliance Pvt. Ltd. having its Registered office at Unit 1, 3rd Floor, VIOS Commercial Tower, Near Wadala Truck Terminal, Wadala East, Mumbai-400037 (Helpdesk Number +91 8291222020, Email Id: support.baanknet@psballiance.com). The intending Bidders/Purchasers are required to participate in the e-Auction process at e-Auction Service Provider's website <https://baanknet.com> This Service Provider will also provide online demonstration/training on e-Auction on the portal.

5. The Sale Notice containing the General Terms and Conditions of Sale is available / published in the following websites/ web page portal.
a. <https://baanknet.com>, b. www.pnbindia.in

6. The intending participants of e-auction may download free of cost, copies of the Sale Notice, Terms & Conditions of e-auction, Help Manual on operational part of e-Auction related to this e-Auction from e-auction portal (<https://baanknet.com>).

7. Bidder's e-Wallet should have sufficient balance (>EMD amount) at the time of bidding.

8. During the e-auction, bidders will be allowed to offer higher bid in inter-se bidding over and above the last bid quoted and the increase in the bid amount must be of increment amount mentioned. 10 minutes time will be allowed to bidders to quote successive higher bid and if no higher bid is offered by any bidder after the expiry of 10 minutes to the last highest bid, the e-auction shall be closed.

9. It is the responsibility of intending Bidder(s) to properly read the Sale Notice, Terms & conditions of e-auction, Help Manual on operational part of e-Auction and follow them strictly.

10. In case of any difficulty or need of assistance before or during e-Auction process, bidder may contact authorized representative of our e-Auction Service Provider M/s PSB Alliance Pvt. Ltd. Details of which are available on the Baanknet portal.

11. After finalization of e-Auction by the Authorized Officer, only successful bidder will be informed by our above referred service provider through SMS/ email. (On mobile no/ email address given by them/registered with the service provider).

12. The secured asset will not be sold below the reserve price. The secured asset will only be sold at a price higher than the reserve price fixed for the property with at least one incremental Bid. The Bidder, at the time of commencement, shall give a minimum of one Bid increment at least greater than and over & above the reserve price fixed for the property. The property will not be sold and auction will not be confirmed, in case failed to fetch the price higher than the reserve price

13. The successful bidder shall have to deposit 25% (twenty five percent) of the bid amount, less EMD amount deposited, on the same day or not later than the next working day and the remaining amount shall be paid within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale through NEFT/RTGS/IMPS in account no. 834000317118A, IFSC Code: PUNB0834000, PUNJAB NATIONAL BANK, SAM BRANCH, CHANDIGARH OR in the form of Banker's Cheque/ Demand Draft issued by a Scheduled Commercial Bank drawn in favor of "The Authorized Officer, Punjab National Bank, A/c (SUNDRY NPA SARFESI AUCTION RELATED) Payable at Chandigarh". In case of failure to deposit the amounts as above within the stipulated time, the amount deposited by successful bidder will be forfeited to the Bank and Authorized Officer shall have the liberty to conduct a fresh auction/sale of the property & the defaulting bidder shall not have any claim over the forfeited amount and the property.

14. Payment of sale consideration by the successful bidder to the bank will be subject to TDS under Section 194-1A of Income Tax Act 1961 and TDS is to be made by the successful bidder only at the time of deposit of remaining 75 % of the bid amount/full deposit of BID amount.

15. The Authorised Officer reserves the right to accept any or reject all bids, if not found acceptable or to postpone/cancel/adjourn/discontinue or vary the terms of the auction at any time without assigning any reason whatsoever and his decision in this regard shall be final.

16. The sale certificate shall be issued in the favour of successful bidder on deposit of full bid amount as per the provisions of the act. No request for inclusion/substitution of names, other than those mentioned in the bid, in the sale certificate will be entertained. The Sale Certificate will be issued only in the name of the successful bidder.

17. The properties are being sold on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" and "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" and "WHATEVER THERE IS BASIS".

18. The particulars of Secured Assets specified in the Schedule hereinabove have been stated to the best of the information of the Authorised Officer, but the Authorised Officer shall not be answerable for any error, misstatement or omission in this proclamation.

19. It shall be the responsibility of the bidders to inspect and satisfy themselves about the asset and specification before submitting the bid. The bidder inspects the property in consultation with the dealing official as per the details provided.

20. All statutory dues/attendant charges/other dues including registration charges, stamp duty, taxes etc. shall have to be borne by the purchaser.

21. The Authorized Officer or the Bank shall not be responsible for any charge, lien, encumbrances, or any other dues to the Government or anyone else in respect of properties (E-Auctioned) not known to the bank. The Intending Bidder is advised to make their own independent inquiries regarding the encumbrances on the property including statutory liabilities, arrears of property tax, electricity dues etc.

22. The bidder should ensure proper internet connectivity, power back-up etc. The Bank shall not be liable for any disruption due to internet failure, power failure or technical reasons or reasons/contingencies affecting the e-auctions.

23. It is open to the Bank to appoint a representative and make self-bid and participate in the auction.

For detailed term and conditions of the sale, please refer <https://baanknet.com> & www.pnbindia.in.

Date: 01.09.2026

Place: Chandigarh

AUTHORIZED OFFICER

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फॉर्म-6

नए मतदाता के लिए

यदि आप 18 वर्ष की आयु पूर्ण कर चुके हैं और आपका नाम मतदाता सूची में नहीं है, तो फॉर्म-6 भरे

नया नाम जोड़ने हेतु

फॉर्म-7

नाम हटाने के लिए

यदि किसी का नाम मतदाता सूची में है, लेकिन उसकी मृत्यु हो गई है या स्थान परिवर्तन किया है, तो फॉर्म-7 भरे।

नाम हटाने हेतु

फॉर्म-8

विवरण सुधारने के लिए

यदि आपके नाम, आयु, पता, फोटो या अन्य विवरण में कोई गलती है, या फिर स्थान परिवर्तन किया है, तो फॉर्म 8 भरे

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT : www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in or www.etenders.hry.nic.in No. 4883/HRY

Appeal for identification

General Public is hereby informed that one unknown person aged about 45 years, shallow complexion, height 5'8" hindu type person, light beard and moustache whole face burnt marks old, on 20.08.2026 message was received from Control room that a unconscious person at PP PGI bus stop Chandigarh, ambulance vehicle lifted to person to GMSH-16 Chandigarh after that an information was received from GMSH-16 an unknown male person was admitted in GMSH-16 as brought dead Cr no. 20260372722.

In this regard, a DDR No. 22, dated 20.08.2026 U/S 194 BNSS has been lodged in Police Station-11, Chandigarh. The legal heirs of deceased are not known. The photograph of deceased is given above.

If anyone having any information/clue about the whereabouts of deceased, please inform to SHO Police Station-11 on Phone No. 9779580911, 10 8369623543 0172-2755100, 2760004/2, 0172-2928012, 2920296 or Police Control Phone No. 0172-2749194 or 112.

No. A-189 Chandigarh Police



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Notice: Clarification/Corrigendum/Addendum

Reference: NIB No. ECD2627A0394 Date: 19-08-2026

कालीबाई भील मेधावी छात्रा स्कूटी योजना, देवनागरण छात्रा स्कूटी योजना एवं स्कूटी वितरण से संबंधित अन्य राज्य स्तरीय योजनाओं में सहभागिता हेतु प्रतिलिखित मूल उपकरण निमाताओं (Original Equipment Manufacturer) एवं अधिकृत डीलर / वितरकों से रचित अभियन्तिक दिनांक 19.08.2026 से 31.08.2026, 04.00 PM तक आमंत्रित की गयी थी। दिनांक 28.08.2026 को जारी Clarification/Corrigendum/Addendum के अनुसार Last date & Submission of EOI :- 15.09.2026 at 05.00 PM. And Date & time of Opening of EOI :- 16.09.2026 at 04.00 PM. रखी गयी है तथा अन्य जानकारी राज्य के प्रोक्योरमेंट पोर्टल <http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in>, <http://sppp.raj.nic.in> और विभाग की वेबसाइट <http://hte.rajasthan.gov.in> पर देखी जा सकती है।

Tender Id :- 2026 DOCE_590544_1

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BID/UBN NO. :- ECD2627GLOB00414

COMMISSIONER COLLEGE EDUCATION RAJASTHAN, JAIPUR

DIPR/C/15496/2026

ਦਫ਼ਤਰ ਸੀਨੀਅਰ ਮੈਡੀਕਲ ਅਫ਼ਸਰ, ਸਿਵਲ ਹਸਪਤਾਲ, ਬਠਿੰਡਾ

ਜਨਤਕ ਨੋਟਿਸ

ਸਿਵਲ ਹਸਪਤਾਲ, ਬਠਿੰਡਾ ਵਿਖੇ ਫਰਨੀਚਰ ਅਤੇ ਹਸਪਤਾਲ ਸਮਾਨ ਦੀ ਖਰੀਦ ਲਈ ਯੋਗ ਫਰਮਾਂ/ਭੀਲਰਾਂ ਤੋਂ ਸੀਲਬੱਦ ਕੋਟੇਸ਼ਨਾਂ ਦੀ ਮੰਗ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਂਦੀ ਹੈ। ਕੋਟੇਸ਼ਨ ਦਸਤਾਵੇਜ਼ 500/- (ਪੰਜ ਸੌ ਰੁਪਏ) ਗੈਰ-ਵਾਪਸੀਯੋਗ ਫੀਸ ਅਦਾ ਕਰਕੇ ਦਫ਼ਤਰੀ ਸਮੇਂ ਦੌਰਾਨ ਦਫ਼ਤਰ ਸੀਨੀਅਰ ਮੈਡੀਕਲ ਅਫ਼ਸਰ, ਸਿਵਲ ਹਸਪਤਾਲ, ਬਠਿੰਡਾ, ਕਮਰਾ ਨੰਬਰ 103 ਤੋਂ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਕੀਤੇ ਜਾ ਸਕਦੇ ਹਨ। ਸੀਲਬੱਦ ਕੋਟੇਸ਼ਨਾਂ ਮਿਤੀ 14-09-2026 ਨੂੰ ਸਵੇਰੇ 10:30 ਵਜੇ ਤੱਕ ਦਫ਼ਤਰ ਸੀਨੀਅਰ ਮੈਡੀਕਲ ਅਫ਼ਸਰ, ਸਿਵਲ ਹਸਪਤਾਲ, ਬਠਿੰਡਾ ਵਿਖੇ ਪਹੁੰਚ ਜਾਣੀਆਂ ਚਾਹੀਦੀਆਂ ਹਨ। ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਕੋਟੇਸ਼ਨਾਂ ਉਸੇ ਦਿਨ ਦੁਪਹਿਰ 2:00 ਵਜੇ ਖੋਲ੍ਹੀਆਂ ਜਾਣਗੀਆਂ। ਨਿਮਨਲਿਖਿਤ ਅਧਿਕਾਰੀ ਨੂੰ ਬਿਨਾਂ ਕੋਈ ਕਾਰਨ ਦੱਸੇ ਕਿਸੇ ਵੀ ਜਾਂ ਸਾਰੀਆਂ ਕੋਟੇਸ਼ਨਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਸਵੀਕਾਰ ਜਾਂ ਰੱਦ ਕਰਨ ਦਾ ਪੂਰਾ ਅਧਿਕਾਰ ਹੋਵੇਗਾ।

ਇੰਚ, ਸੀਨੀਅਰ ਮੈਡੀਕਲ ਅਫ਼ਸਰ
ਸਿਵਲ ਹਸਪਤਾਲ, ਬਠਿੰਡਾ

**GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA****TENDER NOTICE**

Sr. No.	NAME OF BOARD/CORP./ AUTH	NAME OF WORK NOTICE TENDER	OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE (TIME)	AMOUNT / ENB (APPROX.) IN RUPEES	WEBSITE OF THE BOARD/CORP./ AUTH	NODAL OFFICER/ CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL
1	HSAMB YAMUNANAGAR	CONSTRUCTION OF VARIOUS LINK ROADS IN THE NOTIFIED AREA OF MARKET COMMITTEE RADIAHAR AND YAMUNANAGAR IN RADIAHAR. CONSISTENCY (GROUP-3) ROAD ID 1464, 1292, 12771 AND 12775 IN DIST. YAMUNANAGAR	27.08.2026 18.09.2026	2,94,52,833/-	http://tenders.hry.nic.in	9270010001 amyns@hmrh2023@gmail.com

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT : www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in or www.etenders.hry.nic.in No. 4879/HRY

**KARNATAKA INDUSTRIAL AREAS DEVELOPMENT BOARD**
(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)

No.2, 2/1 and 2/3, Kalidasa Marg, 1st Main Road, Gandhinagar, Bengaluru-560009. Phone No. 080-22265383, Website: www.kiadb.in

No. IADB/ENGG/ETND-DPR-03/1424/2026-27**Date: 01.09.2026**

SHORT TERM NOTICE INVITING TENDER
(Through GOK Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Only)

KIADB invites tenders from reputed consultants/firms under two cover bid system having an office at Bengaluru with vast experience and proven record of similar nature of work for project mentioned below:-

Name of the Works: Providing Consultancy Services for Preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) for the Formation of New Industrial Area Including Economic Analysis, Surveying, Layout Plan Design, Preparation of Cost Estimates, Cost Structure etc., for the Proposed Masthenahalli Industrial Area, Phase-3, Chintamani Taluk & Chikkaballapura District (Extent: 614.98 acres)

The last date and time of receipt of tender is : **17.09.2026 upto 4.00 pm.**

Applicants May Download Bidding Documents from the Karnataka Public Procurement Portal <https://kpppp.karnataka.gov.in>.

Sd/-
Engineer in Chief, KIADB, Bengaluru

DIPR/CP/2533/SMCL/2026-27

**Indian Bank**

Branch : Khant
Chandigarh Ludhiana Highway, Tehsil Khamano, Distt. Fatehgarh Sahib, 140101

[Rule-8(1)] POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property)

Whereas the undersigned being the authorized officer of the **Indian Bank** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice to the borrowers and guarantors on dates mentioned against them claiming upon to repay the amount(s) mentioned in the respective demand notice within 60 days of the date of said notices.

The Borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers/ mortgagors / guarantors and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Possession of the property/ies described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rule on the date mentioned below.

The Borrowers/ mortgagors / guarantors in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property/ies and any dealings with the property/ies will be subject to the charge of the **Indian Bank, Khant Branch**, for the amount here in below and interest & other expenses thereon.

The borrower(s) attention is invited to provisions of Sub-Section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured asset(s).

Name of the Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)	Details of Charged/ Mortgaged Property/ies	Date and Amount of Demand Notice	Date of Possession
1. Sh. Jagdeep Singh S/o S. Jarnal Singh (Borrower) land measuring 10 Biswa comprised Mortgagor) . 2. Sh. Randeep Singh S/o Sh. Rajmat Singh (Guarantor).	All that part and parcel of plot No. 81, Jarnal Singh (Borrower) land measuring 10 Biswa comprised as 1/3rd share in total land of 1B-10B in Khata No. 406/605, Khasra No. 1615/541/1030/546, Situated at Mandi Gobindgarh, Tehsil Mandi Gobindgarh and District Fatehgarh Sahib, Punjab as per Jamabandi for the year 1997-1998 registered vide sale deed/Vasika No. 253 dated 29/04/2004 Jayad Bahi No. 1, Jilad No. 245, Safa No. 3 with Joint sub-registrar Mandi Gobindgarh belonging to Sh. Jagdeep Singh S/o Sh. S. Jarnal Singh. Boundaries as per sale deed: East: Cheema Petrol Pump, West: Pepsi Steel Godown, North: GT Road, South: H/o Jagdeep Singh.	13.11.2025 Rs. 8,70,539/- (Rupees Eight Lakh Seventy Thousand Five Hundred Thirty Nine Only) as on 12.11.2025 amounts to together with further interest at agreed rate from 13.11.2025 & other charges thereon.	29.08.2026

Date : 01.09.2026 Place : Khant Authorised Officer

**SHUBHAM HOUSING DEVELOPMENT FINANCE CO. LTD.**

Corporate Office : 425, Udyog Vihar Phase IV, Gurgaon-122015 (Haryana)
Ph.: 0124-4212530/31/32, E-Mail: customercare@shubham.co Website : www.shubham.co

POSSESSION NOTICE (FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY)

Whereas the undersigned being the authorized officer of the Shubham Housing Development Finance Company Limited (hereinafter called Shubham) under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued demand notice calling upon borrowers to repay the amount within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

The borrowers in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealing with the property will be subject to the charge of Shubham Housing Development Finance Company Limited for an amount detailed below and interest thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets. Details are as below:

S. No.	Loan No./Borrower(s) Name	Demand Notice Date & Amount	Secured Asset	Affixation Date
1	Loan No. OPAT2202000005043831, CHAND GULAB, SARVAN GULAB	15-05-2026 & ₹ 5,56,130/-	Property situated at Seona (after Drain) (Hadbast No. 24), comprised in Khewat No. 280, Khatoni No. 753, Khasra No's. 1322(6-5), 1326(5-0), 2606/1327(6-18), Teh & Distt. Patiala, Punjab 147001 / Area- 96 Sq.Yds	29-08-2026
2	Loan No. OMHO2011000005031444, SATBIR SINGH, KAMALJIT KAUR, PARAMJIT SINGH	15-05-2026 & ₹ 8,76,866/-	Khewat No. 172, Khatoni No. 172, Khasra No. 2/17/1(5-11) Kita 1 Rakha 5 Maria 11 Marie Da 6/111 Hissa Bakdar 0 Karnal 6 Marie Da Khewat No. 182, Dhatoani No. 182 Khasra No. 2/17/2(2-9) Kita 1 Rakha 2 Kanal 9 Marie Da 22/441 Hissa Bakdar 0 Kanal 2 Marie 4 Sarsai Kul Rakha 0 Kanal 8 Marie 4 Sarsai 252 Barag Gay Vaka Rakha Village Balongi Hadbasat No. 26 Tehsil ate Distt. SAS Nagar Mohali, Punjab - 140010	29-08-2026
3	Loan No. OLUD2408000005089744, LAXMAN, PREM LATA, AMAN	12-06-2026 & ₹ 15,02,470/-	Property situated at Guru Teg Bhadur Nagar, Khata Number 432/442, 433/443, 434/444, 435/445, 436/446, 604/613, Khasra No. 26/20/2, 22/1/1, 29/1/1, 1/2, 2/1/1, 9/2/2, 10, 26/21 Jamabandi Years 2008-2009, Village Gasapura, Hadbast No. 261, Tehsil & District Ludhiana Punjab 141014 / Area- 75 Sq.Yds	29-08-2026
4	Loan No. OAMT2208000005051061, PRABHJEET KAUR, GURSEVAK SINGH	12-06-2026 & ₹ 10,18,220/-	Plot No. 25 Min Khasra No. 701-709, Khatoni No. 724, 725Min, Jamabandi Khasra No. 701-707, Khatoni No. 462/1005 Wakia Rakha Tungbala Sub Urban Abadi Mohimpura Tehsil and District Amritsar, Punjab - 143001 / Area- 88 Sq.Yds	29-08-2026

Place : Gurugram Date : 01.09.2026 Authorised Officer Shubham Housing Development Finance Company Limited

**GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA****TENDER NOTICE**

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1	HARYANA MEDICAL SERVICES CORPORATION LIMITED	ONLINE TENDER FOR THE RATE CONTRACT FOR THE SUPPLY OF ISON AND FOLIC ACID TABLET (WIPS JUNIOR) PINK COLORED TO VARIOUS HOSPITALS OF GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA FOR A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS FOR GROUP B MEDICINES	31.08.2026 15.09.2026	2,30,66,000/-	www.hmcd.org.in	0172-478822 hmcdtenders@gmail.com
2	HARYANA MEDICAL SERVICES CORPORATION LIMITED	ONLINE TENDER FOR THE RATE CONTRACT FOR THE SUPPLY OF DISPOSABLE SURGICAL GLOVES TO VARIOUS HOSPITALS OF GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA FOR A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS FOR GROUP C	31.08.2026 15.09.2026	14,16,00,000/-	www.hmcd.org.in	0172-478822 hmcdtenders@gmail.com

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT : www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in or www.etenders.hry.nic.in No.48814/HRY

**GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA****TENDER NOTICE**

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1	HARYANA MEDICAL SERVICES CORPORATION LIMITED	NOTICE INVITING TENDER FOR THE SUPPLY, INSTALLATION AND COMMISSIONING OF AUTOMATED PERIPHERAL ON 2 YEARS RATE CONTRACT AS MENTIONED AGAINST ITEM IN SCHEDULE OF REQUIREMENT	31.08.2026 21.09.2026	20,00,000/-	www.hmcd.org.in	0825295629 equipmentstg2020@gmail.com
2	HARYANA MEDICAL SERVICES CORPORATION LIMITED	NOTICE INVITING TENDER FOR THE SUPPLY, INSTALLATION AND COMMISSIONING OF STREAK RETROSCOPE ON 2 YEARS RATE CONTRACT AS MENTIONED AGAINST ITEM IN SCHEDULE OF REQUIREMENT	31.08.2026 21.09.2026	2,00,000/-	www.hmcd.org.in	0825295629 equipmentstg2020@gmail.com
3	HARYANA MEDICAL SERVICES CORPORATION LIMITED	NOTICE INVITING TENDER FOR THE SUPPLY, INSTALLATION AND COMMISSIONING OF DIRECT OPHTHALMOSCOPE ON 2 YEARS RATE CONTRACT AS MENTIONED AGAINST ITEM IN SCHEDULE OF REQUIREMENT	31.08.2026 21.09.2026	11,50,000/-	www.hmcd.org.in	0825295629 equipmentstg2020@gmail.com

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT : www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in or www.etenders.hry.nic.in No.48863/HRY

**HDFC BANK LIMITED**

BRANCH :HDFC Bank, First Floor of M.C. No. B-35-922-K, Sundar Nagar, Near MBD Mall, Ferozepur Road, Ludhiana-141012, Tel: :0161-5144444,CIN L65920MH1994PLC080618,Website: www.hdfcbank.com

POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas the Authorised Officer of **HDFC Bank Limited** (erstwhile HDFC Limited having amalgamated with **HDFC Bank Limited** by virtue of a Scheme of Amalgamation approved by Hon'ble NCLT-Mumbai vide order dated 17th March 2023) (**HDFC**), under the Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 ("said Act") and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notices under Section 13 (2) of the said Act, calling upon the following borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) and Legal Representative(s) to pay the amounts mentioned against their respective names together with interest thereon at the applicable rates as mentioned in the said notices, within 60 days from the date of the said Notice(s), incidental expenses, costs, charges etc till the date of payment and / or realisation.

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s)	Outstanding Dues	Date of Demand Notice	Date of Possession	Description of Immovable Property (ies) /Secured Asset(s)
1.	MR. JASVIR SINGH S/O ATAMA SINGH (BORROWER), MR. VARINDER SINGH S/O JASVIR SINGH (CO-BORROWER), BALDEV SINGH S/O MUKAND SINGH (GUARANTOR) ALL R/O VILLAGE- NAHAL KHOTE, POTAREWALA, TEHSIL & DISTRICT- MOGA-142001 And MR. VARINDER	Rs. 4,86,734/- (Rupees Four Lakhs Eighty-Six Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty-Four Only) dues as on 30.04.2026*	18.05.2026	31.08.2026	*Plot of land and Construction thereon both present and future property House Measuring 1 Kanal or 605 Sq Yards approx. Situated at Village- Nahal, Tehsil & District-Moga registered in favour of Jasvir Singh S/O Atma Singh as per Sale Deed dated 25-11- 2002 Wasika No. 4759. The said property is bounded as under: East: Lakvir Singh West: Road North: Joginder Singh- Harnam Singh South: Darshan Singh & Bachittar Singh

SINGH S/O JASVIR SINGH (CO-BORROWER) R/O 6 SIKH LI, C/O 56 APO, U.P-912306, AND BALDEV SINGH S/O MUKAND SINGH (GUARANTOR) M/S GLOBAL SECURITY SERVICE, NEAR BUS STAND, OPP. CHAKKI WALI GALI, MOGA-142001

*with further interest as applicable, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc incurred till the date of payment and / or realisation. However, since the borrower/s mentioned hereinabove have failed to repay the amounts due, notice is hereby given to the borrower/s mentioned hereinabove in particular and to the public in general that the Authorised Officer of HDFC has taken **SYMBOLIC POSSESSION** of the immovable property/ secured asset described herein above at in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on the dates mentioned above. The borrower(s) mentioned hereinabove in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the aforesaid Immovable Property(ies) / Secured Asset(s) and any dealings with the said Immovable Property (ies) / Secured Asset(s) will be subject to the mortgage of **HDFC Bank Ltd.** Borrower(s) attention is invited to the provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured asset(s). Copies of the Panchnama drawn are available with the undersigned, and the said Borrower(s) are requested to collect the respective copy from the undersigned on any working day during normal office hours.

Place : LUDHIANA Date : 02.09.2026 Regd. Office: HDFC Bank House, Senapati Bapat Marg, Lower Parel (West), Mumbai - 400013

For HDFC Bank Ltd.
Sd/-
Authorised Officer

Himachal Pradesh
Public Works Department
Corrigendum.

The online tender invited by the Executive Engineer Jawali Division HPPWD Jawali vide office letter No. PWJ/CHTA/Tender/2026-27-3437 dated 13.08.2026 scheduled to be opened on 05.09.2026 is hereby extended as per the revised key as under :-

	Already published key	Now revised key
1. Date of on line publication	27.08.2026 at 11.00AM	05.09.2026 at 5.00 PM
2. Start Date	27.08.2026 at 11.00AM	05.09.2026 at 5.00 PM
3. Bid Submission end date	04.09.2026 at 5.00 PM	13.09.2026 at 5.00 PM
4. Date of opening	05.09.2026 at 11.30AM	14.09.2026 at 11.30AM

All other terms and conditions will remain the same.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer,
Jawali Division, HP.PWD,
Jawali.

No. 3044/2026-2027/HP

DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL CHANDIGARH (DRT-3)
GROUND FLOOR, S.C.O. 33-34-35, SECTOR 17-A, CHANDIGARH-160017

Case No.: OA/387/2024

Summons under sub-section (4) of section 19 of the Act, read with sub-rule (2A) of rule 5 of the Debt Recovery Tribunal (Procedure) Rules, 1993. Exh. No.: 33567

INDIAN BANK VS GURMAL KAUR AND OTHERS

To, (1) Smt. Gurmal Kaur W/o Sh. Gurcharan Singh, R/o H. No. 328, VPO Talwandi Mallian, Tehsil And District Moga. (2) Sh. Shaminder Singh S/o Sh. Gurcharan Singh, R/o H. No. 328, VPO Talwandi Mallian, Tehsil And District Moga. (3) Sh. Pargat Singh Son of Sh. Karan Singh, R/o VPO Talwandi Mallian, District Moga.

SUMMONS

WHEREAS, OA/387/2024 was listed before Hon'ble Presiding Officer/Registrar on 20.08.2026. WHEREAS this Hon'ble Tribunal is pleased to issue summons/ notice on the said Application under section 19(4) of the Act, (OA) filed against you for recovery of debts of **Rs. 29,79,408/-**. In accordance with sub-section (4) of section 19 of the Act, you, the defendants are directed as under:-

(i) To show cause within thirty days of the service of summons as to why relief/prayed for should not be granted.

(ii) To disclose particulars of properties or assets other than properties and assets specified by the applicant under serial number 3A of the original application.

(iii) You are restrained from dealing with or disposing of secured assets or such other assets and properties disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application, pending hearing and disposal of the application for attachment of properties.

(iv) You shall not transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise, except in the ordinary course of his business any of the assets over which security interest is created and/or other assets and properties specified or disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application without the prior approval of the Tribunal.

(v) You shall be liable to account for the sale proceeds realised by sale of secured assets or other assets and properties in the ordinary course of business and deposit such sale proceeds in the account maintained with the bank or financial institutions holding security interest over such assets.

You are also directed to file the written statement with a copy thereof furnished to the applicant and to appear before Registrar on **05.10.2026 at 10:30 A.M.** failing which the application shall be heard and decided in your absence. Given under my hand and the seal of this Tribunal on this date **25.08.2026.**

**URBAN ENVIRO WASTE MANAGEMENT LIMITED**
(CIN: L39000MH2011PLC218213)

Regd. Office: 26, Matey Square, Near BPCL Petrol Pump, Gopal Nagar Road, Nagpur 440022
Website: <https://urbanenvirotd.com/>; Email: info@urbanenvirotd.com; Tele Fax: 0712-2956029

NOTICE OF 15th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND E-VOTING INFORMATION

NOTICE is hereby given that in compliance with the applicable circulars issued by Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) and the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) the 15th Annual General Meeting of Urban Enviro Waste Management Limited is scheduled to be held on Friday, 25th September, 2026 at 11.30 a.m. at the registered office of the company situated at 26, Matey Square, Near BPCL Petrol Pump, Gopal Nagar Road, Nagpur- 440022, Maharashtra, India (through Physical mode) to transact the businesses mentioned in the notice sent to the shareholders.

In compliance with the MCA Circulars and SEBI Circulars, Notice of the 15th AGM along with the Annual Report 2025-26 has been sent only through electronic mode (by e-mail) on Tuesday, 01st September, 2026 to those Members whose email addresses are registered with the Company/ Depositories. Members may note that the AGM Notice and Annual Report 2025-26 is available on the Company's website <https://urbanenvirotd.com/> . The Notice can also be accessed from the websites of the Stock Exchange i.e. National Stock Exchange of India Limited at www.nseindia.com and website of NSDL (agency for providing the remote e-Voting facility) i.e. www.evoting.nsdl.com.

In terms of Section 108 and other applicable provisions of the Act, read with Rule 20 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014, as amended, and Regulation 44 of the SEBI (LODR), the Company is providing to all its members, the facility to exercise their vote by electronic means (e-voting) on the business set forth in the Notice of the AGM.

The Board has appointed Mr. Kunal Dutt, Practising Company Secretary (COP No.10188 FCS No.8831), as the scrutiniser to scrutinise the e-voting process in the fair and transparent manner.

All Members are hereby informed that:

- The E-voting on the resolutions to be passed at the said meeting shall begin on Monday, 21st September, 2026 at 9.00 a.m. (IST) and end on Thursday, 24th September, 2026 at 5.00 p.m. (IST). During this period, a person whose name is recorded in the register of members or in the register of beneficial owners maintained by the depositories as on the cut-off date (i.e. Friday, 18th September, 2026) only shall be entitled to avail the facility of remote e-voting as well as voting at the AGM through ballot /polling paper. The remote e- voting module will be disabled thereafter by NSDL. Once the vote on resolution is cast by a member, no change will be allowed subsequently. The detailed procedure/instruction for the process of remote e-voting has been specified in the notice.
- A member may participate in the general meeting even after exercising his voting right through remote e- voting, but shall not be allowed to vote again at the meeting.
- The facility for voting through ballot/polling paper shall be made available at the AGM. The members attending the meeting who have not cast their vote by remote e-voting shall be able to exercise their right at the meeting through ballot/polling paper.
- The manner of e-voting by members holding shares in dematerialized mode, physical mode and for members who have not registered their email addresses is provided in the Notice of the AGM.
- Any person, who acquires shares of the Company and become member of the Company after dispatch of the notice and holding shares as of the cut-off date (i.e., Friday, 18th September, 2026), may obtain the login ID and password by sending a request at evoting@nsdl.co.in or Company/RTA. A person who is not a member as on the cut-off date should treat this Notice of AGM for information purpose only.
- In case of any queries, you may refer the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) and e-voting user manual for Shareholders available at the download section of www.evoting.nsdl.com or call on 022 - 48867000 or send a request to Pallavi Mhatre at evoting@nsdl.co.in.

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Place: Nagpur Date: 01.09.2026

URBAN ENVIRO WASTE MANAGEMENT LIMITED
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MONSOON SESSION OF ASSEMBLY

15-day deadline, deemed approval: House passes Right to Business Bill

Bill to ease process of setting up and expansion of manufacturing MSMEs

Express News Service
Chandigarh, September 1

THE ASSEMBLY Tuesday passed the Haryana Right to Business Bill, 2026, taking a step towards easing the process of setting up and expanding manufacturing MSMEs. The legislation provides for deemed approval if authorities fail to act within 15 working days and allows eligible enterprises a 36-month window during which routine inspections and coercive action will largely be restricted. It effectively shifts the focus from an approval-first system to time-bound, trust-based facilitation, while retaining safeguards for public safety and legal compliance.

Apart from this, on the concluding day of the brief Monsoon session, the Assembly also passed 10 other key bills, including the one to establish a State Commission for Minorities. Under the Haryana Right to Business Bill, 2026, new manufacturing Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), as well as existing manufacturing MSMEs undertaking expansion, will be eligible to apply for and obtain a Certificate of In-Principle Approval (CIPA). The CIPA will facilitate the setting up or expansion of enterprises while the process of obtaining regular approvals is completed.

The District Nodal Agency, headed by the concerned Deputy Commissioner, will be required to issue the CIPA within 15 working days. If no decision is taken within the stipulated period, the application will be deemed approved, ensuring a time-bound mechanism for eligible enterprises.

During this period, enterprises will still be required to obtain all requisite regular approvals. The legislation does not waive or replace these approvals; instead, it provides eligible enterprises with a 36-month window to secure them while allowing them to proceed with setting up or expanding their units.

During the validity of the CIPA, routine inspections and coercive measures will remain restricted. The legislation currently provides protection from inspections by six departments during this period, while the Punjab government may consider bringing

ing additional departments within its ambit in the future.

The 36-month CIPA period will also function as a moratorium on routine regulatory action, but with safeguards built into the framework. Inspections may be carried out in response to complaints and in cases involving land-use violations, unauthorised construction, public safety, structural integrity or fire-safety concerns, subject to a recommendation from the head of the concerned department.

Meanwhile, Congress MLA Aditya Surjewala demanded in the Assembly a robust support system and greater protection for workers employed in MSMEs. "Workers operate in difficult conditions and should receive the same support and protection from the government as entrepreneurs," he said.

Haryana State Commission for Minorities Bill, 2026

The Haryana State Commission for Minorities Bill, 2026 has been passed for constituting a Commission for Minorities in the State of Haryana for the purpose of protecting the interests and safeguards of minorities, making recommendations regarding the additional social, economic, educational and cultural requirements of religious and linguistic minorities, preserving secular traditions and promoting national integration, and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

The commission will provide an institutional mechanism at the state level, so that the safeguards provided under the Constitution and laws for the protection of minorities can be evaluated and recommendations can be made for the effective implementation of such safeguards and laws in Haryana.

The commission having statutory status will create confidence among minority communities regarding its functioning and effectiveness. This will give greater importance to the recommendations of the commission before the state government, departments, boards, corporations, local authorities and other organisations concerned with the welfare and



Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini and Leader of Opposition Bhupinder Singh Hooda on the concluding day of the Monsoon Session of the Haryana Assembly, in Chandigarh, Tuesday. KAMLESHWAR SINGH

development of minorities.

The commission will evaluate the progress of the development of minorities in the state, monitor the implementation of safeguards provided under the Constitution and laws for the protection of the interests of minorities, and inquire into specific complaints regarding deprivation of the rights and safeguards of minorities.

The commission will also undertake studies, research and analysis on matters relating to the socio-economic and educational development of minorities and make recommendations regarding the effective implementation of safeguards and appropriate measures to be adopted by the state government.

Other Bills passed

Among other bills which were passed included the Haryana Local Audit Bill, 2026, the Haryana Private Universities (Amendment) Bill, 2026, the Haryana Panchayati Raj (Amendment) Bill, 2026 and the Haryana State Council for Physiotherapy (Repeal) Bill.

The Haryana Local Audit Bill, 2026, provides for an effective and efficient audit system for all local authorities and other authorities, bodies or institutions and local funds.

According to the Bill, in view of the Acts/rules governing the local audit departments of other states in India and the similar functioning of the Local Audit Department, Haryana, there is also a need to prepare an Act for the department so as to provide a strong statutory framework.

Breaking rules in name of protest not appropriate, Saini slams Cong

ENS & PTI
Chandigarh, September 1

HARYANA CHIEF Minister Nayab Singh Saini on Tuesday slammed the Congress, saying breaking rules in the name of protest is not appropriate under any circumstances.

Saini said the role of the opposition is extremely important in a democracy, but rights are accompanied by decorum and responsibility.

Breaking rules in the name of protest or manhandling security personnel is not appropriate under any circumstances. It is not appropriate to take out one's political anger on any employee, Saini said, speaking to reporters on the sidelines at the conclusion of the Monsoon session of Haryana Assembly.

Earlier on Thursday, on the opening day of the Monsoon session of the state Assembly, Haryana Congress MLAs, who wore black attire and were led by Congress Legislature Party leader Bhupinder Singh Hooda, took out a short protest march from the high court roundabout to the Vidhan Sabha. They walked on foot, carrying placards raising several issues. The Congress MLAs were stopped by security personnel near the Vidhan Sabha entry gate.

The MLAs were told they would not be allowed inside the House premises until they ended the march and discarded the placards.

However, the Congress alleged mistreatment and manhandling by the security personnel outside the Assembly complex on August 27.

Chief Minister Saini said that the Vidhan Sabha has its own dignity, traditions and security-related rules.

If entry into the Vidhan Sabha building with placards carrying slogans is not permitted under a particular arrangement, it is the responsibility of every member to follow that arrangement. Being an MLA does not mean that a person is above the rules and law, Saini said.

The chief minister said that he was also surprised to learn that some Congress MLAs took the protest to the extent of "manhandling" security personnel at the entrance of the Vidhan Sabha and added that Leader of the Opposition (LoP) Bhupinder Singh Hooda was also involved in this incident.

He said that Hooda is a former chief minister of the state, has been in public life for a long time and is currently performing the responsibility of LoP. It is natural to expect restraint and decorum from such a senior leader, he said.

Saini said that every policeman deployed at the Assembly gate is performing his duty. Just as an Assembly member has his own dignity, a policeman on duty is also entitled to respect.

He urged the Congress leadership to introspect over

the entire incident and said that if any policeman or security personnel was treated improperly, expressing regret for it does not diminish the stature of any leader; rather, it enhances it.

Saini alleged that the Congress tarnished the dignity of the Assembly not only at the gate but also inside the House. Referring to a poster displayed in the House on August 27 by a Sikh-Dalit MLA Jarnail Singh, he said that "it sought an apology from those who portrayed the accused in the 1984 riots as role models". Saini said that displaying such a poster, and thereafter the poster being snatched by a Congress MLA "at the behest" of the LoP and thrown into the House in a derogatory manner was extremely unfortunate.

Suspended Haryana Congress MLA Jarnail Singh had on Thursday flashed a poster in the Assembly demanding that those who consider the "murderers of Sikhs in 1984" as role models should apologise.

The Ratia legislator had later told reporters that his party MLA Induraj Narwal snatched the poster from his hand in the House and took it away.

Earlier this year, the Congress in Haryana had suspended five of its MLAs, including Jarnail Singh, from the party's primary membership for allegedly cross-voting during Rajya Sabha elections in March.



Congress MLA Geeta Bhukkal during the Monsoon Session of the Assembly, Tuesday. KAMLESHWAR SINGH

Cong raises sanitation workers' protest in Assembly, seeks resolution of demands

ENS & PTI
Chandigarh, September 1

OPPOSITION CONGRESS MLAs on Tuesday raised the issue of the ongoing strike by sanitation workers in Haryana in the state assembly, demanding that the government accept their demands and resolve the issue. The sanitation workers have been on strike for nearly a month, with regularisation being their main demand.

Several Congress MLAs launched a sharp attack on the government over the issue, saying heaps of garbage had accumulated at many places and people were facing inconvenience. They raised the matter towards the end of the Question Hour and later during the Zero Hour. Sharp exchanges were witnessed between the opposition legislators and treasury benches on the subject, with the government telling the Congress not to "politicise" the issue.

Congress MLA Ashok Arora supported the workers' regularisation demand, while MLA Geeta Bhukkal said the sanitation workers have faced police action at many places and claimed that some women workers were even "pulled with their hair". INLD MLA Aditya Devi Lal accused the BJP government in the state of subjecting the sanitation workers to "injustice and oppression". He said if the political will exists, a law can be enacted to regularise the sanitation workers.

Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini, however, informed the assembly that the state government was continuously working to resolve the issues concerning Safai Karamcharis and had already accepted 12 of their demands. He said some matters presently under consideration of the courts cannot be resolved immediately at the government level, and appropriate action

will be taken in accordance with the directions issued by the courts. Saini said Revenue and Disaster Management Minister Vipul Goel had already made a detailed statement in the House on the issue, apprising both the Opposition and the people of the state of the entire situation.

The chief minister said such issues have arisen in the past as well and were also "prevalent during the Congress regime". "Unlike then, rather than turning away from these concerns, the present government is continuously working towards finding solutions," he said.

Minister Krishen Kumar Bedi hit out at the Congress, claiming they don't have any sympathy with the sanitation workers but were only trying to politicise the issue and spoil the atmosphere. Earlier, the opposition MLAs took exception to a detailed statement made by Minister Vipul Goel, flagging that their adjournment motion regarding the sanitation workers' strike had not been taken up. The chair later told the opposition that their motion had been rejected, following which Congress MLAs raised slogans in the House and said the demands of sanitation workers should be fulfilled.

Countering them, Bedi said that under the erstwhile Congress government in the state, a policy for regularisation after 10 years of service had been introduced. "But they are expecting the present government to regularise workers just after two years," he said. However, he said, the government was concerned and trying to resolve the issue at the earliest. Recently, a meeting between representatives of the sanitation workers and the state government was held in Kurukshetra, but it remained inconclusive. Bedi had represented the government during the meeting.

338 bizmen among 396 persons given security, govt tells Assembly

Press Trust of India
Chandigarh, September 1

THE HARYANA government has provided security to 396 persons, including 338 businessmen, due to threats from gangsters, the Haryana Assembly was informed on Tuesday.

Of the 396 persons, security to 366 has been provided at government expense, and security to 20 persons has been provided on a payment basis. The security provided to the remaining 10 is partly at government expense and partly on a payment basis, the Assembly was informed in a written reply to a question raised by Congress MLA Pooja.

She sought to know the details of the businessmen, public representatives and officers who were provided security by the government due to threats from gangsters between January 1, 2025 and July 31, 2026.

She also sought to know the district-wise details together with the names and designations of such persons to whom the security has been provided, the number of security personnel provided to each such person and whether the said security was provided at government expense or on a payment basis by the beneficiary.

The government replied that out of 396 persons provided security, 338 are businessmen, 25 public representatives and 33 belong to other categories.



Leader of Opposition Bhupinder Singh Hooda and other Congress workers protest the FIR registered against party leader Rahul Gandhi outside Haryana Congress Bhawan in Chandigarh, Tuesday. EXPRESS

Haryana to bring Service Security Act 2026 for university guest faculty

Express News Service
Chandigarh, September 1

HARYANA EDUCATION Minister Mahipal Dhanda Tuesday announced that the government will bring a 'New Service Security Act 2026' to provide job security to eligible guest faculty working in universities across the state, on the lines of the service security provided to college faculty. The announcement follows recommendations of a high-level committee constituted with the approval of the state government to examine issues raised by the Haryana University Contractual Teacher Association and the Haryana University Part-Time Teacher Association.

The committee, headed by the Vice-Chancellor of Maharshi Dayanand University (MDU), Rohtak, recommended extend-

ing service security to eligible university guest faculty after detailed deliberations.

Dhanda informed the Assembly that the Service Security Act 2024 has already been implemented for college employees in the state, under which 2,095 employees have benefited from job security. The proposed 2026 Act will extend a similar framework to eligible teachers working in universities.

Under the proposed framework, teachers will have to meet six key conditions to qualify for service security. They must have fulfilled all essential eligibility conditions prescribed for the post of Assistant Professor by June 30, 2023, and must have completed at least five years of continuous service by August 15, 2024, while continuing to be in service. The teacher must also have been below 60 years of age

as on August 15, 2024. In addition, they must have undertaken at least 16 hours of teaching work per month during each relevant period between the 2019-20 and 2023-24 academic sessions and must currently be undertaking at least 16 hours of teaching work per week.

Another key requirement is that the teacher must have been appointed through a transparent process involving a proper newspaper advertisement and a duly constituted Selection Committee.

Dhanda said the state government was committed to strengthening the higher education system and protecting the interests of teachers. He said the proposed Act would provide greater stability and secure the future of eligible guest faculty who have been serving in universities for several years.

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Place: Vijayawada
Date: 02nd September 2026
R.O. No. 5386PP/CL/ADVT/1/1/2021-22 Dt.: 01/09/2026

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Name & Address of Branch / NPA Account	Description of the Movable & Immovable Property / Asset. Status of Possession (Constructive / Physical / Symbolic)	Demand Notice Date Total Dues	Date of E-Auction Time of E-Auction Start time to End time	Reserve Price Earnest Money Deposit Bid Increase Amount	Property Inspection Date & Time
KATRA BRANCH					
(1) (i) Mr. Khajur Singh S/o Dhani Ram R/o Village Latori, Katra, Near Water Tank Latori Katra, Reasi J&K 182301 (Borrower) (ii) Neelam Devi W/o Mr. Khajur Singh R/o Village Latori, Katra, Near Water Tank, Latori Katra, Reasi J&K 182301 (Guarantor)	Registered Mortgage dated 21-06-2022 of Land measuring 1 Kanal and 2 Marla under Khakra no. 336, Khata no. 540/73, 238, Khawat no. 67, Situated at Kundrorian, Tehsil and Distt. Reasi, in the name of Mr. Khajur Singh alias Mr. Khajoor Singh S/o Mr. Dhani Ram by Virtue of Sale Deed executed on 01-04-2015 and duly Registered before the Hon'ble Sub Registrar Katra and property is bounded as East : Land of Janak Raj, West : Radha Soami Ashram, North : Back Lane of Radha Soami Ashram, South : House of Smt. Asha Devi, Open Plot, Approach Lane. The CERSAI ID of Secured Asset is 400067917328 (Physical Possession). Note : GST is applicable as per law.	20-04-2026 Rs. 16,11,954.76 + Interest, other charges and less recovery if any, till date affected	07-10-2026 from 02.00 PM to 06.00 PM (with unlimited extension of 10 minutes duration each)	Rs. 51,42,000/- Rs. 5,14,200/- Rs. 10,000/-	28-09-2026 by taking Prior Appointment
KACCHI CHAWANI, BRANCH, JAMMU	Hypothecation of Vehicle Tata Motors Passenger Vehicle Car Tiago XT having Vehicle Registration no. JK02-DG-2903 dated 18 October 2023 having Chassis no. MAT626370PKH93367 and Engine no. REVTRN19HWXKA3532, Color Daytana Grey, Registered in the name of Mrs. Vidushi Tickoo (Physical Possession). Note : GST is applicable as per law.	08-10-2025 Rs. 5,24,634/- as on 07-10-2025 + Interest other charges w.e.f. 06-10-2025 and less recovery if any, till date affected	07-10-2026 from 02.00 PM to 06.00 PM (with unlimited extension of 10 minutes duration each)	Rs. 3,82,500/- Rs. 38,250/- Rs. 10,000/-	28-09-2026 by taking Prior Appointment

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EXPRESS special

How employee protests have fared under AAP govt: some concessions, no complete win

Raakhi Jagga
Patiala, September 1

THE AAM Aadmi Party government in Punjab has rarely responded to employees' agitations with a simple yes or no. Instead, its record shows a pattern of selective concessions. The Old Pension Scheme (OPS) agitation produced a government notification but, nearly four years later, no implementation. A 40-day ministerial strike yielded one instalment of dearness allowance (DA), while subsequent arrears remain pending. Sanitation workers secured one of the clearest gains in the form of higher wages and a pathway to regularisation. MGNREGA employees, however, ended their strike without securing their principal demand for regularisation.

With government employees once again on the protest path in Punjab, the AAP government's past record offers a measure of what sustained pressure has delivered - and what it has not.

OPS: Notification secured, implementation remains elusive

The first major employee agitation after the AAP came to power was launched in October 2022 by the Contributory Pension Employees Federation Union (CPFEU) and the Purani Pension Bahali Sangharsh Committee for restoration of the OPS. The unions announced "pol khoh" rallies in poll-bound Himachal Pradesh, where the AAP was contesting the Assembly elections, and threatened to extend the campaign to Gujarat, another poll-bound state, if the Punjab government failed to act.

On November 18, 2022, the government issued a notification for implementation of the OPS. Nearly four years later, however, the implementation remains pending.

40-day ministerial strike: One DA instalment released

The Punjab State Ministerial Services union (PSMSU), representing ministerial employees across 52 government departments, launched an indefinite strike on November 8, 2023. The main demands included release of pending DA arrears and implementation of the OPS. Employees of the Punjab Civil Secretariat and around 40 directorates extended support. The strike was called off 40 days later on December 18 following a meeting of the union representatives with Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann.

The immediate outcome was the release of one instalment of 4 per cent DA pertaining to July 2022. As per PSMSU president Gurnam Singh Virk, that was the only DA instalment released during the AAP govern-



Employees protest outside Punjab Secretariat demanding the release of DA arrears in Chandigarh. KAMLESHWAR SINGH

ment's tenure, with subsequent instalments from January 2023 onwards still pending.

Patwaris, kanungos: Government outflanked the agitation

The Revenue Patwar Union and Revenue Kanungo Association announced an indefinite pen-down strike from September 1, 2023, after the arrest of a patwari and a kanungo in corruption cases. The agitation also brought to fore a problem in the Revenue Department where patwaris were being given additional charge of vacant circles. The unions agreed to perform duties in their own circles but refused additional charge.

The government invoked the Essential Services Maintenance Act (ESMA) and moved to make alternative arrangements, including deployment of trainees and newly recruited patwaris. Appointment letters were issued to 710 patwaris. The standoff had largely eased by September 8, with several union members transferred. Unlike the OPS and sanitation workers' agitations, the protest did not result in a major concession to the unions' core demands.

Power engineers: Suspension revoked, transfers rolled back

The power sector saw a prolonged agitation in late 2024 after the suspension of Harish Kumar Sharma, Chief Engineer of the Ropar Thermal Power Plant, and termination of Harjeet Singh, Director Commercial of Punjab State Power Corporation Limited (PSPCL). The Punjab State Electricity Board Engineers Association (PSEBEA) adopted a work-to-rule approach, with engineers continuing their regular duties but refusing official calls after their stipulated eight-hour working day.

In December 2024, engineers, employees and pensioners formed a joint forum and organised statewide protests. The agitation gained momentum after PSPCL transferred 17 engineers who were active PSEBEA members. Most of these transfers were revoked after about two months.

In March 2025, Sharma's suspension was revoked, following

which the agitation was called off. Unrest, however, continues among outsourced power-sector workers, including those protesting outside the PSPCL headquarters in Patiala and workers at the Lehra Mohabbat and Ropar thermal plants seeking regularisation.

Sanitation workers: Among the biggest gains

Sanitation workers across more than 150 urban local bodies first went on a 16-day strike in May and resumed the agitation from July 6, pressing for better wages, regularisation and improved service conditions, particularly for those engaged in hazardous work and sewer maintenance.

The government raised the monthly wages of workers engaged in hazardous work and sewer maintenance to Rs 20,520. It also notified regularisation for contractual employees in these categories who had completed five years of service. Outsourced workers with three years of service were to be shifted to contractual status. The wage increase was significant when compared with the basic salary of a constable, clerk or primary teacher during the three-year probation period, which is around Rs 19,900 a month. The sanitation workers, however, had demanded a monthly wage of Rs 40,000.

MGNREGA staff: Strike ended, core demand unresolved

Around 2,100 MGNREGA employees went on strike in June 2026 over unpaid wages and the demand for regularisation under the Rural Development Department. The strike was called off in the last week of July, but the workers did not secure their principal demand. Instead of regularisation, they signed contracts under the VB-G-RAM-G arrangement on July 30.

They received wages for July despite being on strike and were assured that June wages would be released. However, wages from February to June 2026 remained pending, even though funds had reportedly been released by the Centre, according to the Rural Development Department.

WAR OF WORDS OVER CONDOLENCE MEET

AAP protests against BJP over its MPs paying tribute to Sajjan

BJP hits back, says AAP MLA attended late Congress MP's prayer meeting

Express News Service
Jalandhar, Ludhiana,
September 1

PUNJAB'S RULING party AAP on Tuesday held protests in Ludhiana, Jalandhar, Amritsar and Bathinda against the BJP over its three MPs visiting the residence of former Congress MP Sajjan Kumarto offer condolences after his death.

The protests also coincided with the first organisational visit to Punjab by newly appointed BJP state in-charge Satish Poonia, who was in Jalandhar for a state-level meeting. AAP workers gathered outside the Lions Club venue ahead of his arrival and were stopped by police barricades and heavy deployment.

Kumar, who was serving two life sentences in connection with the 1984 anti-Sikh riots, died at Safdarjung Hospital in Delhi on August 20. Three BJP MPs from Delhi — Kamaljeet Sehrawat, Ramvir Singh Bidhuri and Yogender Chandolia — recently visited Kumar's residence to pay condolences.

Defending the BJP, Poonia said the MPs had attended the condolence gathering in their "personal capacity" and not as representatives of the party. He said BJP national president Nitin Nabin had already summoned and reprimanded the three MPs, warning them against repeating such "indiscipline". Poonia also maintained that the Congress was responsible for the 1984 violence, while accusing the AAP government of failing to fulfil its promises to Punjab.

In Amritsar, AAP workers protested outside the residence of BJP Rajya Sabha MP Tarun Chugh and attempted to gherao

it, but were stopped by police. In Ludhiana, the protest turned more confrontational when AAP workers reached the BJP office near Dana Mandi and were confronted by BJP workers. The two groups clashed, broke police barricades and exchanged heated slogans before police intervened.

Addressing the protesters, AAP MLA Jeevan Jyot Kaur said, "The 1984 massacre remains a deep and unhealed wound for Sikh families. Both the BJP and Congress have repeatedly acted against the interests of Punjab and the Sikh community. How can BJP leaders honour a person whose name remains associated with the 1984 massacre?" She said, "The participation of BJP leaders in Sajjan Kumar's tribute is deeply hurtful to the families of the victims. The families who lost their loved ones continue to carry the pain of that tragedy, and their sentiments must be respected." In Ludhiana, AAP MLA Ashok Parashar Pappi accused the BJP of hypocrisy, saying its leaders were trying to project Sikh faces in Punjab while simultaneously expressing condolences over Kumar's death. "Three crore Punjabis have got to know what they are," he said, referring to the three BJP MPs. AAP MLA Rajinderpal Kaur Chhina said the controversy had exposed both the BJP and Congress and defended the protests as the party's right.

In Jalandhar, AAP MLA Balraj Singh said, "In 1984... Innocent Sikhs were brutally killed, and their families have carried that pain for decades. At such a time, the participation of senior BJP leaders in Sajjan Kumar's tribute demonstrates where the BJP stands on the issue of justice



Police personnel stop AAP workers as they march towards BJP MP Tarun Chugh's residence in Amritsar, Tuesday. PTI

for the victims."

The AAP MLA said, "The BJP and Shiromani Akali Dal should not try to play politics over the wounds of Punjab. The pain of the families affected by the 1984 anti-Sikh riots cannot be used for political convenience."

The BJP, however, accused the AAP of political opportunism and sought to turn the attack back on the ruling party. Senior BJP leader Harvinder

Singh Phoolka alleged that an AAP MLA, Ram Singh Netaji, had himself attended Kumar's prayer meeting. Sharing a photograph on X, Phoolka asked what action AAP had taken against its MLA and described the protest outside Chugh's residence as "purely a drama".

Punjab BJP president Kewal Singh Dhillon called the protests a "Punjab government-sponsored political stunt" and ac-



Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann reviews the arrangements for 'Khedan Watan Punjab Diyan - 2026' sports game event, in Chandigarh on Tuesday. ANI

Mann: 'Vote for Opp will shut down pro-people schemes'

Kharar: Tearing into opposition parties, Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann on Tuesday said that voting for opposition parties by mistake will shut down all pro-people schemes, and alleged that the Congress and the Akali Dal had "hollowed out the state like termites".

He also said that the Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) is once again eager to join hands with the BJP to "loot" the state.

During his 'Lok Milni' programme here, Mann said the opposition is fighting for political power while his government is focused on delivering quality education, healthcare, roads, electricity and water to the people, warning that "a vote for opposition parties by mistake will shut down all pro-people schemes".

He alleged that the opposition parties have committed many "sins" against Punjab and its people, and said the voters would this time bring an end to their political existence.

Addressing a gathering, Mann said, "The traditional parties are envious of me because I hail from a common family and am working tirelessly to ensure the welfare of the people. These leaders had always believed that they have

a divine right to rule the state, due to which they are not able to digest that a common man is running the state efficiently.

"They have fooled the people for a long time, but now people are not getting swayed by their misleading propaganda." Lashing out at the Akali leadership, he alleged, "The Akali leadership which committed sacrilege, which destroyed the evidence related to its perpetrators, which ordered firing on innocents along with other sins, is dying to come back into power in the state." He alleged that for this purpose, the Akali leadership is "begging" to join hands with the BJP leadership to "plunder" the state, but the wise people of Punjab would once again reject them.

"The wise people of the state will again oust them. Punjabis will send Akalis and BJP into political oblivion due to their sins against the state and its people," he said.

Mann said baffled by their repeated debacles in the state, the Akalis were now "misusing" religion to mislead the people.

"They are even trying to take political mileage by garnering sympathy from the attack that took place on Sukhbir Singh Badal at Sri Hazur Sahib. They are actually paying for

their sins against Punjab and its people and can never be forgiven by the people," he said.

Mann said the AAP government started several pro-people schemes due to which people of Punjab loved his government. "Our government has started many pro-people schemes due to which the people of the state love me. I caution the people that in case any other party is voted to power, they will discontinue the schemes started by my government," he said.

Taking a jibe at the infighting in the Congress party, he said, "While they are squabbling for power for their vested political interests, the state government is working tirelessly for the well-being of the people. As compared to these opportunist leaders, we don't fight amongst ourselves but are making tireless efforts to make 'Rangla' Punjab." He said the fight of the state is for quality education, good health and other welfare schemes. For the sake of power, the Congress leaders do not see eye to eye with each other, he said. Mann alleged that the Congress had no vision for the people and the state, and its only aim was to assume power and plunder the wealth of Punjab. PTI

Unified portal 'Digi Punjab' to provide over 800 govt services online, fix deadlines

Chandigarh: Punjab Good Governance and IT Minister Aman Arora on Tuesday launched the state's unified digital portal, bringing over 300 government services across 12 departments under a single mobile-friendly platform: digi.punjab.gov.in.

After launching the portal here, Arora said citizens can now easily access a wide range of essential public services spanning multiple departments. Key offerings include vital health documents like birth and death certificates, medical fitness certificates, home affairs services such as the issuance and renewal of arms licenses, and justice services for marriage registrations under the Punjab Compulsory Registration of Marriages Act and Anand Marriage Act, he said in a statement released here.

Residents can utilise labour welfare schemes, local government property transfers, medical education registrations, police verification services,

including tenant and servant checks, revenue certificates (such as income, residence, and backward area certificates), social justice caste certificates, social security pensions and water supply connection sanctions.

The portal, which will cover all (over 800) government services in the next two months, fixes a timeline for every application and ensures end-to-end digitisation, he said.

"Every officer, from top to bottom, will have clear deadlines. Any delay will reflect on their record," Arora said, while asserting that corruption thrives only where there is no accountability or transparency, and this system will put an end to both. "A daily wage worker no longer has to lose a day's pay to get a certificate. A student in a border village will have the same access as someone sitting in Chandigarh. A senior citizen can apply from home instead of standing in queues," the minister said. PTI

8 IPS officers shuffled in Punjab, Bhullar named IGP Border Range

Express News Service
Chandigarh, September 1

THE PUNJAB government on Tuesday ordered the transfer and posting of eight Indian Police Service (IPS) officers on administrative grounds, with immediate effect.

As per the order, issued by Additional Chief Secretary (Home) Alok Shekhar, Gurpreet Singh Bhullar, IPS (2004 batch), who was awaiting posting, has been appointed Inspector General of Police (IGP), Border Range, Amritsar, in place of Harmanbir Singh.

Harmanbir Singh, (2010), who was serving as DIG, Border Range, Amritsar, and holding additional charge as Commissioner of Police, Amritsar, has been posted as Commissioner of Police, Amritsar. PTI

Bhagirath Singh Meena, (2013), SSP Mansa, has been posted as AIG, Personnel-1, CPO, Punjab, vice Suhail Qasim Mir. Varun Sharma, (2014), SSP Patiala, and Harman Deep Singh Hans, (2015), SSP SAS Nagar, have swapped postings. Sharma will now serve as SSP SAS Nagar, while Hans takes charge as SSP Patiala.

Suhail Qasim Mir, (2017), AIG Personnel-1 at CPO Punjab, has been posted as SSP Bathinda in place of Jyoti Yadav.

Jyoti Yadav, (2019), SSP Bathinda, has been appointed Commandant of the 82nd Battalion, Punjab Armed Police, Chandigarh, vice Balwinder Singh, PPS. Vaibhav Choudhary, (2020), SP Headquarters, Patiala, has been posted as SSP Mansa in place of Bhagirath Singh Meena.



GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA

TENDER NOTICE



SR. No.	NAME OF BOARD/CORP./ AUTH	NAME OF WORK NOTICE TENDER	OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE (TIME)	AMOUNT / EMD (APPROX.) IN RUPEES	WEBSITE OF THE BOARD/CORP./ AUTH	NODAL OFFICER/ CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL
1	HSAMB BHIWANI	CONST. OF LINK ROAD FROM VILLAGE KHARA TO RODHAN IN TOSHAM CONSTY., DISTT. BHIWANI (ID-1206) HSY/BLE/CM ANNOUNCEMENT CODE 2803 DATED 31.03.2026	CLOSING DATE 07.09.2026	1,33,35,625/-	https://tenders.hry.nic.in	01664242782 eebhwani2025@sonpat@gmail.com

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT : www.haryanaprocurement.gov.in or www.etenders.hry.nic.in No- 48862/HRY



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CORRIGENDUM



SR. No.	NAME OF BOARD/CORP./ AUTH	OLD REFERENCE/ NIT NO.	NATURE OF CORRIGENDUM	WEBSITE OF THE BOARD/CORP./ AUTH	NODAL OFFICER/ CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL
1	THE ROHTAK CO-OP MILK PRODUCERS UNION LTD. ROHTAK	2026_HBC_539417_1	DATE EXTENDED UPTO 07.09.2026 AT 16:00 PM OPENING ON 08.09.2026 AT 11:30 AM	vitaindia@gmail.com	9896401185 vitarohitak@gmail.com

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT : www.haryanaprocurement.gov.in or www.etenders.hry.nic.in No- 48801/HRY



HIMACHAL PRADESH

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

(INVITATION FOR BIDS (FB)

(e-Procurement Module)

The Executive Engineer Bharmour Division, H.P. PWD Bharmour Distt, Chamba HP -176315 on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh invites the online bids on item rate/percentage rate in electronic tendering system in 2 covers for the under mentioned work from the eligible and approved class of contractors/Firms registered with HPPWD.

Sl. No.	Name of work	Estimated cost (Rs.)	Earliest Money (Rs.)	Cost of tender form (Rs.)	Class	Time period
1.	Restoration of Rain Damage on Pili to Suai road km 0/0 to 5+400 (under PDNA 2025) (SH:- C/o R/wall at RD. 3/200 to 5/235 i/c toe wall	2838720/-	37000/-	2000/-	D & C	Three month
2	Restoration of Rain Damage on Sarge Shafi to Ardi road km 0/0 to 1/750 (under PDNA 2025) (SH:- C/o R/wall at RD. 0/135 to 0/140.50, 0/565 to 0/580, 1/180 to 1/196.80 i/c toe wall	1503547/-	30500/-	500/-	D & C	Three month
3	Restoration of Rain Damage on KSPA Road km 0/0 to 13/0 (under PDNA) (SH:- C/o R/wall at RD. 1/940 to 1/953 & 1/970 to 2/00, 2/010 to 2/013.75 i/c toe wall	3679617/-	74000/-	2000/-	D & C	Three month
4	Restoration of Rain Damage on Machhatar to Garmena via Siar Road km 0/0 to 1/500 (under PDNA 2025) (SH:- C/o R/wall at RD. 10/030 to 10/045,10/070 to 10/085 & 10/100 to 10/110.50	2341706/-	47000/-	500/-	D & C	Three month
5	Restoration of Rain Damage on Machhatar to Agasran road km 0/0 to 12/500 (under PDNA 2025) (SH:- C/o R/wall at RD. 4/810 to 4/825, 6/180 to 6/190, 6/800 to 6/830 & 8/740 to 8/354 i/c toe wall	2927586/-	59000/-	2000/-	D & C	Three month
6	Restoration of Rain Damage on Machhatar to Chakhotra road km 0/0 to 5/540 (under PDNA 2025) (SH:- C/o R/wall at RD. 5/410 to 5/430.80 i/c toe wall	2270996/-	46000/-	2000/-	D & C	Three month
7	Restoration of Rain Damage on Urai to Ghatar road km 0/0 to 4/0 (under PDNA 2025) (SH:- C/o R/wall at RD. 0/030 to 0/082 & R/wall at RD. 0/090 to 0/095, 0/040 to 0/080, 1/415 to 1/421 & 1/935 to 1/950.	3271587/-	65500/-	2000/-	D & C	Three month
8	Restoration of Rain Damage on Kharanakh to Dhaji Mandra road km 0/0 to 5/300 (under PDNA 2025) (SH:- C/o R/wall at RD. 2/810 to 2/830 & 2/965 to 2/971.80 i/c toe wall	1202056/-	24500/-	500/-	D & C	Three month
9	Restoration of Rain Damage on Luna to Ohrs road km 0/0 to 7/0 (under PDNA 2025) (SH:- C/o R/wall at RD. 1/210 to 1/230, 5/435 to 5/440.40 & 6/625 to 6/642 i/c toe wall	2138448/-	43000/-	500/-	D & C	Three month
10	Restoration of Rain Damage on Khatla to Andhral road km 0/0 to 5/500 (under PDNA 2025) (SH:- C/o R/wall at RD. 2/240 to 2/280, 2/420 to 2/480 & R/wall at RD. 2/020 to 2/035.60 i/c toe wall	2140696/-	43000/-	500/-	D & C	Three Month
11	Restoration of Rain damage on Dhakug to Badgram road km 0/0 to 20/300 (under PDNA 2025) (SH:- C/o R/wall at RD. 7/675 to 7/690, 10/150 to 10/160, 10/625 to 10/645, 11/370 to 11/590 & 11/960 to 11/967 i/c toe wall	3537996/-	71000/-	2000/-	D & C	Three month
12	Restoration of Rain Damage on Dhakug to Gward road km 0/0 to 1/80 (under PDNA 2025) (SH:- C/o R/wall at RD. 0/900 to 0/908.90 i/c toe wall	606125/-	12100/-	350/-	D & C	Three month
13	Restoration of Rain Damage on Kanb to Ransochi Sarsa road km 0/0 to 12/135 (under PDNA 2025) (SH:- C/o R/wall at RD. 9/900 to 9/910, 9/945 to 9/960, 9/970 to 9/985, 10/280 to 10/300, 10/310 to 10/350, 10/570 to 10/592 & 10/930 to 10/920	7052672/-	142000/-	2000/-	C & B	Three month

Availability of Bid Documents and mode of submission. The bid document is available online and bid should be submitted in online on website <http://tenders.Govt.in>. The bidders are advised to note the other detail of the tenders from the website <http://tender.Govt.in>. Key detail:-

1.	Date/Time of online publication	29-08-2026
2.	Documents download start and end date/time	7-09-2026 (11.00 AM up to 14-09-2026 (11.00 AM)
3.	Bid submission start and end date/time	7-09-2026 (11.00 AM up to 14-09-2026 (3.00 PM)
4.	Date of technical bid opening	15-09-2026 at 11.00 AM

Other detail can be seen in the bidding documents. The officer inviting tender shall not be held liable for any delays due to system failure beyond its control. Even though the system will attempt to notify the bidders of any bid up dates the liable for any information not received by the bidder. It is the bidder responsibility to verify the website for the latest information related to the tender. The undersigned has right to extend or cancel the bids without declaring any reason thereof.

No. 3101/HRY

Executive Engineer
Bharmour Division HPPWD Bharmour



GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA

TENDER NOTICE



ਦੀ ਵਿਰੋਧਤਾ ਸੈਟਲ ਕੋ-ਆਪਰੇਟਿਵ ਬੈਂਕ ਲਿਮਟਿਡ, ਵਿਰੋਧਤਾ

ਨੋਟਿਸ

ਨੋਟਿਸ:- ਬੈਂਕ ਨੂੰ ਹੇਠ ਲਿਖੀ ਥਾਂ ਦੇ ਬਰਾਂਚ ਲਈ ਕਿਰਾਏ ਦੀ ਬਿਲਡਿੰਗ ਦੀ ਚੁਗਰਤ ਹੈ।

ਲੜੀ ਨੰ.	ਬਰਾਂਚ ਦਾ ਨਾਂ	ਪਿੰਡ	ਬਰਾਬਰ ਏਰੀਆ (ਬ.ਫੁ. ਫੀ.)
1.	ਕੋਹਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਵਾਲਾ	ਕੋਹਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਵਾਲਾ	1200

ਬੈਂਕ ਆਪਣੀ ਕੋਹਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਵਾਲਾ ਬਰਾਂਚ ਲਈ ਨਵੀਂ ਬਿਲਡਿੰਗ ਕਿਰਾਏ 'ਤੇ ਲੈਣਾ ਚਾਹੁੰਦਾ ਹੈ। ਜਿਸ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਚਾਹਵਾਨ ਪਾਰਟੀਆਂ ਨੋਟਿਸ ਬਾਧਣ ਦੀ ਮਿਤੀ ਤੋਂ 15 ਦਿਨਾਂ ਦੇ ਅੰਦਰ-ਅੰਦਰ ਰਜਿਸਟਰਡ ਪੱਤਰ ਰਾਹੀਂ ਆਪਣੀ ਦਰਖਾਸਤ ਜਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਮੈਨੇਜਰ, ਦੀ ਵਿਰੋਧਤਾ ਕੋਂਦਰੀ ਸ਼ਹਿਰਾਬੀ ਬੈਂਕ ਲਿਮ. ਬਰਾਂਚਾਂ ਲਈ, ਵਿਰੋਧਤਾ (ਮੁੱਖ ਦਫਤਰ) ਵਿਖੇ ਜੋੜਣ, ਇਸ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਬਰਾਂਚਾਂ ਅਤੇ ਕੋਂਦਰੀ ਵੀ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਕਿਸੇ ਵੀ ਕੰਮ ਕਰਨ ਵਾਲੇ ਦਿਨ ਬੈਂਕ ਦੇ ਮੁੱਖ ਦਫਤਰ ਬਰਾਂਚਾਂ ਲਈ ਗੇਟ ਵਿਰੋਧਤਾ ਸ਼ਹਿਰ ਤੋਂ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾ ਸਕਦੀ ਹੈ। ਕਿਸੇ ਵੀ ਦਰਖਾਸਤ ਨੂੰ ਬਿਨਾਂ ਕਾਰਨ ਦੇਸ਼ੇਂ ਰੱਦ ਕਰਨ ਦਾ ਅਧਿਕਾਰ ਬੈਂਕ ਨੂੰ ਹੋਵੇਗਾ।

ਜਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਮੈਨੇਜਰ,
ਦੀ ਵਿਰੋਧਤਾ ਸੈਟਲ ਕੋ-ਆਪਰੇਟਿਵ ਬੈਂਕ ਲਿਮਟਿਡ, ਵਿਰੋਧਤਾ

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GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER

RURAL WORKS CIRCLE : SUNABEDA

email- serwsbd2003@yahoo.com

1st Corrigendum

In continuation to this office Bid Identification No. CCRWCBSBD-Online-31/2026-27 invited vide this office Notice No.4321, Dtd. 12.08.2026, partial modification of NCB has been made as follows:-

1. Availability of Tender online for bidding Extended up to Dtd.22.09.2026 at 5.00 PM
2. Last Date and Time of seeking tender clarification Dtd.21.09.2026 upto 2.00 PM
3. Date & Time of opening of tender (Technical Bid) on Dtd.23.09.2026 at 11.00 AM.
4. Date & Time of opening of tender (Price Bid) will be intimated later

All other terms and conditions will remain unaltered.

Sd/-
Chief Construction Engineer,
Rural Works Circle, Sunabeda

OIPR-25001/25182/1/26-27/0067



GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA

TENDER NOTICE



ਨੀਲਾਮੀ ਸੂਚਨਾ

ਸਰਵੋਤਮਾਧਰਨ ਕੋ ਸੂਚਿਤ ਕਿਆ ਜਾਤਾ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਕੇ ਵਿਭਿੰਨ ਸਾਡਲੋ ਕੇ ਵਾਹਨੋ ਕੋ E-Auction ਕੇ ਮਾਧਿਅਮ ਸੇ ਬੇਚਾ ਜਾਯਾ ਜੋ ਦਿਨਾਂਕ 18.09.2026 ਕੋ ਦੋਪਹਰ 12:00 ਬਜੇ ਸੇ ਸਾਂਝ 03:00 ਬਜੇ ਤਕ E-Auction Portal (<https://eaction.gov.in>) ਕੇ ਮਾਧਿਅਮ ਸੇ ਲਥੁ ਸਚਿਵਾਲਯ ਕੇ ਕਮਰਾ ਨ. 109 ਥੂ-ਤਲ ਪਰ ਆਯੋਜਿਤ ਕੀ ਜਾਯੀ। ਇਥਕੁ ਬੋਲੀ ਦਾਤਾਅੋਂ ਕੋ ਨੀਲਾਮੀ ਆਰਮਬ ਹੋਨੇ ਸੇ ਤੀਨ ਦਿਨ ਪਹਲੇ ਧਰੋਹਰ ਰਾਸ਼ੀ ਕੇ ਰੁਪ ਮੈਂ 30,000/-ਰੁਪਯੇ (Four Wheeler) ਕੇ ਲਿਏ ਵ 10,000/-ਰੁਪਯੇ (Two Wheeler) ਕੇ ਲਿਏ ਫਿਮਾਂਡ ਡ੍ਰਾਫਟ (ਤਪਾਯੁਕੁ ਪੰਚਕੂਲਾ ਕੇ ਨਾਮ ਸੇ) ਜਮਾ ਕਰਵਾਨੇ ਹੀਂਗੇ। ਤਥਚਤਮ ਬੋਲੀ ਕੋ 25% ਰਾਸ਼ੀ ਨੀਲਾਮੀ ਕੀ ਸਮਾਪਿ ਹੋਨੇ ਕੇ ਤੀਨ ਦਿਨ ਕੇ ਅਨਦਰ ਅਨਦਰ ਜਮਾ ਕਰਵਾਨੀ ਹੀਂਗੀਅਰ ਬਾਕਾਯਾ ਸੇਪ ਰਾਸ਼ਿ 30 ਦਿਨੋਂ ਕੇ ਅਨਦਰ ਅਨਦਰ ਜਮਾ ਕਰਵਾਨੀ ਹੀਂਗੀ ਅਨਥਾ ਪਹਲੇ ਜਮਾ ਕਰਵਾਈ ਗਈ ਧਰੋਹਰ ਰਾਸ਼ੀ ਜਤਵ ਕਰ ਲੀ ਜਾਯੀ। ਬਿਕਰੀ ਕਰ ਆਰ ਸਰਚਾਰਜ ਜੈਸਾ ਕਿ ਨਿਯਮਾਧੀਨ ਲਾਗੂ ਹੈ, ਅਤਿਰਿਕ ਲਿਆ ਜਾਯਾ। ਬੋਲੀ ਕੀ ਸ਼ਰਤੋਂ ਕੋ E-Auction Portal (<https://eaction.gov.in>) ਪਰ ਦੇਖਾ ਜਾ ਸਕਤਾ ਹੈ। ਤਪਾਯੁਕੁ ਪੰਚਕੂਲਾ ਅਥਵਾ ਤਨਕੇ ਮਨੋਨੀਤ ਥ੍ਰਕਿ ਕੋਈ ਕਾਰਨ ਬਤਾਯੇ ਬਿਨਾ ਕਿਸੀ ਬੋਲੀ ਕੋ ਸਵੀਕਾਰ/ ਰਦ ਕਰਨੇ ਕਾ ਅਧਿਕਾਰ ਸੁਰਕਿਸ਼ਿਤ ਰਖਤੇ ਹੈ।

ਹਸਤਾ./-
ਕੂਨੇ: ਤਪਾਯੁਕੁ, ਪੰਚਕੂਲਾ।

No. 48809-HRY



“IMPORTANT”

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR SALE THROUGH ONLINE E-AUCTION IN EXERCISE OF THE POWERS UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 (SARFAESI ACT) READ WITH RULES 6, 8 & 9 OF SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES, 2002

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Notice is hereby given to the public in general and to the Borrower (s) / Guarantor (s) / Mortgagee (s), in particular, that the below described immovable property/ies mortgaged / charged to the Asset Reconstruction Company (India) Limited, acting in its capacity as Trustee of various Arcil Trusts ("ARCIL") (pursuant to the assignment of financial asset vide registered Assignment Agreements), will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", "Whatever there is" and "Without recourse basis" by way of online e - auction, for recovery of outstanding dues of together with further interest, charges and costs etc., as detailed below in terms of the provisions of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 ("Act") read with Rules 6, 8 and 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 ("Rules").

Name of the Borrower / Co - Borrower/s / Guarantor/s / Mortgagee/s	LAN No. & Selling Bank	Trust Name	Outstanding Amount as per SARFAESI Notice Dated 13.08.2024 respectively	Possession Type and Date	Date of Inspection	Type of Property and Area	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Reserve Price	Date & Time of E-Auction
Borrower : 1. MANVINDER KAUR (CO - BORROWER, WIFE AS WELL AS LEGAL HEIR OF LATE RAMINDER SINGH)	Loan Account No. HHEYAM00001158 Edelweiss Asset Reconstruction Company Ltd. ("EARC")	Arcil - CPS - IV - Trust	Rs. 1,06,11,013.05/- (Rupees One Crore Six Lakh Eleven Thousand and Thirteen and Paise Five only) as on 05.08.2024 + further interest thereon + Legal Expenses	Physical possession on 21.05.2026	Will be arranged on request	Freehold - 55 Sq. yards (land area)	Rs. 3,65,500/- (Rupees Three Lakh Sixty Five Thousand Five Hundred only)	Rs. 36,55,000/- (Rupees Thirty Six Lakh Fifty Five Thousand only)	On 13.10.2026 at 02:00 P.M.

Description of the Secured Asset being auctioned :
PROPERTY NO. 1
PROPERTY NO. 8-9/133B ADMEASURING 33.5 SQUARE YARDS SITUATED IN VISHNU NAGAR, JAGADHRI WORKSHOP, YAMUNA NAGAR - 135001, HARYANA AND WHICH IS BOUNDED AS FOLLOWS : NORTH : PROPERTY OF ISHAR DAS & YASHPAL, SOUTH: PROPERTY OF TILAK RAJ, EAST : PROPERTY OF RAJ KUMAR, WEST : PROPERTY OF HARBANS LAL.
PROPERTY NO. 2
SHOP NO. 2, PROPERTY NO. - 1217/B/1 ADMEASURING 22 SQUARE YARDS SITUATED IN VISHNU NAGAR, JAGADHRI WORKSHOP, YAMUNA NAGAR - 135001, HARYANA AND WHICH IS BOUNDED AS FOLLOWS : NORTH : 20 FEET ROAD, SOUTH : PLOT OF MR. RAMESH CHAND, EAST : SHOP NO. 1, WEST : SHOP NO. 3.

Pending Litigations known to ARCIL	Nil	Encumbrances / Dues known to ARCIL	Nil
Last Date for submission of Bid	Same day 2 hours before Auction	Bid Increment amount :	As mentioned in the BID document
Demand Draft to be made in name of :	ARCIL - CPS - IV - TRUST	Payable at par	
RTGS details	ARCIL - CPS - IV - TRUST, Trust Account No. - 57500001353101, HDFC Bank Limited, Branch: Kamla Mill, Mumbai, IFSC Code : HDFC0000542.		
Name of Contact person & number	Rohit Gupta - 0124-6910910; +91 70654 51024 (auctionhelpline@sammaancapital.com).		

Terms and Conditions :

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Sd/-
Authorized Officer

Place : YAMUNA NAGAR
Date : 20.08.2026

Asset Reconstruction Company (India) Ltd. (Trustee of Arcil - CPS - IV - Trust)



HIMACHAL PRADESH; JAL SHAKTI VIBHAG

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

On line bids on lump sum/item rate basis tender are invited by the Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Vibhag Division, Indora Himachal Pradesh on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh, in electronic tendering system in two covers for the under mentioned work from the contractors/firms of appropriate class enlisted with HPPJSV Department:-

S. No	Description of work.	Estimated cost. Rs.	Earnest Money. Rs.	Time Limit. Month	Cost of form. Rs.
1	Providing LWSS Beh Malahantan Phase -1st under JSV Sub Division Badukhar in Tehsil Indora Distt. Kangra (H.P.)SH:- Protection work to safe over ground Tank/RD 18 to 34.50 Mtrs.Under PDNA	1,79,913/-	Rs 3600/-	01 Month	Rs 350/-
2	Providing LWSS Beh Malahantan Phase -1st under JSV Sub Division Badukhar in Tehsil Indora Distt. Kangra (H.P.)SH:- C/O Retaining wall to protect the over ground Tank,RD0/0 to18 Mtrs. One side) Under PDNA	1,86,109/-	Rs 3725/-	01 Month	Rs 350/-
3	Providing LWSS Beh Malahantan Phase -1st under JSV Sub Division Badukhar in Tehsil Indora Distt. Kangra (H.P.)SH:- C/O Retaining wall to protect the over ground Tank,RD0/0 to18 Mtrs. Right Side (Nallah Side)Under PDNA	1,96,039/-	Rs 3921/-	01 Month	Rs 350/-
4	Running and Maintenance of Pumping Machinery along with allied accessories of the various LWSS & Tube wells under Jal Shakti Section Kathguth. Sub. Division Indora) (For one Year)	6,46,370/-	Rs 12,930/-	01 Year	Rs 350/-
5	Running and Maintenance of Pumping Machinery along with allied accessories of the various LWSS under Jal Shakti Sub. Division Indora (Section Indora) (For one Year)	6,21,300/-	Rs 12,430/-	01 Year	Rs 350/-
6	Running and Maintenance of Pumping Machinery along with allied accessories of the various LWSS & Tube well under Jal Shakti Section Badukhar Sub. Division Badukhar in Tehsil Indora Distt Kangra) (For one Year)	5,95,100/-	Rs 11,902/-	01 Year	Rs 350/-
7	Running and Maintenance of Pumping Machinery along with allied accessories of the various LWSS & Tube well under Jal Shakti Section Gangath. Sub. Division Gangath) (For one Year) Job No.1	5,63,465/-	Rs 11270/-	01 Year	Rs 350/-
8	Running and Maintenance of Pumping Machinery along with allied accessories of the various LWSS & Tube well under Jal Shakti Section Gangath Sub. Division Gangath) (For one Year) Job No.2	5,13,485/-	Rs 10270/-	01 Year	Rs 350/-

Last date of filing/uploading the tender through e-tendering is 11-09-2026 up to 11.00 AM. The tender forms and other detailed terms and conditions can be obtained from the website www.htenders.gov.in

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Executive Engineer
Jal Shakti Division Indora, Distt Kangra

No. 3100/HP



GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA

TENDER NOTICE



SR. NO	NAME OF DEPARTMENT	NAME OF WORK NOTICE TENDER	OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE	AMOUNT / EMD (APPROX.) IN RUPEES	WEBSITE OF THE DEPARTMENT	NODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL
1	PWD B&R, SONIPAT	SPECIAL REPAIR BY PDG. STG. OF 2 NOS ROAD HAVING ROAD I.E 9933 AND 9936 IN GANAUH CONSTITUENCY IN SONIPAT DISTT. UNDER WORK PROGRAM 2026-27 + 1 WORKS	25.08.2026 07.09.2026	983.20 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01302200575 pwd-eeepd2-sonapat@hry.nic.in
2	PWD B&R, SONIPAT	SPECIAL REPAIR BY PROVIDING WIDENING STRENGTHENING AND RELYING OF CCB OF 5 NOS OF ROAD HAVING ROAD ID 12303, 6021, 12266, 2697 AND 9821IN RAI CONSTITUENCY IN SONIPAT DISTT. (UNDER WORK PROGRAM 2026-27) + 2 WORKS	25.08.2026 07.09.2026	1453.38 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01302200575 pwd-eeepd2-sonapat@hry.nic.in
3	PWD B&R, GURUGRAM	HEAVY PATCHWORK ON SOHNA DAMDAMA TO HARCHANDPUR VIA DAULA AND LINK ROAD TO HARCHANDPUR IN GURUGRAM DISTT. FROM KM 0.00 TO 4.76KM (ROAD ID 3091)	CLOSING DATE 05.09.2026	31.46 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01242322424 pwd-eeepd1-gurgaon@hry.nic.in
4	PWD B&R, GURUGRAM	ANNUAL REPAIR FOR HARYANA STATE GUEST HOUSE, CHANAKYAPURI, NEW DELHI FOR THE YEAR 2026-27	CLOSING DATE 05.09.2026	9.04 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01242322424 pwd-eeepd1-gurgaon@hry.nic.in
5	PWD B&R, GURUGRAM	ANNUAL REPAIR FOR HARYANA GOVERNMENT HOUSING COMPLEX, SHALIMAR BAGH, DELHI	CLOSING DATE 05.09.2026	21.16 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01242322424 pwd-eeepd1-gurgaon@hry.nic.in
6	PWD B&R, GURUGRAM	ANNUAL REPAIR OF MAIN BLOCK INCLUDING GOVERNOR SUITE AND C.M. SUITE OF HARYANA BHAWAN, NEW DELHI FOR THE YEAR 2026-27.	CLOSING DATE 05.09.2026	9.53 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01242322424 pwd-eeepd1-gurgaon@hry.nic.in
7	PWD B&R, GURUGRAM	SPECIAL REPAIR FOR IMPROVEMENT OF ROAD FROM SOHNA CITY TO DHANI SOHNA VIA NAGLI FROM KM. 0.00 TO 2.100 IN SOHNA CONSTITUENCY IN GURUGRAM DISTT. (WORK PROGRAMME 2026-2027)	CLOSING DATE 10.09.2026	108.11 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01242322424 pwd-eeepd1-gurgaon@hry.nic.in
8	PWD B&R, HISAR	CONSTRUCTION OF LIFT WELL IN NEW 6 NO. COURT BUILDING IN JUDICIAL COLLEGE COMPLEX AT SIRSA . (PDG. 1 NO. 13 PASSENGERS LIFT ONLY) + 1 WORKS	31.08.2026 07.09.2026	62.27 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01662225651 pwd-eeed-hissar@hry.nic.in
9	PWD B&R, HISAR	REPLACEMENT OF STREET/SECURITY LIGHTS AND S/R TO E.I. IN RAJIV GANDHI GOVT. COLLEGE FOR WOMEN AT BHIWANI(PDG ADDITIONAL E.I. INTERNAL ONLY)	31.08.2026 07.09.2026	9.02 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01662225651 pwd-eeed-hissar@hry.nic.in
10	KALPANA CHAWLA GOVT MEDICAL COLLEGE KARNAL	E-TENDER FOR SUPPLY MEDICINE AND CONSUMABLE (CIPROFLOXACIN EYE DROPS, MOXIFLOXACIN E/D, NAPHAZOLINE E/D, AMOXICILLIN CAPSULES ETC.) AT KCGMC, KARNAL	07.09.2026 14.09.2026	EMD 10000	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9896154463 director.kgchc-hry@gov.in
11	KALPANA CHAWLA GOVT MEDICAL COLLEGE KARNAL	E-TENDER FOR SUPPLY MEDICINE AND CONSUMABLE (ARTESUNATE INJECTION, ATRACURIUM BESYLATE INJECTION, ALPRAZOLAM TAB. ETC.) AT KCGMC, KARNAL	07.09.2026 14.09.2026	EMD 10000	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9896154463 director.kgchc-hry@gov.in
12	IRRIGATION & WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT HARYANA, CHARKHI DADRI	SUPPLY, ERECTION & COMMISSIONING OF 4 NOS. 35 CS. VT PUMP SETS ALONGWITH 4 NO. 200 HP MOTORS AND ALLIED ACCESSORIES AT AURANGPUR LINK DRAIN PUMP HOUSE IN WATER SERVICES MECHANICAL DIVISION, JHAJJAR	CLOSING DATE 08.09.2026	278.66 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9896786329 xennmechjr@gmail.com

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No. 48823/HR

‘Unsustainable in law’: AFT reinstates Agniveer discharged for suppressing info

Man Aman Singh Chhina
Chandigarh, September 1

THE ARMED Forces Tribunal has set aside the Army’s decision to discharge an Agniveer and ordered his reinstatement with consequential benefits, holding that he could not be penalised for not declaring a pending criminal case arising from an incident that occurred when he was a minor.

The Principal Bench of Chairperson Justice Rajendra Menon and Member (Administrative) Rasika Chaube allowed the petition of Anas Chauhan, on August 17 and quashed the discharge order of the Army dated January 20, 2026.

The Army discharged Chauhan under Item IV of Rule 13(3) of the Army Rules, 1954, alleging that he suppressed information in his enrolment form.

Chauhan was selected as an Agniveer in the 2024-25 recruitment rally after clearing physical tests. Police verification later produced an adverse report referring to an FIR registered in Meerut on October 3, 2020, against 16 people, including Chauhan, under Indian Penal Code sections 353, 332, 307, 147, 148, 149 and others.

A show-cause notice followed on September 12, 2025, and the Commanding Officer then discharged him on January 20, 2026.

Chauhan’s counsel submitted that he was about 17 years old at the time of the alleged village quarrel and that the FIR contained only general allegations. He relied on an order of the Allahabad High Court dated April 10, 2025, in a petition under Section 528 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita.

In paragraph 8 of that order, the high court directed that the matter “may not be treated as a pendency of criminal case against the applicant for seeking appointment/selection” in the Agniveer process. The Tribunal held that the

high court directive was binding on the Army and AFT. It said as long as the protection remained unmodified, the respondents could not treat non-disclosure as an “act unbecoming of a person in uniform” or independently treat the FIR as a disqualification.

“The import of the aforesaid order of the Hon’ble High Court, which was binding upon the respondents as well as this Tribunal, was that the applicant stood protected by law. In the peculiar circumstances, the applicant was entitled to proceed with his candidature for appointment in the Indian Army without the pendency of the FIR being treated as a disqualification,” the Tribunal noted.

It added that if the Army believed the high court order did not cover suppression of information in the enrolment form, it ought to have sought modification or clarification rather than proceed on its own.

The Tribunal also relied on the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2000, and relevant Supreme Court, Delhi High Court, and AFT rulings to hold that a minor need not disclose such involvement and that it cannot be used to disqualify them from employment.

“The applicant could not have been proceeded against for non-disclosure of the pendency of the criminal case. The action taken against the applicant... is unsustainable in law,” the Tribunal said.

The Tribunal allowed the original application, quashed the January 20, 2026 discharge order, and directed the respondents to take Chauhan back into Agniveer service “pursuant to the appointment issued to him, in accordance with law, with all consequential benefits.”

It clarified that the relief will be subject to any subsequent order of the Allahabad High Court if the Centre seeks to modify or clarify the interim protection granted to Chauhan.

PUNJAB CHANGE OF LAND USE SCAM

ED submits 200-page reply in HC, writes 3rd letter to DGP for registration of FIR

Kamaldeep Singh Brar
Amritsar, September 1

THE ENFORCEMENT Directorate has for a third time sought registration of an FIR against a number of private persons and senior officials of Punjab government allegedly involved in corrupt practices.

In a third letter, written to DGP Gaurav Yadav on August 31, the ED has sought that the FIR be registered against the said persons under Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002 and copy of the same be supplied to the federal agency at the earliest.

ED’s ongoing action is triggered by searches conducted between May 7 and May 10 at the premises of Ajay Sehgal, Nitin Gohal and Suresh Kumar Bajaj in connection with a money-laundering investiga-

tion regarding a multi-crore land and Change of Land Use fraud. It is connected with the Rs. 348 crore money laundering case connected to Suntec city project.

The matter pertains to an alleged “large-scale and institutionalised corruption” allegedly involving senior state officials as alleged in a PIL filed in the Punjab and Haryana High Court last week. On August 28, the High Court sought to know from the Punjab government what action it proposed to take on allegations of “large-scale and institutionalised corruption” involving senior state officials, observing that the “nature of allegations made are serious” and would require a “careful response from the respondents”.

A Division Bench of Acting Chief Justice Ashwani Kumar

Mishra and Justice Rohit Kapoor also directed the ED to place before it the communications allegedly sent to the Punjab DGP and sought the State’s stand on the matter.

“Before we proceed to take cognizance of the grievance raised... it would be appropriate to call upon the counsel representing ED, to place before the court the communications sent to the DGP... as is alleged by the petitioner. If such communication is sent, we would also like to know from the Advocate-General, Punjab, as to what stand/action is proposed to be taken by the State police and the State itself,” the bench said while listing the matter for September 3.

The directions came on a petition filed by Advocate Nikhil Saraf alleging abuse of official position, criminal conspi-

racy and manipulation of government, tender and administrative processes. The petition alleges that senior Punjab officials were involved in various scams, including “cash for transfers; cash for getting favourable policies; cash for tenders, and such other illegal activities”.

The Punjab police had sought more details from the ED citing that the documents/transcripts annexed by ED while seeking registration of FIR were “not legible”.

Responding to Punjab Police’s communication, ED on August 31 wrote: “It is submitted that the information along with material was shared under Section 66(2) of the PMLA-2002 vide this office’s communications dated July 30 and August 7 and via email on August 7 only after due exam-

ination, investigation and assessment by this office and approval of the competent authority, and upon this office being satisfied that the material disclosed contravention of the provisions of law administered by your office. Section 66(2) casts an obligation on this office to share such information with the concerned agency for necessary action; it does not, in itself, contemplate or require the receiving agency to call for further authentication, chain of custody or original source data as a pre-condition to registration of FIR.” “It is requested that the FIR may kindly be registered forthwith on the basis of the information and material already provided, as now supplemented with legible copies and the requisite certificate, and a copy of the FIR so registered may be furnished to this

office at the earliest, in any case before the next date of hearing i.e. September 3, 2026 fixed in CWP-PIL-238-2026”, the ED wrote.

“Any further material or record that may be required by your office, subsequent to and strictly for the purpose of investigation after registration of the FIR, shall be provided by this office as and when requested, in accordance with the law. Any delay in registration of FIR may lead to destruction/tampering of evidence and hence FIR is required to be registered urgently”, the ED wrote in its letter dated August 31.

ED has already submitted its 200-page reply in the High Court, which includes over 150 pages of WhatsApp chats exchanged between the persons against whom ED is seeking registration of FIR.



Residents and tourists make their way amid rainfall at Ridge, in Shimla, Tuesday. PTI

PUNJAB GOVT AFFIDAVIT

15,768 of 35,449 jail inmates registered for opioid-assisted treatment, HC told

Jagpreet Singh Sandhu
Chandigarh, September 1

THE PUNJAB government has told the Punjab and Haryana High Court (HC) that 15,768 of the 35,449 inmates lodged in the state’s jails were registered under the Out-Patient Opioid Assisted Treatment (OOAT) programme as on August 21.

The details were furnished in an affidavit filed on Tuesday by Rajesh Kumar Jaiswal, Additional Director General of Police (Prisons), Punjab, in compliance with the HC’s August 20 order in a PIL taken up by the court on its own motion concerning the de-addiction programme in jails.

The HC had sought jail-wise figures, the age profile of inmates on OOAT, the SOP governing their registration, the process of tapering them off the medication, rehabilitation facilities and details of inmates who were already taking the tablets before entering jail.

The OOAT programme is being implemented in coordination with the Department of Health and Family Welfare.

According to the affidavit, 15,768 inmates were registered under OOAT across Punjab’s 25 jails out of 35,449. The highest number of OOAT-registered inmates was reported from Central Jail, Kapurthala (2,635), followed by Central Jail, Amritsar (2,124), Central Jail, Shri Goidwal Sahib (1,295), Central Jail, Faridkot (1,441), Central Jail, Gurdaspur (1,071) and Central Jail, Ludhiana (1,058).

The affidavit mentions, “The OOAT programme is being implemented in coordination with the Department of Health and Family Welfare, Punjab, and treatment is provided under the supervision of qualified medical personnel.”

The age-wise data submitted by the state showed that 5,656 inmates registered under OOAT were aged 26-35 years, while 4,544 were in the 36-45 age group. Another 2,951 inmates were aged 18-25 years, 1,940 were aged 46-55 and 677 were above 55. There were no inmates below 18 years among those registered under the programme. On the procedure governing registration, the state said in its affidavit, “...the registration of inmates with OOAT Clinics is governed by the Standard Operating Procedure-2017 issued by the Department of Health and Family Welfare, Punjab.”

Explaining the rationale for the medication, the affidavit, quoting the report of the Health and Family Welfare Department, said the OOAT programme was started in 2017 “to control the heroin use which was rampant in the State”.

It stated, “In the past, so many other medicines were tried as maintenance therapies or as Harm Reduction therapies

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but the Buprenorphine+Naloxone (BPNx) has been found to be the one of the safest medicines to use.” The affidavit said Buprenorphine takes care of withdrawal and craving, prevents the action of other opioids such as heroin and prevents overdose cases and deaths, while the addition of Naloxone prevents the action of Buprenorphine if injected.

The state said the OOAT treatment is divided into five phases—Induction (4-7 days), Stabilisation (four months), Maintenance (eight months), Termination (1-2 months) and Follow-up (six months).

The affidavit states that during the maintenance phase, patients are counselled to taper off BPNx. “A combined decision to terminate the BPNx is made by the treating doctor, counsellor and the patient, and if possible, with the involvement of family members.”

The affidavit said, “The eight rehabilitation facilities provide institutional support for the treatment, rehabilitation and de-addiction of inmates suffering from substance dependence.” The state also listed measures undertaken by the Prisons Department for rehabilitation and reintegration, including education from basic literacy to Class 10/12 and diploma courses under the SikhyaDaan programme; skill development and training through Industrial Training Institutes established in 11 jails, and short-term courses organised through the Punjab Skill Development Mission.

It said inmates are also given opportunities to participate in sports, recreational activities, yoga, religious/spiritual programmes and other wellness-oriented activities.

“In addition, counselling on harm reduction, safer sex practices, and abstinence is provided by psychologists/counsellors to address the psychological, behavioural and emotional aspects associated with substance dependence,” mentioned the affidavit.

On the specific issue of whether inmates were taking the medication before their admission to jail, the state said 2,540 inmates presently registered under OOAT were reported to have been taking such tablets/medicines before their admission to jail.

EXPRESS special

Sikhya Kranti: Year after they paid for plaques, inaugurations, teachers wait for govt to clear the bill

Many teachers had paid from their pockets after govt promised Rs 5,000 for each granite plaque and Rs 5,000 to Rs 20,000 in expenses for inaugurations

Divya Goyal Gopal
Ludhiana, September 1

OVER A year after the Punjab government’s much-publicised “Sikhya Kranti” campaign saw inauguration plaques installed across thousands of government schools, some even for minor works, teachers in several districts are still waiting to be reimbursed for expenses they incurred from their own pockets.

The campaign, launched by the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) government in April-May last year, involved the inauguration of more than 25,000 works in government schools. Separate granite plaques were installed for several works, including repairs to boundary walls, toilets and classrooms. In some schools, four to five stones carrying the names of Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann, Education Minister

Harjot Bains and local MLAs were installed.

Teachers were also asked to organise inauguration ceremonies for visiting ministers and MLAs, and ended up spending on tents, refreshments, sound systems and publicity flexes. The Opposition had dubbed the exercise “Udghatan Kranti”, alleging that the government was using school infrastructure for political publicity. Amid the criticism, the government, midway through the 54-day drive, directed schools to install only one plaque for all works.

An order issued by then Education Secretary Anindita Mitra said that schools would receive Rs 5,000 for each granite plaque. Foe inauguration ceremony, the expenditure was to be reimbursed category-wise - Rs 5,000 for primary and middle schools, Rs 10,000 for high



The plaques installed at a school. EXPRESS

schools and Rs 20,000 for senior secondary schools.

Getting reimbursed, however, has turned out to be a difficult task. Several teachers in Barnala, Ludhiana, Fatehgarh Sahib, Moga and other districts told The Indian Express that they are still awaiting payments more than a year later.

Teachers claim that that education department did not release funds in advance, leaving them with little choice but to pay vendors from their own pockets. In many schools, several teachers pooled their money to meet the expenses. This has now compounded the problem. The

education department will release the sanctioned amount directly to vendors, who are then expected to return the money already paid by teachers.

Harkeet Singh, a vendor from Khamano in Fatehgarh Sahib, said he supplied granite plaques to at least 70 schools in Fatehgarh Sahib and Khanna but was yet to receive payment from the government.

“Each stone cost around Rs 3,500-4,000. Teachers paid me from their own pockets. I have to return the money to them when the government credits the amount to my account. I haven’t received a penny from

the government. Teachers keep calling to ask whether the money has come,” he said, adding he will return the money to teachers the day “I receive it from the government”.

A primary school head teacher from Bhadla village of Khanna said the school had spent about Rs 6,000 on the plaque, snacks and arrangements for the inauguration. “We paid the vendors because nobody gives even a piece of chalk on credit these days. We were told the money would be credited to the vendor after bills were submitted. Despite multiple letters to district education authorities, our reimbursement has not come. What was the need for such a political PR gimmick if there was no budget?” the teacher said.

Nearly all the teachers the Indian Express reached out to, requested anonymity fearing departmental action. They said the problem was particularly frustrating because they had incurred the expenditure under official instructions.

In Aspal Khurd village of Barnala, teachers said three plaques were installed - two for classrooms and one for a bound-

ary wall - with more than Rs 20,000 spent on the arrangements. “We were later told that only schools visited by the minister would get the money. Is it our fault if the minister did not visit our school? We were ready to welcome him or any other MLA,” a teacher said.

In Rajgarh village of Barnala, four teachers pooled money to pay vendors when AAP MP Gurmeet Singh Meet Hayer visited the school to inaugurate a gate. “We haven’t received the money yet. Vendors say nothing has come into their accounts,” a teacher said.

A senior Education Department official said the “majority” of bills had been cleared after the government released a tranche of Rs 12.25 crore, but acknowledged that some payments remained pending.

Ludhiana Deputy District Education Officer Amandeep Singh and Barnala DEO Sunit Inder Singh said no such bills were pending in their districts, though both said they would “still get it checked”.

Punjab Education Secretary Sonali Giri said, “If any bill is still pending, schools can let us know.”

Attacked by monkeys, 63-yr-old woman falls from 3rd floor terrace

Saurabh Parashar
Shimla, September 1

A 63-YEAR-OLD woman is battling for her life on a ventilator at Indira Gandhi Medical College and Hospital (IGMC), Shimla, after being attacked by monkeys on the rooftop of her three-storey house in Lower Cemetery area in Sanjauli on August 30.

The victim, Satya Devi Chauhan, had gone to the roof-

top at around 7.30 am to check the water tanks when a group of monkeys present there attacked her, causing her to fall from the third floor to the ground floor. She is currently in the ICU with several injuries, including spinal damage, and has remained unconscious since the incident. “One of the neighbours, who witnessed the incident, told us that there were already a group of monkeys on the rooftop. As my mother

checked the water tank, the monkeys attacked her and one of them pushed her. A loud thud alerted the other neighbours,” her daughter, Rajni, 41, told The Indian Express.

Rajni, who is married, also resides in the Lower Cemetery area of Sanjauli. She said her younger brother, Rajneesh Chauhan, was at home when the incident occurred. “My mother received grievous internal injuries and her spine was

also damaged. We immediately rushed her to IGMC Shimla. She has been unconscious since the incident. A team of the wildlife wing visited us in the hospital Tuesday”, Rajni said. Medical Superintendent Dr Rahul Rao confirmed that the patient was on the ventilator due to severe injuries.

DFO (Shimla) Aniket Wanve said a forest department team visited the victim’s house and recorded statements of locals.

“It is not an isolated case. On average, we record five to six monkey attack cases every month. Our team also visited the victim’s family at IGMC,” he said, adding that the department had been informed about the incident a day after it occurred.

Local councillor Vineet Sharma of Ward 22, Shanti Vihar, said the monkey menace has become a growing concern. “The situation is deteriorating each passing day in our area and across Shimla. We have urged the authorities to act,” he said. Under the Himachal Pradesh Forest and Wildlife Department’s compensation policy, a victim who suffers severe injuries in a wild animal attack is eligible for Rs 75,000, rising to Rs 1 lakh in cases of permanent disability certified by a physician. In the event of death, the family is eligible for Rs 4 lakh.



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Tender ID : 2026_AMSPA_923354_1

Published Date : 24.08.2026

Pre-Bid Conference : 08.09.2026

Bid Submission End Date : 23.09.2026

Interested and eligible bidder may participate in the tender and submit their bids online through CPPP (<https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app>). For details, updates & amendments, visit regularly CPPP and AIIMS website (<https://aiimspatna.edu.in/>).

DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL CHANDIGARH (DRT-1)
2nd FLOOR, S.C.O. 33-34-35, SECTOR-17A, CHANDIGARH

Case No.: OA/537/2025

Summons under Sub-Section (4) of section 19 of the Act, read with Sub-rule (2A) of rule 5 of the Debt Recovery Tribunal (Procedure) Rules, 1993. Exh. No.: 35563

UNION BANK OF INDIA VS SMT. SATNAM KAUR BANSI

To, (1) Smt. Satnam Kaur Bansi D/W/S/O-W/o Sh. Prabhjot Singh, R/o House No. 171, Master Tara Singh Nagar, Jalandhar, Punjab. Also At : Village and P.O. Dhogri, Tehsil and District Jalandhar, Punjab.

(2) Sh. Prabhjot Singh S/o Sh. Kartar Singh , R/o House No. 171, Master Tara Singh Nagar, Jalandhar, Punjab. Also At : Village and P.O. Dhogri, Tehsil and District Jalandhar, Punjab.

(3) Sh. Darshan Preet Singh S/o Sh. Sujit Singh, R/o VPO Madar, Tehsil And District Jalandhar, Punjab.

WHEREAS, **OA/537/2025** was listed before Hon'ble Presiding Officer/Registrar on **11/08/2026**.

WHEREAS this Hon'ble Tribunal is pleased to issue summons/notice on the said Application under section 19(4) of the Act, (OA) filed against you for recovery of debts of **Rs. 68,86,403.11** (application along with copies of documents etc. annexed).

In accordance with sub-section (4) of section 19 of the Act, you, the defendants are directed as under :-

(i) to show cause within thirty days of the service of summons as to why relief prayed for should not be granted;

(ii) to disclose particulars of properties or assets other than properties and assets specified by the applicant under serial number 3A of the original application;

(iii) you are restrained from dealing with or disposing of secured assets or such other assets and properties disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application, pending hearing and disposal of the application for attachment of properties;

(iv) you shall not transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise, except in the ordinary course of his business any of the assets over which security interest is created and/or other assets and properties specified or disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application without the prior approval of the Tribunal;

(v) you shall be liable to account for the sale proceeds realised by sale of secured assets or other assets and properties in the ordinary course of business and deposit such sale proceeds in the account maintained with the bank or financial institutions holding security interest over such assets.

You are also directed to file the written statement with a copy thereof furnished to the applicant and to appear before Registrar on **17.09.2026 at 10:30 A.M.** failing which the application shall be heard and decided in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Tribunal on this dated **19.08.2026**.



Kangra Central Co-operative Bank Limited
ZONAL OFFICE: PALAMPUR

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE FOR (IMMOVABLE PROPERTY/IES)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of **Kangra Central Co-operative Bank Ltd.** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of power conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 8 & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002 issued demand notice(s) on the dates mentioned against each account calling upon the respective borrowers /guarantors to repay the amount mentioned against account within 60 days from the date of the receipt of the said notice(s).

The borrowers and guarantors having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers / guarantors / owners of the property and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic Possession of the property(s) described herein below in exercise of power conferred on him under section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 & 9 of the said Rules on the dates mentioned against the account.

The borrowers / guarantors / owners of the property in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealing with the property(s) will be subject to the charge of **Kangra Central Co-Operative Bank Ltd.** for the amounts as mentioned against the account along with interest and other charges thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured asset(s).

Name of the Branch / Borrower	Name of Guarantors	Description of the Immovable property/ies	Date of Demand Notice	Date of Possession	Amount Due as per demand notice in Rs. + Interest thereon
TIBATIAN COLONY, CHOUGAN BIR Sh. Satish Kumar S/o Sh. Udho Ram, R/o Village Gadiara, P.O. Bhawarna, Tehsil Palampur, District Kangra (H.P.)	1. Sh. Ankush S/o Sh. Gian Chand, R/o Near Kali Bari Mandir Village Aima, P/o Palampur, District Kangra (H.P.).	Land Comprised in Khata No. 9, Khatauni No. 9, Khasra No. 225, Land measuring 0-08-89 Hect share 0-03-53 hect, Situated at Mohal Utrehar Hadbast No. 279, Sub Tehsil Bhawarna, District Kangra (H.P.).	12-03-2026	27-08-2026	Rs. 8,71,385/- (Rupees Eight Lakh Seventy One Thousand Three Hundred Eighty Five only) as on 17-02-2026.
	2. Sh. Naresh Kumar S/o Sh. Jhomphi Ram, R/o Ward No. 03 Village Dayala, PO Jia, Tehsil Palampur, District Kangra (H.P.).				

Date: 01.09.2026
Place: Bhawarna

Authorized Officer (Zonal Office, Palampur)



CHOLAMANDALAM INVESTMENT AND FINANCE COMPANY LIMITED

Corporate Office: "Chola Crest" C 54 & C 55, Super B-4, Thiru Vi Ka Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai - 600032, **Shimla Branch:** 2nd Floor Hameer House Chakkar- 5 The Retreat Phagli Shimla Himachal Pradesh 171005, **Kurukshetra Branch:** First Floor, SCO-66, HUDA Sector 17, City Centre, Near Ujala Cynus Hospital, Kurukshetra, Haryana - 136118.

Chandigarh Branch: S.C.O-350,351,352, Third Floor, Sector-34-A, Chandigarh-160022.

Demand Notice Under Section 13(2) Of The Securitisation & Reconstruction of Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 R/w Proviso Of Rule 3(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

You, the under mentioned Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrower(s)/Mortgagor(s) are hereby informed that the company has initiated proceedings against you under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and that the Notice under section 13 (2) of the Act sent to you by Registered Post Acknowledgment Due, has been returned undelivered. Hence, you are hereby called upon to take notice and pay the outstanding loan amount mentioned against the said account with interest accruing there from within 60 days from the date of this publication, failing which the company will proceed against you by exercising its right under Sub-Sec (4) of Section 13 of the Act by enforcing the below mentioned security to realize its dues with interests and costs. It is needless to mention that this notice is addressed to you without prejudice to any other remedy available to the company.

Name and Address of the Borrowers	Loan Amount	Date of Demand Notice & Amount Outstanding	Description of the Property / Secured Asset
Loan Account No.: ML01URU00000101688 Borrowers/Co-Borrower:- 1. Ajay Singh S/o Bhim Singh 2. Raj Bala W/o Bhim Singh Both R/o - Village Kurar, PO Kurar, Tehsil Kalayat, Distt. Kathai, Haryana 136117	Rs. 20,00,000/- (Rupees Twenty Lakhs Only)	19/08/2026 & Rs. 21,82,325/- as on 19/08/2026 with interest & charge thereon	All That Piece & Parcel of Immovable Property Measuring 393.25 Sq. Yards i.e. 0K-13M Situated At Village Kurar, Tehsil Kalayat, Distt. Kathai, Haryana. Regd. Vide Sale Deed Document No. 3297 Dated 24/01/2024.
Loan Account No.: HE01SIM00000108577 Borrowers/Co-Borrower:- 1. Anita Chandel W/o Hamesh Kumar, 2. Hamesh Kumar S/o Deep Ram, R/o: Ambedkar Colony, Sant Niwas, Dhalli, Shimla 171012., 3. Anita Chandel W/o Hamesh Kumar, 4. Hamesh Kumar S/o Deep Ram Also At- House No. 8/1, Sant Niwas, Ambedkar Colony, Shimla Urban, P.o. Dhalli, Distt Shimla, Himachal Pradesh, 171012. 5. Anita Chandel W/o Hamesh Kumar, 6. M/s Dx Fast Food Corner Through Its Proprietor (Anita Chandel), Also At- Guddu Mal Building, Sanjauli Chowk, MC Shimla 171006.	Rs. 70,00,000/- (Rupees Seventy Lakhs only)	19/08/2026 & Rs. 70,84,426/- as on 11/08/2026 with interest & charge thereon	PROPERTY- All that piece and parcel of land measuring 150.98 sq. mtrs. alongwith entire structure/building (top to bottom) which exists on land (except first and second floor) situated at Mohal Dhalli II, Tehsil Shimla (Rural) , District Shimla, Himachal Pradesh. regd. vide sale deed registration no. 695/2024 dated 12-04-2024 and registered mortgage deed registration no. 954/2025 dated 07-05-2025.

Date: 02/09/2026
Place: Shimla (HP) / Kaithal(Haryana) / Chandigarh

Authorised Officer: For Cholamandalam Investment And Finance Company Limited.

HIMACHAL PRADESH; PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
e-Procurement Notice
INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

The Executive Engineer HP PWD Dharamshala Division on behalf of Governor of H.P. invites the Percentage rate bids, in electronic tendering system, for following works from the eligible and approved contractors registered with HP PWD:-

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated cost in Rs.	Earnest Money	Time Limit	Cost of tender form	Start date for downloading of bid	Deadline for submission of Bid
1.	Construction of Link road from Chetru to Batwala km 0/00 to 1/300 in Tehsil Dharamshala, Distt. Kangra H.P. (Deposit Work) (SH-Formation Cutting work between km 0/150 to 0/300)	1,00,800/-	2200/-	One Month	350/-	07.09.2026	14.09.2026

The bidders are advised to note other details of tenders from the departmental website <https://tenders.gov.in>. The Executive Engineer reserves the right to reject any tender or all tenders without assigning any reasons. Date of Opening of tender is 15.09.2026 at 11.30 AM.

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Executive Engineer,
Dharamshala Division, HP PWD Dharamshala,
On behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh.



Careers



NMDC APOLLO CENTRAL HOSPITAL
(Managed by Apollo Hospitals Enterprise Ltd., Hyderabad)
Dist. - Dantewada, Bachel - 494 553 (Chhattisgarh)
Ph: 07857-230050, email- nmdcapollo@gmail.com

Employment Notification No. 03/2026
Dated: 01.09.2026

WALK-IN-INTERVIEW FOR DOCTORS

NMDC Apollo Central Hospital, Bachel requires Medical Professionals as per the following details for Bachel, Kirandul and Nagarnagar Hospitals, which are having latest equipments and excellent infrastructure.

S.No.	Post	Qualification & Experience	Upper Age limit	Annual CTC (in Lakhs)/Pay Scale/ Monthly Consol. Salary (Rs.)	Nature of appointment
1.	Nephrologist	MD, DM / DrNB (Nephrology) with experience	55yrs.**	Rs. 48.00 to 60.00	Regular
2.	Specialist (Medicine)	MD/DNB with experience		MD/MS/DNB : Rs. 28.20 to Rs. 38.00	
3.	Specialist (Gen. Surgery)	MS with experience		PG Diploma : Rs. 23.00 to Rs. 31.00	
4.	Specialist (Radiology)*	MD/DNB/DMRD with experience	45 yrs.	Rs. 12.00 to 18.00 /Rs.100000/-	
5.	GDMO	MBBS with minimum one year experience			

*** Additional payment up to Rs.1.00 lakh p.m. can be considered for Specialist (Radiology) having good experience.**

**** Relaxation in age may be considered for suitable and experienced Specialist/Super Specialist doctors.**
Note:- Higher CTC may be considered for experienced and deserving Specialist doctors as per rules.

CTC for doctors' is under revision

1) Date of Walk-In-Interview : 10.09.2026 (Thursday)
Time : 9.30 AM to 12.30 PM
Place : NMDC Office (GEC), Housing Board Colony, Borriyakala, Shejibahar, Raipur (Chhattisgarh) 492015.

2) Date of Walk-In-Interview : 13.09.2026 (Sunday)
Time : 9.30 AM to 12.30 PM
Place : HR Department, Apollo Health City, Visakhapatnam (AP) 530040.

Important Note: For detailed advertisement kindly visit website: www.nmdc.co.in

Chief Medical Administrator



punjab national bank

ASSET RECOVERY MANAGEMENT BRANCH (ARMB)

SCO - 27, 1st Floor, B-Block, Ranjit Avenue, District Shopping Complex, Amritsar 143001

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR E-AUCTION FOR SALE OF THE MOVABLE/IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

STATUTORY 15/30 DAYS SALE NOTICE TO GENERAL PUBLIC UNDER RULE 6(2) AND 8(6)/9(1) READ WITH RULE 6 AND 9 OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES 2002 OF SARFAESI ACT 2002

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the Public in general and in particular to the Borrowers and Guarantors that the below described movable/immovable properties mortgaged/charged to the secured Creditor, the Constructive/Physical/Symbolic Possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of the Bank/Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" & "Whatever there is" basis on the date as mentioned in the table herein below, for recovery of its dues due to the Bank/Secured Creditor from the respective borrowers & guarantors. The Reserve Price and Earnest Money Deposit will be as mentioned in the table below against the respective properties.

ENCUMBRANCES KNOWN TO THE SECURED CREDITORS IN NIL / NOT KNOWN

The Sale will be done through E-Auction Platform provided at the Website: <https://baanknet.com> on 24-09-2026, 11:00 AM to 04:00 PM

Intending Buyers have to Create User ID and must have minimum EMD Amount in E-Wallet on <https://baanknet.com> to Participate in Auction

Baanknet Portal Help Desk No. +91 8291220220, support.baanknet@psballiance.com, for guidance on Auction process, Registration status etc.

Contact Detail of Authorised Officer: Mr. Ravinder Kumar Gera (Chief Manager) (M) 73400-67253, Email: cs8186@pnb.bank.in

SCHEDULE OF THE SECURED ASSETS

Name of the Branch Name of the Account Name and addresses of the Borrower / Guarantors Account	Description of the Immovable properties Mortgaged / Owner's Name (mortgagors of property)(les)	A) Date of Demand Notice U/s 13(2) of SARFAESI ACT 2002 B) Outstanding Amount as on C) Possession Date u/s 13(4) of SARFAESI ACT 2002 D) Nature of Possession Symbolic / Physical / Constructive	Reserve Price EMD Bid Increase Amount	Name of the Branch Name of the Account Name and addresses of the Borrower / Guarantors Account	Description of the Immovable properties Mortgaged / Owner's Name (mortgagors of property)(les)	A) Date of Demand Notice U/s 13(2) of SARFAESI ACT 2002 B) Outstanding Amount as on C) Possession Date u/s 13(4) of SARFAESI ACT 2002 D) Nature of Possession Symbolic / Physical / Constructive	Reserve Price EMD Bid Increase Amount
1. ARMB, AMRITSAR (i) Property ID: PUNB08A9616428 (ii) Property ID: PUNB40A9422025 (1) M/s G. H. Agro Products Pvt. Ltd., Address: Village Wadala Bittewad, Ram Tirath Road, Amritsar (2) Ashok Narula S/o Sh. Ram Nath, Address: #1, Ward 9, Meghe Walian Wali Gali, Guru Harsahai, Distt Ferozepur (3) Sh. Ravi Narula S/o Sh. Ram Nath, Address: Basti Guru Harsahai, Distt. Ferozepur, Registered in Revenue Record of Sub Registrar, Guru Harsahai, Ferozepur vide Title deed no. 141 dated 11-04-2031, in the name of Ravi Kumar & District Ferozepur (4) Sh. Arun bounded as East: Surinder, West: Self, North: Street, South: Plot Narula S/o Sh. Ashok Narula, Address: #101, Model Town, Guru Harsahai, Distt Ferozepur (5) Sh. Surinder Narula S/o Sh. Ravi Kumar Narula, Address: Ward No. 5, Basti Guru Karam Singh, Guru Harsahai, Distt Ferozepur (6) Sh. Surinder Narula, Address: #102, Model Town, Guru Harsahai, Distt Ferozepur (7) Smt. Seema Narula W/o Sh. Ravi Narula, Address: Basti Guru Karam Singh, Guruharsahai, District Ferozp (8) Smt. Sudesh Narula W/o Sh. Ashok Narula, Address: # 101, Model Town, Guru Harsahai, District Ferozp (9) M/s Guru Harsahai Foods Pvt Ltd, Address: Faridkot Road, Guru Harsahai, District Ferozp 152022 (10) Smt. Meenu Narula W/o Sh. Subhash Narula, Address: Plot No. 12, Basti Guru Karam Singh, Guru harsahai, District Ferozp (11) Sh. Pawan Kumar S/o Sh. Ram Parkash, Address: # 11, Nachattar Singh Wali Gali, Moga 142001, District Ferozp (12) Sh. Rajinder Kumar S/o Sh. Chuni Lal, Address: #424, Ram Tirath Road, Wadala Bittewad, Amritsar	(i) All part and parcel of land measuring 7 Marla having 63/1 440 share of murabba no. 256 Killa No. 17 (8-0) bakdar (0-7-0) Khewat no. 48, Khatoni No. 125 as per Jamabandi for the year 2008-09, Hadbast no. 162 of Guru Harsahai Distt. Firozpur Registered in revenue record of Sub Registrar, Guru Harsahai, Ferozepur vide Title deed no. 2881 dated 09-12-2011 in the name of Sh. Ravi Kumar and bounded as East: Jhugi Wale, West: Street, North: Street, South: Shamsheer Singh	13-10-2015 Rs. 29,92,69,201.38 as on 01-10-2015 + Interest, other charges and less recovery if any, till date affected 07-01-2016 SYMBOLIC POSSESSION	(i) Rs. 10,71,000/- Rs. 1,07,100/- Rs. 20,000/-	5. ARMB, AMRITSAR Property ID: PUNB5DA10637669 (I) M/s Sartaj Seeds, Regd Office: 15-B, Phase 2, Chand Avenue, Fatehgarh Churian Road, Amritsar (ii) M/s Sartaj Seeds, Factory Address: Village Nangal Sohla, Ramdas, Ajnala, Amritsar (iii) Sh. Balwinder Singh Randhawa (Proprietor) S/o Sh. Ranjit Singh 15B, Phase 2, Chand Avenue, Fatehgarh Churian Road, Amritsar (iv) Sh. Jagjit Singh S/o Sh. Randhir Singh (Guarantor / Mortgagor) 15B, Phase 2, Chand Avenue, Fatehgarh Churian Road, Amritsar (v) Smt. Ranjeet Kaur W/o Sh. Jagjit Singh (Guarantor / Mortgagor) 15B, Phase 2, Chand Avenue, Fatehgarh Churian Road, Amritsar (vi) Smt. Harmanderpal Kaur W/o Sh. Ranjit Singh (Guarantor), Village Nangal Sohla, Amritsar	All that part and parcel of Residential House Plot no. 17-18, situated at Chand Avenue, Fatehgarh Churian Road, Amritsar bearing Title Deed no. 10507 dated 23-12-2009 and Title Deed no. 3910 dated 14-06-2007, area measuring 386.60 sq. yards. in the name of Mrs. Ranjeet Kaur W/o Sh. Jagjit Singh and Mr. Jagjit Singh Randhawa S/o Sh. Randhir Singh	19-07-2024 Rs. 1,24,67,867.87 as on 30-06-2024 + Interest, other charges and less recovery if any, till date affected 23-10-2024 PHYSICAL POSSESSION	Rs. 87,00,000/- Rs. 8,70,000/- Rs. 50,000/-
2. ARMB, AMRITSAR (i) Property ID: PUNB818601343 (ii) Property ID: PUNB818601344 (i) M/S Parul Shawis, 89412, Gury Nanak Colony, Near Bhabana Mandir, Patli, Distt Tarn Taran 143416 (ii) Sh. Pardeep Kumar Mehta S/o Sh. Desh Raj (Proprietor Mortgagor) 288/3, Gali Jashi Ram Patwari, Patli, Distt Tarn Taran 143416 (iii) Sh. Aman Malhotra S/o Sh. Gulwinder Kumar (Guarantor) (Proprietor :- M/S Satguru Overseas) House no. 217, VPO Bhikhiwind, Tehsil Patli, Distt Tarn Taran 143303 (iv) Smt. Monika Mehta W/o Sh. Pardeep Kumar (Mortgagor), Gury Nanak Colony, Patli, Distt. Tarn Taran 143416	(i) Equitable Mortgage of Shop no. 4, bearing Khana Shumari no. 1295 to 1301/1 and no. 400-401/12, measuring 10.66 sq. yards, situated at Amritsar Urban, Chowk Passian, Ram Gali, Amritsar vide Sale deed no. 9959, Book no. 1, Jld no. 9906, Page 5051 dated 01-02-2007, owned by Smt. Monika Mehta (ii) Equitable Mortgage of House no. 170/2, 284/2 288/2 (Old) and 395/3 (New), Khata no. 579/890, Khasra no. 2234 (0-3-143), Gali Jaishi Ram, Patli, Distt. Tarn Taran, Punjab as per Sale deed no. 72 dated 08-04-2003, Book no. 1, Volume no. 2559, Page 99/100, owned by Sh. Pardeep Kumar S/o Sh. Desh Raj	16-08-2022 Rs. 30,69,305.83 as on 31-07-2022 + Interest, other charges and less recovery if any, till date affected (i) 29-11-2022 (ii) 10-11-2022 (i) PHYSICAL (ii) SYMBOLIC POSSESSION	(i) Rs. 4,85,000/- Rs. 48,500/- Rs. 20,000/-	6. ARMB, AMRITSAR 1. Property ID: PUNB088A63419774 2. Property ID: PUNB088A63420291 3. Property ID: PUNB088A52802298 4. Property ID: PUNB088A63420338 (i) M/s Best Seeds Karnal, Registered Office Address: 4, Phase 2, Chand Avenue, Fatehgarh Churian Road, Amritsar 143001 (ii) M/s Sartaj Seeds Karnal, Factory Address: VPO Nawar Pind, Ramdas Road, Tehsil Ajnala, Amritsar 143001 (iii) Sh. Chandev Jit Singh S/o Sh. Ranjit Singh (Partner / Guarantor) Village Nangal Sohla, Amritsar, Ramdass, Punjab 143603 (iv) Sh. Lakhwinder Singh Randhawa S/o Sh. Darshan Singh (Guarantor Mortgagor) House no. 4, Chand Avenue, Amritsar 143001 (v) Smt. Jaswinder Kaur W/o Sh. Lakhwinder Singh (Guarantor / Mortgagor) Village Nangal Sohla, Amritsar, Punjab 143603 (vi) Sh. Chandev Jit Singh S/o Sh. Ranjit Singh (Partner / Guarantor) Plot Private no. 86-87, Vrindavan Gardens Extensions, Near Marwari Mandir, Fatehgarh Churian Road, Amritsar 143001 (vii) Smt. Amardeep Kaur W/o Sh. Balwinder Singh (Partner / Guarantor / Mortgagor) House no. 15-B Fatehgarh Churian Road, Chand Avenue, Amritsar, 143001 (viii) Smt. Kulwinder Kaur W/o S. Manjinder Singh (Guarantor / Mortgagor), House no. 19 A, Chand Avenue, Near Guru Ram Dass Sanitary Store, Fatehgarh Churian Road, Amritsar 143001	Property 1: Housing Plot no. 16, Khasra no. 112/6, 112/7 min measuring 200 sq. yards, situated at Chand Avenue, Phase 2, Fatehgarh Churian Road, Amritsar bearing Title Deed no. 2582 dated 27-05-2004 in the name of Sh. Lakhwinder Singh S/o Sh. Darshan Singh. Property 2: Double Storey Residential House constructed on Plot no. 4 and 3 min, Khasra no. 112/6 min, measuring 202.66 sq. yards, situated at Nangli Bypass, Outside Abadi Preet Avenue (Chand Avenue), Fatehgarh Churian Road, Amritsar, bearing Registered Title Deed no. 9565 dated 10-10-2008, in the name of Sh. Lakhwinder Singh S/o Sh. Darshan Singh. Property 3: Plot no. 134, Khasra no. 40/8 min, Abadi Suraj Avenue, Fatehgarh Churian Road, Amritsar, area measuring 386.66 sq. yards bearing Registered Title Deed no. 2280 dated 30-04-2013, in the name of Smt. Jaswinder Kaur W/o Sh. Lakhwinder Singh. Property 4: Plot Private no. 86-87 min, Khasra no. 64/3/2, 64/1/3, 64/18, 64/18/26 min, situated at Locality Bhalla Colony presently known as Vrindavan Gardens Extensions, Near Marwari Mandir, Fatehgarh Churian Road, Tehsil and District Amritsar vide Registered Title Deed no. 2019-20/93/1/15279 dated 17-02-2020, measuring 214.91 sq. yards in the name of Smt. Kulwinder Kaur W/o Mr. Manjinder Singh.	12-04-2024 Rs. 4,82,17,527.27 + Interest, other charges w.e.f 31-03-2024 and less recovery if any, till date affected 27-06-2024 SYMBOLIC POSSESSION	(1) Rs. 32,75,000/- Rs. 3,27,500/- Rs. 20,000/-
3. ARMB, AMRITSAR Property ID: PUNB818601236 M/s Baba Bidhi Chand Trading Company (Prop. Mr. Heera Singh) Mandi Toot, Tehsil Patli, Distt. Tarn Taran 143416 (ii) Heera Singh S/o Harnam Singh, House no. 18, Village Talwandi Sobha Singh, Tehsil Patli, Distt. Tarn Taran 143416 (iii) Balwant Singh S/o Mr. Bagga Singh H. No. 66, Village Jhugian Kalu, Tehsil Patli, Distt Tarn Taran 143416	Land and Building measuring 4 Kanal 12 Marla situated at Village Talwandi Sobha Singh, Tehsil Patli, Distt. Tarn Taran bounded as East: Road, West: Jagir Singh and Sh. Kashmir Singh House, North: Amrik Singh, South: Gali as per following details:- (A) Land area 46/559 share i.e 2 Kanal 6 marla out of 27 Kanal 19 Marla bearing Khata no. 408/1362 to 1364, Khasra no. 41/1/2 (3-14), 2/1/1 (2-0), 4/1/3/2 (4-0), 4 (7-16), 7/1 (5-8), 8/2 (3-1), 41/2/1/2 (2-0) as per Sale Deed dated 14-06-2006 Registered vide Deed no. 1336, Book no. 1, Volume no. 2822 Page 53/56 in favour of Heera Singh and Sh. Joga Singh S/o Sh. Harnam Singh entered in the Office of Joint Sub Registrar Patli. (B) Land area 2 Kanal 6 Marla bearing Khata no. 408/1364, 233/901 Khasra no. 41/2/1/2 (2-0), 41/9/1/2 (0-6) as per Sale deed dated 09-08-2002 Registered vide Deed no. 2015, Book no. 1, Volume no. 2517, Page 71 Registered on 09-08-2002 in favour of Sh. Heera Singh and Sh. Joga Singh S/o Sh. Harnam Singh entered in the Office of Joint Sub Registrar Patli	08-03-2018 Rs. 33,75,916.04 as on 14-07-2016 + Interest, other charges and less recovery if any, till date affected 01-08-2022 SYMBOLIC POSSESSION	Rs. 32,25,000/- Rs. 3,22,500/- Rs. 20,000/-	7. ARMB, AMRITSAR PROPERTY ID: PUNB12CG613284 (i) M/s Hasrat Agro, Regd. Office: Grain Market, Algon Kothi, Tarn Taran 143419 (ii) Mr. Davinder Singh S/o Mr. Darbara Singh (Proprietor) Algon Kothi, Tarn Taran (iii) Mr. Amrik Singh S/o Mr. Milka Singh, House no. 26, Sherwood Estate, Mehta Colony, Bue Pass, Amritsar 143105 (Guarantor and Mortgagor)	Vacant Plot measuring 1 Kanal 14 Marla bearing Khasra no. 81/1/25 (6-17), situated at Algon-I, Hadbast no. 95, Bhikhiwind, Tarn Taran, in the name of Sh. Amrik Singh S/o Sh. Milka Singh Registered vide Registered Title Deed no. 1331, Bhai no. 1, Volume no. 709, Page no. 0 dated 29-01-2018 in the revenue record of Amritsar and bounded as East: Main Road, West: Property of others, North: Property of others, South: Property of others	04-06-2025 Rs. 98,16,492.78 as on 31-05-2025 + Interest, other charges and less recovery if any, till date affected 11-09-2025 SYMBOLIC POSSESSION	Rs. 65,25,000/- Rs. 6,52,500/- Rs. 50,000/-
4. ARMB, AMRITSAR Property ID: PUNB818600030 M/s Dashmesh Commission Agent (Prop. Sh. Sukhdev Singh S/o Sh. Gurbaksh Singh), Shop no. 388, Near Grain Market, Bhagtwala, Amritsar 143001 (ii) Sh. Bhagdev Singh S/o Sh. Gurbaksh Singh, Village Tera Kalan, Tehsil Ajnala, Distt Amritsar 143102 (iii) Gurbaksh Singh S/o Shingara Singh, House no. 36, Khatrial Kalan, Amritsar 143606 (iv) Smt. Harvinder Kaur (Guarantor), House no. 36, Khatrial Kalan, Amritsar 143606	Shop no. 388, Grain Shop measuring 92.22 sq. yards, Grain Market, Ibban Road, Outside Gate Bhagtanwala, Opp. Satnam Dharam Kanda, Amritsar, in the name of Sh. Gurbaksh Singh S/o Sh. Shingara Singh vide Document no. 4270, Book no. 1, Volume no. 11521, Page no. 80-83 dated 30-07-2012 and bounded by East: Road, West: Property of others, North: Shop no. 389, South: Open Plot (Note: This property also mortgaged with M/s Chhimma Commission Agent)	07-07-2020 Rs. 21,32,360.16 as on 01-04-2019 + Interest, other charges and less recovery if any, till date affected 17-02-2021 SYMBOLIC POSSESSION	Rs. 25,50,000/- Rs. 2,55,000/- Rs. 20,000/-	STATUTORY 15/30 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER RULE 8(6) OF THE SARFAESI ACT 2002 Terms and Conditions: (1) The sale shall be subject to the Terms and Conditions prescribed in the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 and to the following further conditions (2) The properties are being sold on, "As Is WHERE IS BASIS", "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" and "WHATEVER THERE IS BASIS". (3) The particulars of the Secured Assets specified in the Schedule herein above have been stated to the best of the information of the Authorised Officer, but the Authorised Officer shall not be answerable for any error, misstatement or omission in this proclamation. (4) Any encumbrances over the property/ies is not known to the Bank / Secured Creditor. The Authorised officer or Bank shall not be responsible for any charge, lien, encumbrances or any other dues to the Government or anyone else in respect of the properties Auctioned. (5) The intending Bidder is advised to make their independent inquiries regarding the encumbrances on the property including Statutory liabilities arrears of the property Tax, Electricity Dues, NOC *form any department etc. Outstanding Charges/bill for electricity, house tax etc. shall be borne by auction purchaser. (6) The Secured Creditor does not any way warrant the, fitness or quality or liability of the properties being sold. (7) The Sale will be done by the undersigned through the E-auction platform provided at the Website: https://baanknet.com on 24-09-2026 @11:00 AM to 4:00 PM. For detailed terms and conditions of the Sale, please refer https://baanknet.com (8) Over and above reserve price, Minimum One Bid Amount is Mandatory.	Date: 01-09-2026 Place: Amritsar Sd/- Authorised Officer (Punjab National Bank)		

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Take Bishkek to BRICS

PRIME MINISTER Narendra Modi's address at the 26th summit of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, comes at a time when Central Asia is diversifying its partnerships in all directions. A region long shaped by its Soviet past and one that still maintains economic links with Russia, its five countries are now also looking to China for trade, investment and infrastructure, and to Iran and the Gulf for access to the south, though the ongoing conflict complicates the latter. The region's growing strategic importance and shared security concerns, including terrorism, have led India and all Central Asian countries except Turkmenistan, which maintains permanent neutrality, to establish strategic partnerships. This evolving context makes the PM's visit even more significant.

The PM's speech focused mainly on two issues: Connectivity and terrorism. The absence of direct land access has constrained trade and wider economic and cultural engagement. There is no overland access through Pakistan, and Afghanistan's airspace remains beset by security risks. But connectivity goes far beyond building roads and railways. At its core, it is about shaping the economic and strategic geography of Eurasia. India, therefore, must find ways to expand economic engagement while overcoming the limitations imposed by geography. A starting point could be to focus on products and services that do not depend on roads — services, digital systems and technological investments. On terrorism, the Prime Minister is right to call on the international community to collectively dismantle the ecosystem of terror, including its financing and recruitment networks. The reality New Delhi must recognise, however, is that the international political will against terrorism has weakened. Over the past year, Pakistan has largely overcome its diplomatic isolation, and it is set to assume the organisation's rotational chairmanship. In June last year, SCO defence ministers could not agree on the references to terrorism in their joint statement. China possesses greater financial resources than any other member and is heavily investing in Central Asian infrastructure as part of the Belt and Road Initiative. Delhi should therefore place greater weight on its individual partnerships with member states.

The agreement with Uzbekistan on the long-term supply of uranium is a step in that direction. Central Asian countries are emerging as multi-vector actors. Rather than choosing between competing powers, they are seeking multiple options to improve access to market. India should become one of those options — and use a multilateral forum like the SCO to advance bilateral relationships. That is a strategy New Delhi should carry forward to BRICS, as it prepares to host its 18th summit.

Red label for salt, sugar and fat is a good start

AMID RAPIDLY expanding concerns about Indians' growing consumption of food high in sugar, refined carbohydrates, salt and unhealthy fats comes the FSSAI proposal to implement front-of-pack warnings in the form of red, hexagonal labels on packaged food. Sweetened beverages will carry a separate warning. The proposal comes weeks after the Supreme Court pulled up the apex food regulator for failing to move on warning labels. It is a welcome step towards addressing alarming levels of obesity, particularly among children — India now ranks second globally, after China, for the number of children who are overweight or living with obesity.

Given that eating behaviour is complex and influenced by a number of factors, including gender, economic wherewithal, awareness and faith-based restrictions, there has been scepticism about the effectiveness of food warnings. But there is also evidence that such interventions can change consumption patterns. For example, Chile witnessed a 24 per cent drop in sugary drink consumption after it introduced black octagonal warning labels on packages in 2016. Clarity and legibility are key; a previous FSSAI proposal to use a health star rating system was criticised as such stars are usually perceived as positive and warning labels bearing them have been associated with increased consumption of unhealthy foods.

The notification and timeline for implementation are still awaited. Experts have warned that the two-or-more-unhealthy ingredients threshold in the first of the intended two-phase implementation could leave out products that are high in just one unhealthy ingredient. There are concerns that the proposed font size may be too small to be effective. Warning labels, finally, can only be one part of a larger approach. Addressing the obesity epidemic — which exists alongside malnutrition — will require a broader public-health response that includes raising nutritional awareness, stronger regulation of junk food and nudges towards healthier lifestyles. A red label on a packet may not, by itself, make people eat better, but it is a useful place to start if it makes it easier to tell healthy choices from harmful ones.

Football, before and after Messi

INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL has lost its grandest experience, which was watching Lionel Messi. Time, grief and wear and tear took their inescapable toll on the Argentine, who announced his retirement on Monday through a post on Instagram. There is a sense of loss and mourning, because no one player has had such a vast impact on a major sport's footprint as Messi. He scored goals, hatched assists, won trophies and honours, conquered glory and immortality. But most poignantly, he embodied the beauty in the beautiful game.

In 21 years at the pinnacle of the sport, he saw the game transform from the preserve of artistes to that shaped by athletes, the game getting brutally physical, the movements predetermined in the board-room. But Messi remained as he was when he first burst through — a shapeshifting genius immune to the changes around him. Roles, positions, and hairdos changed, but the magnificence of Messi's game remained untarnished. He came closest to the sport's ideal as anyone ever has. His genius was simple and uncomplicated, football with a frictionless lightness, a complicated game made to look ridiculously simple, a task of merely finding angles and spaces, precision and perfection, of brushing the ball with a swish of his left foot to the back of the net.

Whether he is the greatest of all time is a meaningless debate. Only Messi could measure Messi or gauge the true depth of his gifts. The two men who could have arguably judged his greatness are dead, Pele and Diego Maradona. The scale of measurable achievements would not capture the scale of immeasurable experience that was watching Messi. International football, after Messi's departure, will be a less pleasurable feast.

Economy is resilient, the road ahead will be less forgiving

INDIA'S GDP growth of 7.8 per cent in the first quarter once again exceeded expectations, continuing a pattern seen over the past several quarters. Growth surpassed both the median forecast of 6.8 per cent by professional forecasters and the RBI's revised projection of 7 per cent. The outperformance underscores the strength of India's domestic drivers and its ability to navigate an increasingly uncertain global environment.

Even amid continuing conflict in West Asia and weather-related uncertainties, high-frequency indicators had signalled strong momentum. Robust industrial activity, healthy consumption and strong goods exports, alongside accelerating government investment, were the key drivers of growth in the first quarter of this fiscal.

The residual impact of policy measures introduced last fiscal year, coupled with continued support through direct benefit transfers, also bolstered growth. Such programmes have expanded steadily, with 17 states now providing cash transfers, primarily to women. The impact of GST rate cuts was particularly visible in automobiles. Dealer discounts and higher disposable incomes resulting from income-tax relief provided additional support. According to data from the SIAM, sales of passenger vehicles, commercial vehicles and two-wheelers rose 26 per cent, 20.3 per cent and 18.3 per cent respectively in the first quarter.

Retail credit growth remained robust with other personal loans, a proxy for short-term consumption, growing at 14.2 per cent. Also, households were cushioned against the sharp rise in crude prices with government

and oil companies absorbing most of it, particularly in the initial phase of conflict.

That said, as 2026-27 progresses, the growth-inflation mix is likely to become less favourable, with growth moderating and inflation rising. Crisil expects GDP growth of 7 per cent and inflation of 5.1 per cent.

The moderation in growth reflects a more challenging external environment, marked by disruptions from the conflict in West Asia, unresolved tariff issues with the US, weather-related risks and a strong base effect in the second half. The two exogenous factors that worked in India's favour last year, low crude oil prices and a normal monsoon, are unlikely to provide similar support this year.

Meanwhile, the conflict in West Asia has disrupted supply chains, increased insurance, freight and input costs, and is likely to weigh on both global and domestic growth.

Weather-related risks warrant close monitoring as El Niño conditions in the equatorial Pacific intensify. Over the past 25 years, five of the six El Niño years have resulted in below-normal rainfall. This year, cumulative rainfall was 14 per cent below the long-period average (LPA) at the end of August. While rainfall in July was 1 per cent above the LPA, August recorded a deficit of 16 per cent. The IMD has signalled below-normal rainfall in September.

There are, however, some mitigating factors. India's net irrigated area has risen by 10 percentage points to 59 per cent over the past decade, improving resilience to rainfall shocks. The country also holds ample rice and



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wheat stocks, which should help contain food price pressures.

Agriculture itself is becoming more resilient as non-crop activities gain a larger share. While crop gross value added contracted by an average 0.5 per cent annually in the five years to 2023-24, non-crop agriculture, which now accounts for nearly 40 per cent of agricultural gross value added, expanded 6.5 per cent annually. Nor is the relationship between monsoons and inflation straightforward. Historical evidence suggests deficient monsoons do not always lead to higher food inflation. Foodgrain stocks, currently more than twice buffer norms, provide an additional cushion against price spikes.

Even so, these improvements do not fully insulate agriculture or the broader economy. Several crops without buffer stocks, as well as perishable vegetables, remain vulnerable to adverse weather. Weak monsoons can also hurt rabi production by reducing soil moisture and lowering reservoir levels. Agricultural output and food inflation therefore remain key variables to watch.

Although headline inflation eased in July and core inflation remained benign, upside risks persist. Our base case assumes Brent crude prices averaging \$82-87 per barrel this fiscal. The unresolved conflict in West Asia continues to keep oil prices volatile. Higher crude prices typically translate into slower growth, higher inflation and a wider current account deficit.

Core inflation, often viewed as a gauge of underlying demand pressures, also appears decep-

tively low. Strong demand conditions, rising fuel costs and other input pressures, reflected in near-double-digit wholesale price inflation, are gradually being passed through to consumers.

The automobile sector illustrates this well. Vehicle prices are likely to rise as manufacturers pass on higher costs to protect margins, while dealer discounts are gradually withdrawn. Combined with a high base effect, this should moderate automobile growth in the second half.

Unlike last year, the balance of risks now points towards possible interest rate hikes. Persistent inflationary pressures, coupled with an unresolved conflict in West Asia and weather-related risks, could bring monetary tightening back into consideration.

Despite the expected moderation in growth, India's macroeconomic buffers remain strong. Foreign exchange reserves cover more than nine months of imports, while corporate and banking-sector balance sheets are in robust health. The economy remains resilient, but the road ahead is likely to be less forgiving than last year. The challenge will be to sustain high growth in an increasingly uncertain global environment.

For now, tax relief and public investment continue to support activity. The Pay Commission's recommendations should provide an additional boost to consumption when implemented. Beyond cyclical tailwinds, sustained progress on structural reforms that enhance competitiveness will be critical to maintaining the growth momentum.

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A master plan for Delhi with ecology & heritage at its centre



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GREAT CITIES are defined not only by the infrastructure they build, but by what they preserve, restore, and pass on to future generations. Delhi is uniquely endowed in both respects. The Yamuna and its floodplains, the Ridge, urban forests, biodiversity parks and neighbourhood greens form the city's ecological foundation.

As India advances towards the Prime Minister's vision of Viksit Bharat 2047, Delhi must demonstrate how a growing metropolis can combine development with environmental restoration and heritage conservation. The Master Plan for Delhi 2047 (MPD-2047) provides an opportunity to place these principles at the heart of the Capital's future.

Climate change has fundamentally rewritten the rules of urban planning. Rising temperatures, extreme rainfall, acute water stress, deteriorating air quality and biodiversity loss directly affect the quality of life.

MPD-2047 envisages an interconnected Green-Blue network that integrates the Yamuna, the Ridge, forests, biodiversity parks, water bodies, drains, neighbourhood parks, and open spaces into a unified ecological system.

For centuries, the Yamuna has shaped Delhi's geography, history, and civilisation. Now, rapid urbanisation has placed unprecedented stress on its ecosystem and floodplains. MPD-2047 places the river at the centre of Delhi's ecological regeneration. Nearly 1,700 hectares of the Yamuna floodplains are proposed to be protected, conserved and ecologically restored.

To tackle pollution at its source, the strategy focuses on intercepting and treating drains flowing into the river through upgraded sewage treatment infrastructure, constructed wetlands, and bioremediation. Together, these measures will restore the river's ecological health and natural floodplain functions.

The larger objective, however, goes beyond environmental restoration. Delhi must also rebuild its relationship with the river. A proposed 52-kilometre cycling corridor, alongside walking trails, public greens, and managed recreational spaces, will reconnect citizens with the waterfront.

Complementing the Yamuna is Delhi's other major ecological pillar — the Delhi Ridge, an extension of the ancient Aravalli range. MPD-2047 plans the ecological restoration of approximately 7,784 hectares of the Ridge, prioritising native species and scientific ecosystem management.

Urban forests, biodiversity parks and ecological corridors will complement this network. When connected with parks, water bodies and other open spaces, they can create a citywide ecological framework supporting cleaner air, cooler neighbourhoods and healthier communities.

Few cities possess a historical legacy as rich and diverse as Delhi. Its forts, monuments, stepwells, archaeological remains, historical neighbourhoods and architectural precincts tell the story of the many eras that have shaped the city.

MPD-2047 envisages bringing around 1,500 heritage assets under Cultural Resource Management Plans, creating a systematic framework for their long-term protection and sensitive management. This will help move heritage conservation from an isolated effort towards a more structured and integrated approach.

A key part of this approach is adaptive reuse. Heritage buildings can be sensitively adapted for museums, libraries, hotels, offices and cultural activities.

The plan also seeks to make conservation more practical and economically viable through planning and financial incentives, including transferable development rights (TDR), façade retention and appropriate relaxation of space standards by the competent authority, while ensuring necessary fire and life-safety requirements. The objective is to ensure that conservation is not seen as a burden, but as an opportunity to preserve Delhi's identity while giving heritage properties a sustainable future.

MPD-2047 proposes heritage, cultural and festival circuits connecting monuments, historic precincts and public spaces. These can encourage visitors to experience Delhi not simply as a collection of individual monuments, but as a living historical landscape.

The aim is also to create heritage precincts that remain active beyond conventional visiting hours.

In this way, heritage conservation can become a powerful instrument of urban regeneration, tourism, employment and local economic development, while preserving the character that makes Delhi unique.

As India moves toward Viksit Bharat 2047, Delhi must prove that development and conservation are complementary, not conflicting. A Viksit Dilli must do more than grow. It must breathe better, live healthier, and honour the heritage that gives it a soul.

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Solution for stubble burning lies close to the farm



SHWETA SAINI



GOPAL SOOD

IN A few weeks, Delhi will again begin watching Punjab's farm fires. Governments will announce measures and farmers will again be asked not to burn paddy straw. But the economics facing farmers has changed little over the years: Bulky residue, a narrow window before wheat sowing, and a cost attached to almost every alternative to burning.

What has changed, however, is the value of parali itself. When we began working on crop residues, farmers in several locations were still paying to have straw removed. Today, in parts of Punjab, the same straw can fetch around Rs 1.5-2 per kg. Demand from power plants, CBG units and pellet manufacturers is slowly creating a market for what was until recently treated as waste.

This raises another question: If parali now has value, where should that value be created, and how much can remain with the farmer? Biochar offers one possibility. It is a carbon-rich material produced by heating biomass under limited oxygen, and can be made from crop residues such as paddy, maize, cotton and mustard stalks. Roughly 100 kg of dry parali can yield around 30 kg of char. Applied to soil, it can improve water retention and nutrient-use efficiency, while locking carbon away for a century.

This differs from using biomass only as fuel. Burning recovers energy but returns much of its carbon to the atmosphere. Biochar applied to soil can retain a significant share while also serving an agronomic purpose. For Punjab, this matters. Its rice-wheat system is under stress from declining soil quality, intensive fertiliser use, and groundwater depletion. Residue generated by the same system could improve its soils. The problem is where processing happens. Parali has to be collected, baled, stored and transported within the narrow window before wheat sowing. Long-distance transport of a bulky, relatively low-value material quickly eats into its economics. The farmer supplies raw material, while much value-addition happens after biomass leaves the village.

With biochar, the irony is greater. A farmer may supply the straw, see it processed elsewhere and later buy back a product made from biomass originating on farms like his. Why not, then, move the technology closer to the straw? India already understands decentralised rural processing. Wheat does not travel 100 km merely because flour requires machinery. The village chakki places processing close to where the commodity is produced and consumed. Paddy residue may need a similar rethink.

We have been developing a village-scale biochar system around a build-operate-transfer model. A technology provider initially installs and operates the unit, trains local operators and ensures quality and emission standards. Over time, the asset and capability can transfer to an FPO, SHG, or cooperative.

The government does not need to run thousands of such units. It can provide standards, training, concessional finance and initial support. Panchayats can help with land and coordination. Farmers could bring straw to a nearby processing point much as they bring wheat to a flour mill. Some biochar could return to their fields; the rest could be sold where markets exist. This changes the economics. Raw straw travels less, value addition happens closer to the farmer, and villages are not left with subsidised machinery nobody knows how to operate. It also changes the incentive to burn. Burning remains quick and cheap where alternatives involve cost, labour and uncertainty. Enforcement and machinery subsidies can help, but behaviour is likely to change when residue itself becomes valuable. As biomass markets develop, the question should be: Where should value from parali be created, and who should capture it? The answer may lie closer to the farm.

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NAM proposes sanctions

THE EIGHTH non-aligned summit began in Harare with a fervent appeal by top leaders for efforts to end the apartheid policies in South Africa. Similar action was suggested towards achieving a just international economic order and nuclear disarmament.



Bid to blow up bus in Delhi

TWO SUSPECTED terrorists tried to blow up a DTC bus in the Capital, leaving an explosive device in a briefcase on the bus near Kauria Bridge. Passengers noticed the briefcase just as the bus was about to start. Police and experts of the bomb squad rushed to the spot. The experts defused the device.

77 die in US plane collision

AN AEROMEXICO DC-9 airliner and a private

plane collided and crashed in balls of fire into houses in Los Angeles, killing at least 77 people. Teams of disaster workers spread out over a blackened square mile of houses and tree-lined streets, strewn with shoes, clothing and toys scattered by the airliner.

Judge among three shot

R P Gaiind, additional district and sessions judge, Jalandhar, and two others were gunned down by terrorists in the past 24 hours in Punjab.

China, US are in race to connect science with industry. India must catch up



RAJA MANDALA
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BEHIND THE riot of robots running, dancing and playing at Beijing’s second World Humanoid Games last week is an ambitious Chinese project to turn China into the world’s leading science power. This ambition is rooted in President Xi Jinping’s call to fully mobilise “new quality productive forces” being unleashed by the current revolutions in science and technology. Xi is convinced that China’s next phase of growth cannot rely on cheap labour, large-scale manufacturing, infrastructure and capital accumulation. It must come from innovation.

AI is central to Xi’s strategy. Beijing’s objective is to diffuse AI across the physical economy — robotics, machine tools, automobiles, biotechnology, materials, energy, agriculture and scientific research. China’s manufacturing depth is its advantage. Beijing is betting that fusing digital intelligence with the world’s largest industrial ecosystem will make China the leading technological power.

For decades, China absorbed foreign technology, improved it through manufacturing and dominated production. It now wants to move upstream — from adaptation to original discovery. China spent 2.8 per cent of GDP on R&D in 2025; basic-research expenditure rose by 11 per cent. The manufacturing power now seeks to become a science superpower.

The logic is simple: AI accelerates discovery; discovery produces technology; technology transforms industry; industrial strength generates national power and gives China a geopolitical edge.

Washington is reaching a similar conclusion, coming from the opposite direction. The Trump administration’s Science: A New Golden Age, released in July, has been billed as the first major reset in US science policy since World War II. It begins by recognising

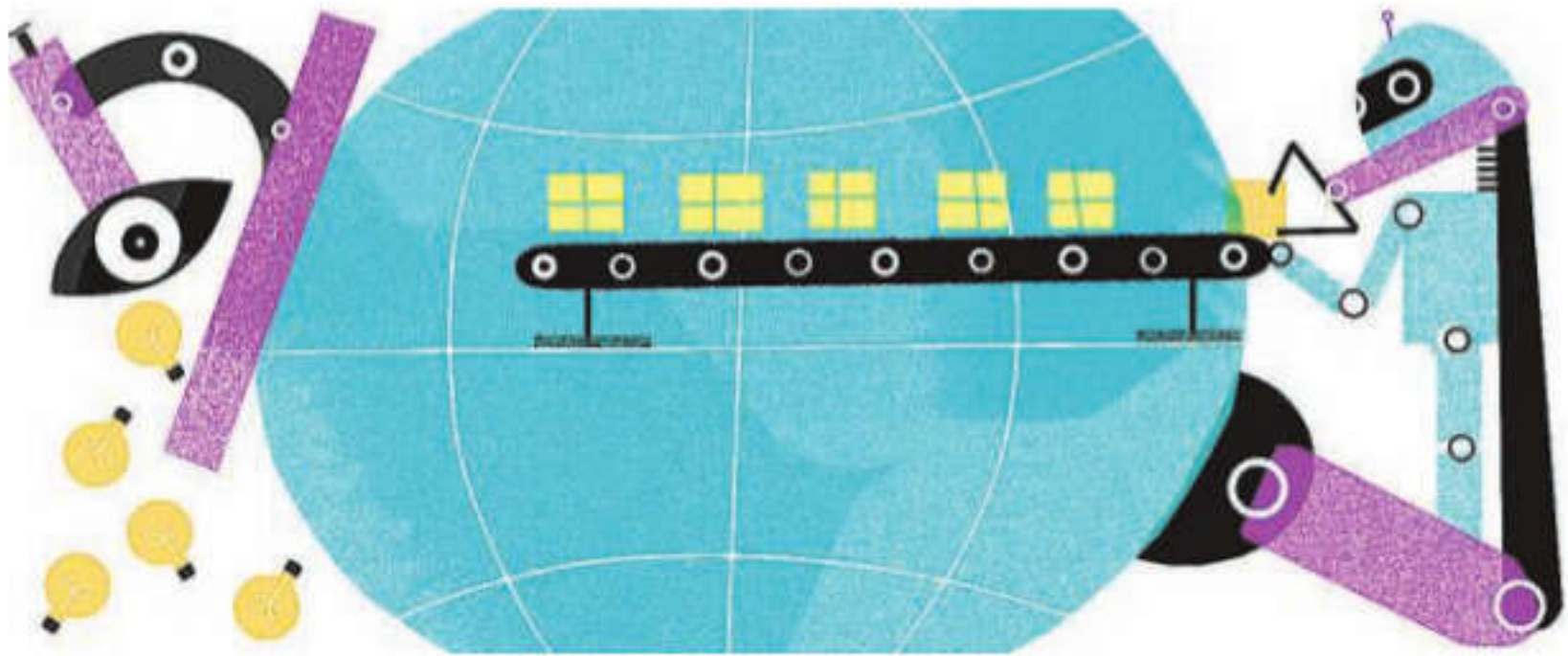


ILLUSTRATION: C R SASIKUMAR

American strengths — its great universities, laboratories, technology companies and capital markets. It also acknowledges the American weakness — the erosion of the capacity to turn discoveries into production.

Globalisation separated American innovation from manufacturing. Companies designed at home, produced abroad and depended on long supply chains. That model generated wealth but also vulnerabilities exposed by the pandemic, China’s rise and geopolitical rivalry. Washington now wants to reintegrate the production of knowledge and manufacturing.

Washington and Beijing see AI not merely as a general-purpose technology, but as an accelerator central to the production of new knowledge that in turn will transform industry. By making discovery continuous with design and manufacturing, AI-driven science will transform production itself — and turn scientific speed into economic power and geopolitical capability.

China begins with the largest manufacturing base and moves upstream into science. America begins with the strongest scientific system and moves downstream into manufacturing. China fears dependence on American technology; the US fears dependence on Chinese production. Both seek to close the gap between knowledge and production.

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This contest is not about who unveils the cleverest AI model. It is about building the most effective ecosystem connecting universities, laboratories, entrepreneurs, finance, energy, factories, supply chains and markets



SYED ATA HASNAIN

PRIME MINISTER Narendra Modi’s presence at the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation summit comes at an unusually consequential moment. The war in Ukraine continues, the Gulf has been shaken by the US-Israeli conflict with Iran, and the international system is searching for a new equilibrium. Hence, the significance of this SCO lies most in who is sitting around the table. PM Modi is there with Russia’s President Vladimir Putin, Chinese President Xi Jinping, Iran’s President Masoud Pezeshkian and the leaders of Central Asia. This is precisely where India needs to be.

The SCO has never been an entirely comfortable strategic space for India. Yet it is important. The PM’s bilateral engagement with Putin covered defence, energy, economic co-operation and the consequences of conflicts in West Asia and the Black Sea for maritime trade. Xi’s presence is equally consequential even without a formal bilateral meeting. India and China are major economies and neighbours whose interests intersect across Asia. This is strategic autonomy in practice: The ability to engage Washington, Moscow and Beijing without allowing any one relationship to determine the others.

What makes this summit different is Iran. The conflict has shown how rapidly a West Asian crisis can acquire Eurasian consequences. The PM’s meeting with President

That is why Bishkek matters beyond the SCO communiqué. The PM’s presence signals that India intends to remain fully engaged wherever Eurasia’s future is being shaped



SHASHANK R JOSHI

ON OCTOBER 3, 2023, South Lhonak Lake in Sikkim burst. A wall of water and debris tore down the Teesta. Homes vanished. Official tallies put the dead at over 50; dozens more were never found. The flood held the front page for two days. What did not hold the front page was the young man in Teesta Bazaar who lost his house, his insulin, and his mother’s medical records. The flood receded. But for six months after the cameras left, the real disaster was a cold chain that never returned, a prescription that could not be refilled, and a health system that had been counted as infrastructure, not as life.

We have framed glacier retreat as a cli-

In Bishkek, a lesson from Nalanda

Pezeshkian carried significance beyond bilateral ties. India emphasised diplomacy, protection of civilians and freedom of navigation and commerce. For India, Iran is also a geography. Pakistan denies India overland access to Central Asia. Afghanistan remains uncertain. Iran is vital to projects such as Chabahar and the International North-South Transport Corridor. After the Gulf crisis, West Asia and Central Asia can no longer be viewed as distinct strategic theatres.

Washington will examine Bishkek for signs of something larger: Whether China, Russia and Iran can transform dissatisfaction with the international order into durable institutional cooperation; whether alternative financial and connectivity structures acquire momentum; and where India positions itself. It would be mistaken, however, to interpret India’s presence as evidence of an emerging anti-Western alignment. Its interests are more complex.

The Central Asian republics understand this. They have relationships with Russia, growing economic engagement with China, and seek wider partnerships with other countries. This is an opportunity for India. I was in Kyrgyzstan in June for the Issyk-Kul International Forum. Before that, I received the SCO Secretary General in Patna. These interactions reinforced that Central Asia desires to rediscover the region’s ci-

mate change-related issue. After the latest disaster in Nepal, it is time to look at it from a health perspective. We know what happens when the water arrives. We still barely speak about what happens after it leaves.

Four waves of harm. Wave One: The immediate kill. Drowning, trauma, hypothermia. Kedamath 2013, Chamoli 2021, Sikkim 2023 — deaths were counted. Injuries were not. Crush wounds. Fractures. Frostbite.

Wave Two: The contamination. Glacial silt plus sewage plus animal carcasses is a laboratory for acute diarrhoea, hepatitis A and E, typhoid, skin infections and leptospirosis. When the primary health centre goes under, a pregnant woman delivers on the roadside. Vaccines warm. The outbreak begins after the rescue teams leave.

Wave Three: The invisible disruption. This is the largest wave, and the least

vilisational importance. This offers India an advantage: Centuries of civilisational familiarity without a memory of domination. At Issyk-Kul, I spoke of what we in Bihar have begun describing as the Nalanda Approach. Ancient Nalanda was a knowledge ecosystem linking scholars and civilisations across Asia. That principle can acquire contemporary meaning through university partnerships, joint research, scholar exchanges, historical studies, technology collaboration and sustained intellectual dialogue.

India and Central Asia are geographically close but strategically separated. The absence of direct land access has constrained commerce, tourism, academic exchange and human interaction. Chabahar, the INSTC, air connectivity and new multimodal arrangements deserve greater attention.

That is why Bishkek matters beyond the SCO communiqué. The PM’s presence signals that India intends to remain fully engaged wherever Eurasia’s future is being shaped. Strategic partnerships can secure India a place at the table, and connectivity can give those partnerships substance. India has the ability to reconnect with Central Asia through knowledge, culture and civilisational memory. In a world once again dominated by contests for power, that may prove to be a remarkably durable form of influence.

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The writer is Governor of Bihar

Himalayan disaster redraws disease ecology

counted. Himalayan states carry a heavy load of non-communicable disease. A disaster like that in Nepal snaps the drug chain. Insulin needs refrigeration; electricity may be out for weeks. Dialysis patients are forced onto journeys of hundreds of kilometres, and tuberculosis treatment is interrupted.

Wave Four: The long shadow. After the Sikkim disaster, clinicians reported old patients relapsing and new ones arriving with

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panic, hyperarousal and the inability to sleep when rain begins. Children stop going to school. Farmers watch a field turn into a stone bed. In the wetlands the flood leaves behind, mosquitoes appear at altitudes where they were never a public-health concern. The glacier redraws disease ecology.

Preparedness needs to be rewritten from a health perspective. First, map the downstream health footprint. ISRO and NDMA already rank dangerous water bodies. Overlay that map with Health and Family Welfare data: Primary health centres, sub-centres, cold-chain points, antenatal careloads, insulin-dependent patients, dialysis chairs. Second, treat early warning as a clinical intervention — to lift an oxygen plant, move vaccines, shift women in labour, and lock the NCD cupboard onto higher ground. Third, make the hill hospital climate-proof. The Na-



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Kriti Sanon in an ad, me on the poll trail, who will tell us what to wear?



MEHBOOBA MUFTI

WHODECIDES what a woman should wear? It is a question that India seems to answer differently depending on whether a woman chooses to reveal more or cover more. I remember fighting my first election in 1996. I would travel through rural areas campaigning in a kurta churidar, with a dupatta loosely draped around my neck. The situation was volatile, and many people were reluctant to come out because of the fear of militants. Those who did come were mostly men, especially young boys, for whom seeing a woman campaigning for an election was unusual and highly amusing.

For me, the experience was not always comfortable. My dupatta would slip from my shoulders, and sometimes the wind would lift my shirt. Instead of concentrating on what I wanted to say, I found myself worrying about my clothes. The next day, I opened my cupboard and found an abaya that I had brought back from Medina during Hajj. I put it on, took a scarf to cover my head and went campaigning.

Imagine if, instead of making that personal choice, I had been forced to go to court to seek permission to wear my abaya and hijab. I am not advocating hijab for every woman. Quite the contrary. I believe that every woman has her own understanding of comfort and freedom. For one woman, covering her head may provide confidence and freedom, while for another, revealing her shoulders may do the same. That is my point.

Today, two women have found themselves at the centre of two different controversies. One is being told that her clothes are inappropriate for Indian culture. The other was told by a high court that she could not insist on adding a religious headscarf to her school uniform. But the two cases raise the same fundamental question. Who gets to decide what a woman should wear?

The first is actor Kriti Sanon, whose appearance in a jewellery advertisement for Raksha Bandhan triggered a social-media storm. The controversy intensified after actor and BJP MP Kangana Ranaut criticised the advertisement. Sanon responded by arguing that the essence of a festival lies in its emotions and traditions, not in the clothes a woman wears. She did not stand alone. Among others, Rahul Gandhi came to her defence. Eventually, the jewellery company withdrew the ad.

Then there is Sukaina Rizvi, a student who had completed Class X at Tagore Public School in Attarsuliya, Prayagraj. She approached the Allahabad High Court seeking permission to continue wearing a hijab with her school uniform. The court dismissed her plea, holding, among other things, that she had not placed sufficient material to establish that wearing the headscarf constituted an essential practice of Islam. Unlike Sanon, Rizvi did not have celebrities or politicians rushing to defend her choice. Courts are supposed to be the last resort when citizens believe their rights have been infringed. When even this last door closes, one is left asking where a young woman should go. Rizvi is around my daughter’s age, and perhaps that is why I found myself relating to her dilemma.

The larger issue, however, goes beyond the two women. It begins when a woman’s clothing becomes a measure of her morality, character, religion or loyalty to a particular culture. Sanon’s neckline does not tell us whether she respects Indian culture. Rizvi’s hijab does not tell us whether she respects her school, her country or anyone else.

We celebrate women entering Parliament, occupying boardrooms and becoming pilots, soldiers, scientists, doctors and judges. We speak about equal opportunities, representation and independence. Yet we remain remarkably uncomfortable with one of the most basic expressions of personal freedom: A woman deciding what she wants to wear. We seem to celebrate women’s choices only when they conform to our idea of what is acceptable.

The problem is not merely conservative patriarchy. It is also the increasing politicisation of personal choices involving religion, clothing, marriage and relationships. Questions that should ordinarily remain within the sphere of individual liberty have increasingly become part of political and cultural battles. The so-called “love jihad” narrative is one example of how the personal choices of consenting adults can become matters of public and political scrutiny.

A woman must have agency over her own body, subject only to legitimate and constitutionally valid restrictions. This is also why the judiciary must be cautious about becoming an arbiter of personal morality or religious faith. The same principle of equal treatment should apply when religious practices become controversial, whether the issue concerns places of prayer, religious processions, symbols or practices like animal sacrifices associated with festivals. Constitutional freedoms cannot become conditional rights, protected when politically convenient and restricted when they become uncomfortable for those in power.

We do not have to agree with every choice a woman makes. We do not even have to understand it. But we should defend her right to make it.

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HIMACHAL ASSEMBLY SESSION

University amendment Bill introduced to bring faculty recruitment under HPSC

Will curb financial mismanagement, ensure greater transparency: Sukhu

Saurabh Parashar
Shimla, September 1

CHIEF MINISTER Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu Tuesday introduced the Himachal Pradesh State Universities (Amendment) Bill, 2026, in the Assembly, proposing major changes in the recruitment and functioning of five state universities.

Under the proposed legislation, direct recruitment of faculty members in five state universities will be conducted through the Himachal Pradesh Public Service Commission (HPPSC).

The government said the move was aimed at curbing financial mismanagement, ensuring greater transparency in recruitment and strengthening institutional governance in universities receiving substantial financial assistance from the state.

The universities proposed to be covered under the amend-

ment include Himachal Pradesh University, established in 1970; Sardar Patel University, Mandi, established in 2021; Himachal Pradesh Technical University, established in 2014; Himachal Pradesh Agriculture, Horticulture and Forestry University, established in 1986; and Atal Medical and Research University, established in 2017.

The CM said the objective was to prevent financial irregularities and ensure that public funds provided to universities through government grants were utilised properly.

The objective of the Bill reads, "Certain instances of financial mismanagement and lack of financial discipline have, however, come to the notice of the government. It has, therefore, become necessary to strengthen the financial governance framework of the State Universities by providing greater financial oversight and accountability. The Bill seeks to



CM Sukhvinder Sukhu speaks in the Assembly during the monsoon session, in Shimla on Tuesday. ANI

provide that the Finance Committee of every State University shall be headed by the Secretary (Finance) to the government and that all matters involving financial implications including creation, upgradation and filling up of posts, framing or amendment of recruitment and promotion rules, revision of pay, allowances and other service conditions of employees having financial implications, shall be

placed before the Finance Committee."

It states, "The recommendations made by the Finance Committee shall be considered by the Executive Council or the Board, as the case may be, which shall thereafter submit the same, along with its recommendations to the Government for consideration and approval. The Bill further seeks to ensure fairness, transparency and merit-based selection in the recruitment of

teaching and non-teaching staff of the State Universities by providing that such appointments shall be made through the Himachal Pradesh Public Service Commission and the Himachal Pradesh Raja Chayan Aayog, as the case may be, in accordance with the applicable laws."

5 more Bills introduced

Five more Bills were introduced in the Himachal Pradesh Assembly Tuesday, covering

amendments related to road safety in Shimla, GST, war awards, stamp duty and the Panchayati Raj system.

The CM introduced the Shimla Roads Users and Pedestrians (Public Safety and Convenience) Amendment Bill, 2026, seeking to further amend the Shimla Roads Users and Pedestrians (Public Safety and Convenience) Act, 2007.

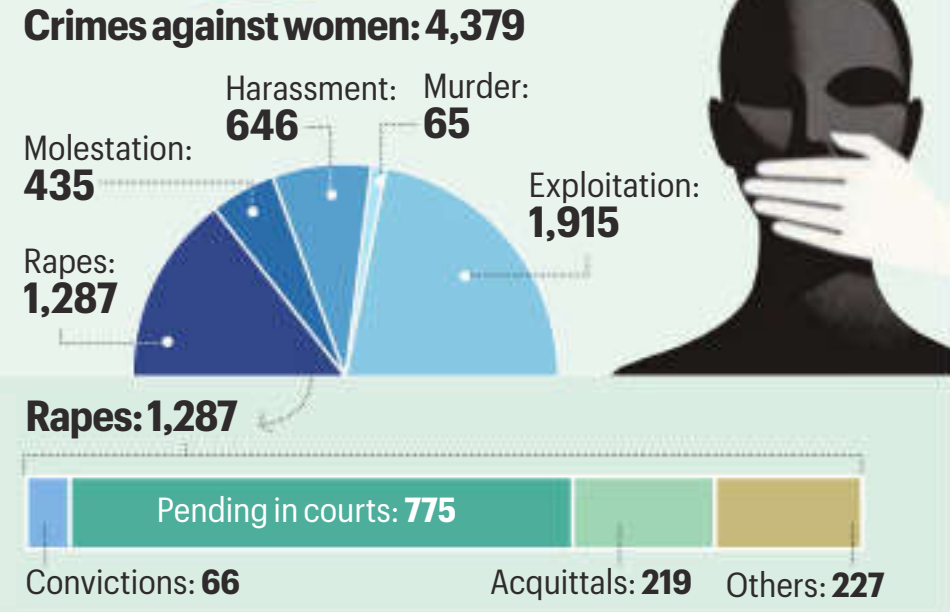
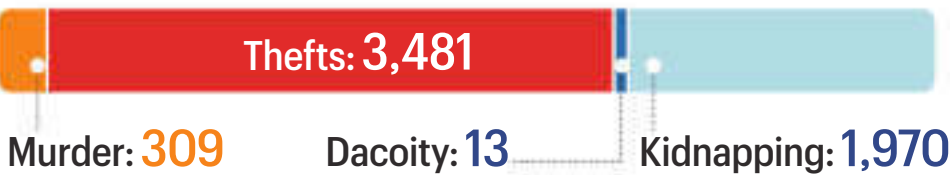
Sukhu also introduced the Himachal Pradesh Goods and Services Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2026, proposing further amendments to the Himachal Pradesh Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017.

Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr (Col) Dhani Ram Shandil introduced the Himachal Pradesh War Awards (Amendment) Bill, 2026, seeking to amend the Himachal Pradesh War Awards Act, 1972. Revenue Minister Jagat Singh Negi introduced the Indian Stamp (Himachal Pradesh Second Amendment) Bill, 2026, proposing further amendments to the Indian Stamp Act, 1899, as applicable to Himachal Pradesh.

IN 3 YEARS, HIMACHAL SEES 1,287 RAPE CASES

CM Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu submits written reply in Assembly

Total crimes registered: 5,773



Districts with most rape cases



SOURCE: DATA TABLED IN HIMACHAL PRADESH ASSEMBLY
DATA FROM AUGUST 1, 2023 TO JULY 31, 2026

Sikh constable makes history, leads Vancouver cop band at Edinburgh parade

Man Aman Singh Chhina
Chandigarh, September 1

A CONSTABLE in Canada's Vancouver Police Department has become the first turbaned Sikh drum major to lead the march at the 2026 Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo, which celebrates the skills and talents of military bands and cultural performers from around the world, in Scotland.

Constable Sukhvinder 'Suki' Singh Sunger of the Vancouver Police Department led the Vancouver Police Pipe Band onto the Edinburgh Castle Esplanade.

The Edinburgh Tattoo, themed 'A Call to Gather', ran from August 7 to 29 and featured massed pipes and drums from

multiple nations.

Sunger, appearing at the Tattoo for the first time, directed the Canadian band during its fourth appearance at the annual spectacle. He wore the band's traditional Highland dress - tartan kilt and accoutrements - paired with a matching turban rather than the conventional feather bonnet.

The Canadian publication 'Darpan' mentions Sunger as being raised in Victoria, British Columbia. His profile in the publication states that he began his policing career as a reserve constable with the Victoria Police Department before joining the Vancouver Police Department in 2002. He holds a diploma in criminal justice and has served more than two dec-



Constable Sukhvinder 'Suki' Singh Sunger of the Vancouver Police Department leads the Vancouver Police Pipe Band at the 2026 Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo. ROYAL EDINBURGH TATTOO

ades with the Vancouver Police Department, primarily as a traffic enforcement officer. Sunger also completed a deployment as a United Nations peacekeeper in South Sudan.

The Vancouver Police Pipe Band, founded in 1914, is the oldest continuously serving non-military pipe band in British Columbia and functions as the official band of the City of Vancouver. Sunger joined around 2018-2019 as its first Sikh member and first person of colour. He initially played tenor drum and later incorporated the Punjabi dhol.

In December 2025, the band elected him drum major for a three-year term. In 2019, he took part in the band's tour of India to mark the centenary of the Jal-

lianwala Bagh massacre. The group performed at the Golden Temple in Amritsar, Guru Nanak Dev University, and other sites in Punjab. During those concerts, Sunger switched between the Scottish tenor drum and the dhol, including an arrangement of 'Sare Jahan Se Achha'. He had first visited Jallianwala Bagh on a personal trip in 2004 and later set a reminder to return for the 100th anniversary.

The band has previously performed at Buckingham Palace, the Basel Tattoo, and other international venues. Social media coverage of the Tattoo performances highlighted both the visual contrast of Sunger's turban and beard with Highland dress and the precision of the drill.

Two Army jawans missing after boat capsizes during training near Yamunanagar

Express News Service
Chandigarh, September 1

TWO ARMY jawans of Special Forces are reported to be missing at Hathnikund barrage near Yamunanagar in Haryana after their boat capsized in river Yamuna during a training exercise on Tuesday.

Army troops belonging to 1 Parachute Battalion (Special Forces), which is based at Nahan in Himachal Pradesh, had reached Hathnikund barrage for a training exercise. A motorboat deployed for the exercise reportedly developed a technical problem and began

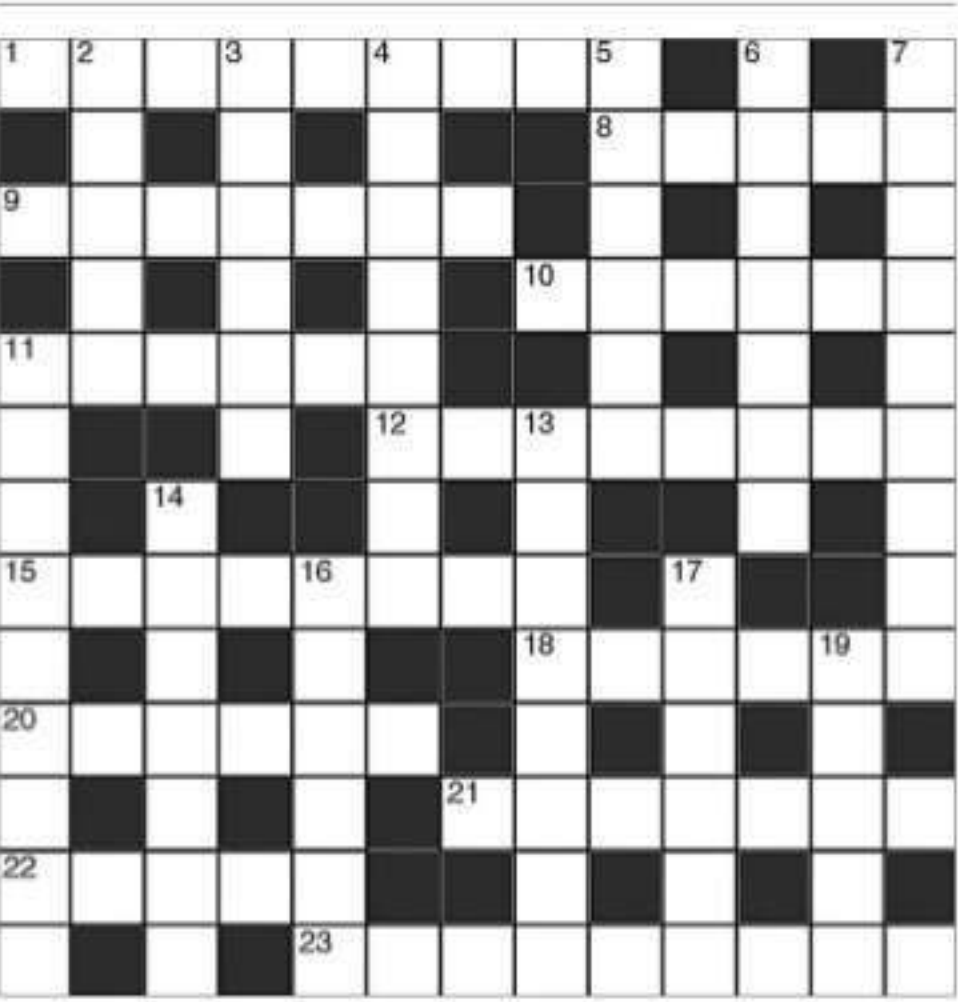
sinking. The soldiers aboard the boat, wearing life jackets, reportedly jumped into the water but were carried downstream by the strong current.

A source said that two of the soldiers managed to swim to safety but two others went missing.

According to Rohtash Kumar, SHO of Pratap Nagar police station, they received the information about the accident at around 6 pm. "A search operation has been launched by the State Disaster Relief Force (SDRF) of Haryana as well as Uttar Pradesh," he said.

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8 Pole in space; a scene of much action (5)
9 City investment funds (7)
10 Dress for touring around but not the north (3,3)
11 The short answer about foreign capital (6)
12 Giving a signal when slowing down (8)
15 It was once the talk of India (8)
18 Develop part of a revolver (6)
20 Reluctant as ever to reform (6)
21 Tabitha makes a place for animals and plants (7)
22 A send-off for the wrongdoer (5)
23 She may suit you (9)

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2 Right to insist upon (5)
3 Is done incorrectly it's rumoured (6)
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5 Get in a pie - for this? (6)
6 Perhaps I posted the first payment (7)
7 Reprimand showing players one way out (9)
11 Deserters stop at sea perhaps (9)
13 Nevertheless will not be content with just part (5,3)
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JUMBLED WORDS

Given below are four jumbled words. Solve the jumbles to make proper words and move them to the respective circles below. Select the letters in the shaded circles and jumble them to get the answer for the given quip.

You do your best work if you do a job that _____ (5,3,5)

KWAAE

SUYOM

PAMPER

CNUHKY

ANSWER: You do your best work if you do a job that makes you happy

OVER THE HEDGE



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MARVIN



DIFFICULTY LEVEL 2s INSTRUCTIONS

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from 1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

DIFFICULTY LEVEL

1s = Very easy; 2s = Easy; 3s = Medium; 4s = Hard; 5s = Very Hard; 6s = Genius

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ROYAL STARS

BY GEORGIA NICOLS

ARIES (MAR 21 - APR 20): You might have excellent ideas about your work, job and health. Quite likely, they'll relate to finances. You might need to know how much money you need ahead of time. Tonight: Money ideas.

TAURUS (APR 21 - MAY 21): It's a positive day. The Moon is in your sign dancing beautifully with Mercury, plus Mars is in your House of Communications, which makes you mentally alert. It's a good day to teach children. It's also a good day to make vacation plans, social plans and deal with the arts, sales and teaching. Tonight: You win.

GEMINI (MAY 22 - JUNE 21): Some kind of behind-the-scenes work will go well today. Research would be an obvious choice. You might pull strings in a way that no one else knows, perhaps related to a family discussion or home repairs. You also might have excellent moneymaking ideas. Tonight: Enjoy privacy.

CANCER (JUNE 22 - JULY 23): You're mentally alert and on your game today, making this a great day to teach, write, act, edit, or market your ideas. People will be interested to listen to you. When talking to a friend or a group, you'll be convincing. Tonight: Friendships.

LEO (JULY 24 - AUG 23): You're noticed today. In fact, some people will know personal details about your private life. Meanwhile, discussions about money and earnings will impress bosses. Tonight: You're admired.

VIRGO (AUG 24 - SEP 23): Do something different today. Shake things up a bit. You might entice a friend or a member of a group to be your partner in crime. Tonight: Explore and learn.

LIBRA (SEP 24 - OCT 23): This is an excellent day for discussions about how to share or divide something, perhaps an inheritance. Or you might need to agree on how to share expenses or something that's jointly owned. Tonight: Check your finances.

SCORPIO (OCT 24 - NOV 23): Be prepared to cooperate with others today. Expect a discussion with someone, especially a younger friend who might have a suggestion that could affect your future goals. Tonight: Cooperate.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV 24 - DEC 22): This can be a productive day for you. You're mentally bright and clued in, especially if talking to authority figures. Don't hesitate to speak up; they will listen. Tonight: Get organised.

CAPRICORN (DEC 23 - JAN 20): Today you're full of clever ideas, especially related to social outings, children, vacations, the arts, the entertainment world and the hospitality industry. Travel plans might be on the menu. Defend your ideas when talking to partners. Tonight: Socialise.

AQUARIUS (JAN 21 - FEB 19): Although you might want to hide at home today, you will still have clever ideas related to work, taxes, or debt. Listen to what others have to say before you respond. Tonight: Cocoon at home.

PISCES (FEB 20 - MAR 20): This is a great day to study and learn something new. Short trips and a chance to see new places and meet new faces will also appeal to you. You're full of creative ideas and keen to socialise. Enjoy your day. Tonight: An interesting discussion.

SC closes suo motu case over NCERT textbook chapter on judiciary

Press Trust of India
New Delhi, September 1

THE SUPREME Court on Tuesday closed suo motu proceedings pertaining to the contents of the Class 8 NCERT textbook referring to corruption in the judiciary after it was informed that the chapter was withdrawn.

A bench comprising CJI Surya Kant and Justices Joymaya Bagchi and V Mohana said that the controversial chapter has been replaced based on the revisions suggested by an expert panel constituted by the Centre. Solicitor General Tusshar Mehta informed the SC that the textbooks with the new chapter are in circulation.

The SC clarified that a statement recorded in its May 22 order, that the curriculum had not been placed before the panel at all levels and so could not be termed a collective decision. It was hearing a suo motu case concerning NCERT's Class 8 Social Science book, which contained "offending" contents on corruption in the judiciary.

3 shortlisted for Ram temple CEO post, announcement likely today

Maulshree Seth
Lucknow, September 1

RETIRED BUREAUCRATS are among the top contenders for the first Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Shri Ram Janmbhoomi Teerth Kshetra, sources said, with the search committee recommending a panel of three candidates for the post on Tuesday.

The names of the three have not been disclosed. Ahead of the Wednesday meeting of the Trust, the three-member committee submitted its final report after sifting through 5,585 applications.

"Based on its comprehensive evaluation, the Search Committee has recommended a panel of three highly qualified professionals to the Ram Janmbhoomi Trust. These candidates represent the highest caliber of institutional leadership, management expertise, integrity and vision required to serve as Chief Executive Officer



Members of the selection committee and Ram Janmbhoomi Trust with the final recommendation report, in Ayodhya on Tuesday. PTI

of an institution of national and international significance," said committee secretary Sameer Panda. "The Trust will take the final decision on the appointment and announce the selected candidate in due course."

Sources said the name of the CEO is likely to be announced after the Trust meeting on Wednesday. The decision to appoint a full-time CEO came after alle-

gations of embezzlement of donations at the Ram temple led to increased scrutiny of the Trust's financial management. Eight accused have been arrested in the case, while three officials, including former Trust general secretary Champat Rai, have stepped down from their posts.

The committee had laid down eligibility criteria: Applicants must be between 50 and

70 years of age, have at least 20 years of administrative experience, and be willing to reside in Ayodhya. It also said the applicant must be a "practising Hindu" with "devotion to Lord Ram" and should be proficient in both Hindi and English.

The screening process

The committee said the selection process was conducted through a multi-tiered evaluation combining AI-enabled technology with manual assessment. According to a statement from the panel, teams worked simultaneously across Delhi-NCR, Pune and Sambalpur to screen and shortlist candidates in a "rigorous" and "transparent" process.

After the initial screening, the names were narrowed down to 16. They participated in online interactive sessions between August 3 and 6, followed by face-to-face interactions in Ayodhya on August 11 and 12. The committee said the

final three candidates were recommended after a "comprehensive evaluation", taking into account institutional leadership, management expertise, integrity and vision required to head an institution of "national and international significance".

The committee comprises retired Supreme Court judge Justice Pramod Kohli, retired Lieutenant General Vishnukant Chaturvedi, and retired nuclear scientist and former chairperson of the Shri Saibaba Sansthan Trust in Shirdi Suresh Haware. Panda was appointed its secretary on July 14.

"During the submission of the report, Treasurer and Trustee Govinddeo; Trustee Sant Dinendra Das; Secretary General and Trustee Krishna Mohan; Ayodhya District Magistrate Shashank Tripathi; Special Invitee Member Dinesh; Secretary Jagdish Afle; and Jagannath Gulve and Bajrang Bagada were present," the statement said.

Maharashtra doctor who attempted suicide dies days later; family alleges pressure, seeks SIT probe

Anuradha Mascarenhas & Apoorva Agashe
Pune, Mumbai, September 1

ON AUGUST 27, Dr Rajendra Rupnavar climbed an electrical tower near Sion railway station and told the police below he was facing action at his workplace and had been removed from his job. As fire brigade personnel persuaded him to come down, the 28-year-old doctor, who had travelled from Satara to Mumbai two days earlier, allegedly attempted to hang himself outside one of Mumbai's busiest suburban train stations.

He was brought down and taken to Sion Hospital. Four days later, he died of cardiac arrest.

The death of the young doctor from a farming family and his attempt to kill himself outside one of Mumbai's busiest railway stations are now the subject of a police probe. His family has demanded an SIT probe. His brother and colleagues allege Rupnavar had been under pressure after refusing to issue a medical fitness certificate required for a firearm licence, and that his subsequent suspension and departmental inquiry pushed him further into distress.

The allegations have also brought scrutiny on the administration of the Sub-District Hospital in Phaltan, where Rupnavar worked as a contractual medical officer.

His brother Sagar Rupnavar alleged that trouble began on July 27, when a man identified by the family as Prasad Konde-shmukh allegedly came to the Phaltan hospital with a bounce and sought a medical fitness certificate required for obtaining a gun licence. Rupnavar allegedly refused to issue the certificate, citing technical difficulties. "My brother refused to issue the fitness certificate as there were



Dr Rajendra Rupnavar

some technical difficulties. The person threatened him, saying he was a former minister's personal assistant," Sagar alleged.

A verbal altercation allegedly followed. Sagar alleged Konde-shmukh subsequently approached Rupnavar's senior, Dr Leela Madane, and obtained the certificate. The next day, July 28, Rupnavar was suspended and a departmental inquiry was initiated against him, Sagar alleged.

For Rupnavar's family, the timing of the action was significant. They say he believed he was being punished for refusing to issue the certificate.

Dr Amol Bansude, a medical intern at Pune's Sassoon General Hospital and a friend of Rupnavar, said he had spoken to him. "I told him to forget the episode and move on," he said.

Bansude said he had even asked him to leave the Phaltan job and come to Pune, where there were openings at Kamala Nehru Hospital. "But he refused. He believed in justice and was determined that justice be done," Bansude said.

Rupnavar came from a poor family and had worked his way through medical education, eventually gaining admission to Grant Medical College in Mumbai. He had been working at the Phaltan hospital for around one-and-a-half years.

Mamata's niece found dead at Birbhum home; police suspect suicide

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Kolkata, September 1

FORMER WEST Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's niece, Bristy Mukherjee, was found dead at her home in Birbhum district, police said Tuesday. She was the daughter of the Trinamool supremo's maternal cousin and local TMC leader, Nihar Mukherjee.

Police said the 28-year-old was found hanging by her family members at around 10am on Tuesday on the first floor of her Kusumba village-based house in Birbhum. The body has been sent for an autopsy to the Rampurhat Government Medical College and Hospital, and the Rampurhat police have started an investigation into her death.

A senior police officer of Birbhum district police said, "Primarily it seems to be a suicide case. However, we are considering every ground of unnatural death, and a probe is being conducted." While the cause of her death is yet to be ascertained, her family said the young woman had been battling depression for the past few years and was receiving medical treatment for the same.

163 Indians rescued from Nepal so far, says MEA

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THE NUMBER of Indian nationals rescued in the wake of the devastating flash floods in Nepal stands at 163, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said on Tuesday, as India sustained its relief and rescue efforts.

MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal shared the update on X. He also shared updates on a 19-member specialised forensics team from India that began functioning in Kathmandu on Sunday, as well as updates on a



Bristy Mukherjee, 28, was the daughter of the TMC leader from Birbhum Nihar Mukherjee

ling depression for the past few years and was receiving medical treatment for the same.

Her father said, "She was suffering from depression for the last few years. We took her to a doctor, too. In the morning when she was not coming down from her room, we went up and saw her hanging from the ceiling fan." Bristy was also fighting a divorce case with her husband.

Her mother, Pampa Mukherjee, said, "Her marriage did not work out. They (her family) frequently sent her back here. We had filed for a divorce. We are shattered now..."

tunnel rescue team deployed in Chilime.

"Using innovative methods and improvised floats, the (tunnel rescue) team was able to move deeper in the tunnel. Its efforts will continue tomorrow to try and rescue any individuals that may be trapped inside," the statement said.

"As of 1930 hrs on 01 Sept 2026, number of Indian nationals rescued: 163 (with the addition of 5 new individuals since yesterday). Number of Indian nationals who have left China today: 151," Jaiswal posted.

Sensors to risk maps, J&K draws up shield against floods in the light of Nepal disaster

Arun Sharma
Jammu, September 1

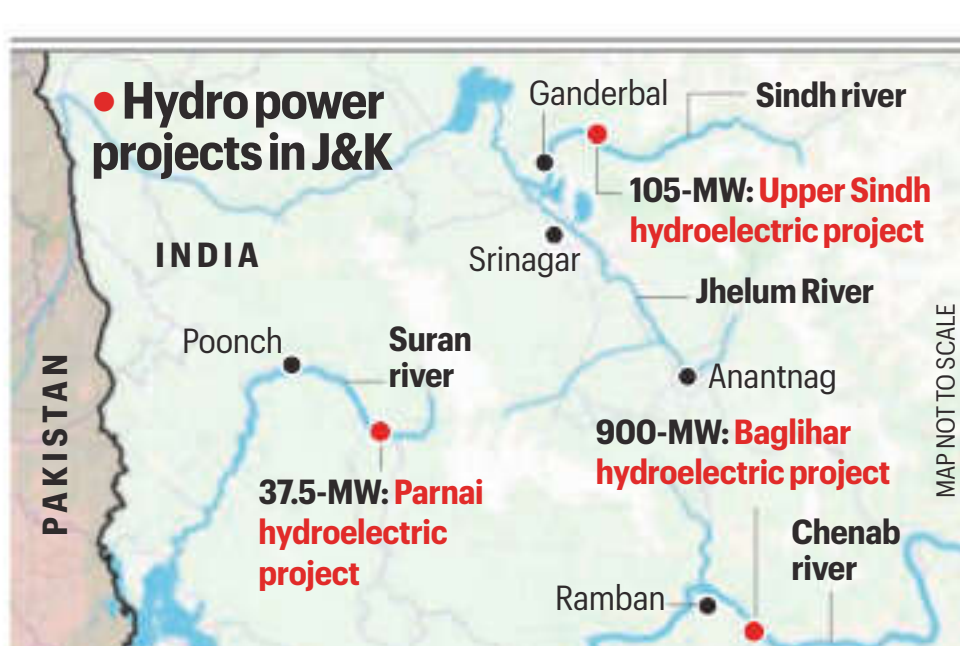
EARLY FLOOD warning systems at three hydroelectric projects, a GIS-based multi-hazard risk atlas, and stronger disaster-risk planning and regulation — these are some of the major measures the Jammu & Kashmir government is planning as part of its early flood warning systems as it considers ways to ensure sufficient response time in the event of a natural disaster.

Rahul Yadav, Managing Director of the Jammu Kashmir Power Development Corporation (JKPDC), told *The Indian Express* that tenders have been floated for installation of these early warning systems at the 900-megawatt (MW) Baglihar hydroelectric project over Chenab river in Ramban district, the 105-MW Upper Sindh hydroelectric project over Sindh river in Ganderbal district, and the 37.5-MW Parnai hydroelectric project built on Suran river near Bafliaz in border Poonch district.

The decision forms part of the UT administration's multi-pronged strategy to strengthen disaster resilience after cloudbursts and floods in J&K, especially in the Chenab Valley region. It assumes significance in view of the large-scale deaths and widespread devastation caused by recent floods in Nepal.

The system will involve identifying strategic locations for installing sensors and communication equipment upstream of dams and barrages, providing 1-2 hours of response time, sources said.

Significantly, all three hydroelectric projects are located in mountainous regions, highly vulnerable to flash floods triggered by cloudbursts, avalanches and glacial lake outbursts at high altitudes.



Kishtwar Deputy Commissioner Pankaj Sharma, under whose jurisdiction the Paddar area falls, said that after last year's Chishoti flash floods, several studies were conducted by experts from the Department of Disaster Management, Relief, Rehabilitation and Reconstruction (DMRRR). While the teams initially conducted studies on landslide-prone areas, they later studied GLOFs. Kishtwar, Doda and Ramban districts were placed in the highly vulnerable category for landslides.

As far as high-altitude glacial lakes are concerned, the studies have categorised Mundiskar lake in the district as "highly vulnerable". Sharma said the Kishtwar district administration sent a Rs 35-crore proposal to the DMRRR for disaster mitigation measures nearly a fortnight ago. The work will start once the DMRRR approves the proposal.

Jammu and Kashmir has seen repeated episodes of flash floods, cloudbursts and landslides in recent years, with the Chenab Valley among the worst affected. Since June 1 this year, nearly 35 cloudburst incidents have been reported across the UT, with Kishtwar, Doda and Ramban among the most vul-

nerable districts.

Last year, the Jammu and Kashmir government, quoting a scientific study by researchers from Kashmir University's Department of Geo-informatics, had said that five glacial lakes in the Kashmir Himalayas fall in the "very high susceptibility" class for potential glacial lake outburst floods. Identifying these lakes as Bramsar, Chrisar, Nundgol, Bhagsar and Gangabal, it added, as per the study, their high susceptibility together threatens over 2,700 buildings, 15 key bridges, segments of road infrastructure and one hydroelectric power plant.

Officials said the DMRRR, in a major push to strengthen disaster preparedness in the UT, is implementing a five-pronged strategy across the UT. This includes creating a GIS-based multi-hazard risk atlas using digital terrain and elevation modelling in vulnerable areas, enforcing building safety codes, updating district disaster management plans and integrating risk reduction into master plans.

Apart from establishing a dedicated disaster management training institute, it also intends to sign an MoU with the Geological Survey of India for forecasting landslides.

Firecracker factory blast in UP: Owner of illegal unit held

Manish Sahu
Lucknow, September 1

POLICE ON Tuesday arrested the owner of an illegal firecracker factory in Uttar Pradesh's Kaushambi after an encounter, following an explosion at the unit that killed 11 people, including eight children, who lived in the vicinity.

Kaushambi Circle Officer Shivank Singh said they were informed early Tuesday that the key accused, Naushad, was in the Charwa area and was attempting to flee. A police team rushed to the location and cordoned off the area. Police said Naushad opened fire when he spotted the team, prompting the policemen to retaliate. He sustained a bullet injury to his leg and was hospitalised. Police said his condition is now stable.

An inspector and six sub-inspectors have been suspended so far. The explosion occurred at the factory on Monday, which was running out of a house in Manauri village, located on the border of Kaushambi and Prayagraj districts.

Indian national among 12 killed in Russian air strike on Ukraine

Divya A
New Delhi, September 1

ONE INDIAN national was among 12 killed in Ukraine on Tuesday as intense air raids from Russia targeted the capital, Kyiv.

According to sources in the Indian diaspora community in Kyiv, the deceased was identified as Sudarshan Bhabhilala, 40, from Gujarat, who succumbed to a severe head injury sustained in the attack.

"We are deeply saddened by the tragic death of an Indian national in an attack in Ukraine. The Embassy is in touch with the bereaved family and ex-

tends its deepest condolences," the Embassy said, adding that it is working towards early repatriation of his mortal remains.

Another person, who was injured was identified as Ganesh Kaleda, 35, from Telangana. He is on treatment for bleeding in the leg and is in a stable condition. The news of the fatality earlier in the day came in from President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, who said several residential buildings and civilian infrastructure have been damaged in the attacks.

While four were killed in Boryspil, another 13 were injured, the Ukraine president stated.

"In Kyiv, a strike on a railway

depot killed 7 people. The Kherson, Donetsk, Zaporizhzhia, Kharkiv, Chernihiv, Zhytomyr, Sumy, and Dnipro regions also came under attack. Overall, 12 people were killed, among them an Indian citizen, and dozens more were injured in the attack," Zelenskyy said.

On the sidelines of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Summit in Bishkek, Prime Minister Narendra Modi told Russian President Vladimir Putin on Monday that the war in Ukraine needed to end for humanity's sake and that New Delhi would support every peace effort to stop the fighting.

• 10 OF 22 PEOPLE REPORTED MISSING FROM UTTAR PRADESH AFTER NEPAL'S AUGUST 26 FLOODS HAVE MADE IT HOME

'People rushed onto streets, calls failed': How 4 from UP made it home from Nepal

Manish Sahu
Lucknow, September 1

FOR 23-YEAR-OLD Ashutosh Mani Upadhyay, his first flight was also his way out of flood-hit Nepal. He had travelled to Nepal just two months ago to work as a junior pipeline fitter at a factory in Rasuwa district.

But before he could settle into his new job, he found himself being evacuated by helicopter along with five other Uttar Pradesh residents.

Rasuwa was among the worst-hit areas, though Ashutosh said he was away from the area when the floods struck. "There was a sense of fear and uncertainty everywhere in Nepal," he recounted. "I was told to board a helicopter that would take us to a safer place. I was ex-

cited because I had never travelled by air before. The flight lasted a few minutes but I will remember for the rest of my life."

The six were flown to a cantonment area, where they completed the necessary formalities before hiring a vehicle to travel to Gorakhpur in Uttar Pradesh. Ashutosh reached his hometown of Mureri Gadwa village on Monday.

For families across Uttar Pradesh, the wait for news from relatives stranded in Nepal has begun to ease.

The Uttar Pradesh Relief Commissioner's emergency helpline received calls about 22 people whose families had lost contact with them. Families of 10 of them have since told authorities that their relatives are home and safe, an official said.

Some were evacuated with the help of the Nepal government and officials stationed there, while others made their own way back. *The Indian Express* spoke to those who made it home about the fear, uncertainty, and scramble to get out of the country.

'I was afraid borders could be sealed'

Krishna Pratap Singh, 45, had travelled from Aligarh to Nepal on August 21 in search of work. Five days later, the floods hit.

"I was terrified after hearing that a large number of people had been killed and property damaged just a few kilometres from where I was staying. There was a huge rush in Kathmandu, with people from outside the



Photos of unidentified bodies in Kathmandu, Tuesday. TASHI TOBGYAL

city struggling to find a way back home. There was no local government official or organisation to help us," said Singh, who

works in the wood business.

He said he tried to contact his family but couldn't reach them. "I decided to return...

The family with whom I was staying also pressured me to go home. I was also afraid that the borders could be sealed," Singh said. Nepalese authorities later flew him to the India-Nepal border, from where he travelled by road and entered India.

'Come back home immediately'

On August 27, when Raj Kumar Gautam, 44, finally managed to call his family in Maharaigani from Kathmandu, they had only one thing to tell him: Come back home immediately. Gautam had been working with a local contractor involved in making wooden furniture in Kathmandu for the past year. He has been travelling to Nepal for work regularly for the past two decades.

He said panic had spread across Nepal after reports of flooding and widespread damage emerged.

"There was widespread chaos. Phone calls were not going through and even the Wi-Fi was not working. I knew my family would be worried, and I was desperately trying to contact them to tell them that I was safe," Gautam said. People had rushed onto the streets, desperately looking for any possible way to leave Nepal. "I somehow managed to find a vehicle carrying other passengers and made my way to Maharaigani via Bihar," he added.

"When I finally reached home, my three daughters and son surrounded me, relieved to see me back," said Raj Kumar, a resident of Jagannathpur vil-

lage in Maharaigani.

'His cellphone had been stolen'

For Deepak Gupta's family in Bareilly, the fear began when his phone stopped connecting. The 33-year-old travels to Nepal for six to seven months every year to sell artificial jewellery and gemstones sourced from Delhi. He was in Kathmandu when the floods hit. "We became worried when we could not reach him on his phone," said his elder brother, Vijay Gupta.

The next day, Deepak managed to call. "He said his phone had been stolen amid the rush and panic. He was in Kathmandu," said Vijay. "I asked him to return home immediately. He came back two days ago along with four others."

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• DEFENCE

INS Nipun: Key boost to India's deep-sea abilities



The INS Nipun diving support vessel. X/@INDIANNAVY

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Pune, September 1

THE INDIAN Navy commissioned INS Nipun, the second diving support vessel (DSV) of the Nistar class, in Mumbai on Monday. The vessel will strengthen the Western Naval Command's deep-sea diving, underwater intervention and submarine rescue capabilities.

What is a DSV?

A DSV is a specialised platform that allows a navy to sustain complex underwater operations for extended periods, particularly in deep and challenging waters. Naval operations often require divers and specialised teams to inspect, repair, recover or intervene around ships, submarines and other underwater assets. A DSV provides the diving systems, medical facilities and support needed for such missions, reducing dependence on shore-based facilities, and enabling quick response to underwater contingencies. The Navy undertakes extensive diving operations in the Indian Ocean Region for submarine rescue, underwater inspection, testing or salvage, and recovery of objects, ships or aircraft lost at sea. Earlier, the Navy operated Russian-origin submarine rescue vessels and relied on a mix of shore facilities along with specialised diving units and suitably equipped naval vessels. But these lacked the multidomain operational capabilities and ability of long deployments at sea. In 2018, the Navy signed a contract with Hindustan Shipyard Ltd, Vishakhapatnam, for construction of two DSVs, the first of which — INS Nistar — was commissioned in July 2025.

'Mother ship'

Admiral Krishna Swaminathan, Chief of the Naval Staff, said at the commissioning ceremony of the 9,000-tonne vessel: "Nipun adds specialised capability to support complex underwater operations and respond to emergencies in one of the most demanding and mysterious environments known to the world." Nipun is installed with dive equipment and can undertake deep-sea saturation diving — this denotes operations where divers live under pressure for long periods to work deep underwater. "A side diving stage has also been provided for undertaking diving operations. The remotely operated vehicles further enhance the ship's operational capabilities by facilitating diver monitoring and salvage operations," the Navy said. Nipun also serves as the "mother ship" for deep submergence rescue vessels (DSRVs) "to evacuate personnel in case of an emergency on a submarine", the Navy said. Currently, India has two DSRVs. Nipun has a self-propelled hyperbaric lifeboat — a pressurised lifeboat that can independently evacuate divers and diving compression chambers. It can help in recovering of damaged, sunken or stranded ships and equipment.

Maritime preparedness

"For a navy operating across the vast Indian Ocean Region, the ability to sustain specialised underwater operations at sea is an important part of preparedness. This is particularly relevant to submarine operations, where an accident or technical emergency can quickly become a race against time," a retired Navy officer, who has served on submarines, told *The Indian Express*. For India, this is significant as underwater capabilities become increasingly important to maritime security. "The induction of indigenous DSVs also means the Navy is building and sustaining specialised expertise and equipment domestically, while strengthening its ability to provide submarine rescue assistance to regional partners," said the retired officer.

• INDUS WATERS TREATY

With India rejecting Hague court order, the road ahead



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THE PERMANENT Court of Arbitration, adjudicating on a dispute raised by Pakistan on the Indus Waters Treaty, has passed two more orders against India. It has ruled that India's decision to put the Treaty in 'abeyance' was "not permissible under the Treaty or other applicable rules of international law", and therefore the Treaty — which governs the sharing of six transboundary river waters between the two countries — remained "fully in force" and India continued to be bound by it. The Court also directed India to halt construction work at the Ratle Hydroelectric Project, as requested by Pakistan, till the technical dispute over it is settled. India has not been participating in this arbitration process, underway for four years, having maintained that the Court was constituted in violation of the provisions of the Treaty. A neutral expert had already been appointed to adjudicate on the same issue, and the Treaty does not allow parallel resolution processes on the same dispute. As such, India said the Court lacked legitimacy, and did not appoint its two arbitrators on the Court. The Court went ahead with its proceedings with two arbitrators appointed by Pakistan, and three 'umpires' nominated by institutions mentioned in the Treaty.

India's rejection

India's reaction to the two orders on Monday was on expected lines. "This so called Court was constituted by the World Bank in patent breach of the terms of the Treaty and India categorically rejects its so-called award... India's decision to hold the Indus Waters Treaty in abeyance remains in force," the Ministry of External Affairs said. The two set of rulings on Monday happened to be the fourth 'award' from the Court of Arbitration, set up in September 2022, to adjudicate on objections raised by Pakistan over the construction of a couple of hydropower projects in Jammu and Kashmir. All the 'awards' have, unsurprisingly, gone in favour of Pakistan. In its earlier 'awards', the Court has, among other things,

• THREE LEVELS OF DISPUTE RESOLUTION IN THE TREATY

Any 'question' over the interpretation or applicability of the Treaty has to be addressed first by the **Permanent Indus Commission**, comprising the Indus Commissioners of the two countries.

If they are unable to resolve the 'question', a 'difference' is deemed to have arisen.

If the nature of the 'difference' is one of the 23 different specified kinds, this can be referred to a **neutral expert**.

If the nature of the 'difference' is something other than the 23 specified types, it is considered to have become a 'dispute', which needs to be adjudicated by a **Court of Arbitration**.

The Court of Arbitration also comes into the picture if the neutral expert decides that the whole matter, or a



An IWT hearing at the Court of Arbitration, The Hague, in April.

part of it, should be treated as a 'dispute', or if both the parties decide on this route at any point of time.

In the present case, there was no agreement between the two Commissioners to treat the 'difference' as a 'dispute'. Nor was there a recommendation from a neutral expert that it needed to be treated as a 'dispute'.

Also, the World Bank had set up a neutral expert at India's request. Setting up a Court of Arbitration on the same issue was about instituting a parallel process, which is not allowed in the Treaty. It could also lead to the absurdity of the two processes producing different and irreconcilable decisions.

declared itself to be competent enough to adjudicate on the matter, rejecting India's arguments to the contrary made in a letter to the World Bank in December 2022, and also held that its decisions were final and binding upon the parties. India has rejected all the earlier 'awards' as and when they were made, the last one in May of this year. With Monday's order, the Court has likely finished its work, having addressed all the issues raised by Pakistan. The Court has no means to get its orders enforced, and therefore, its orders will not bring about any material change. For Pakistan, however, the Court orders are very significant. It is almost sure to use these at every relevant international forum, and also to drive up hysteria against India within the country. These orders are key for it to explore further legal options at the international level.

Road ahead for Pakistan

The best case scenario for Pakistan would be to get the UN Security Council to pass a resolution against India, framing its dispute over the Treaty as a security issue. It has been working towards that aim, and is almost sure to take a shot at it during the remaining four months of its tenure as a non-permanent member of the Security

The treaty

Under the Treaty, 'Eastern Rivers' of the Indus system — Sutlej, Beas and Ravi — are for India. Pakistan gets water from the 'Western Rivers' — Indus, Jhelum, and Chenab.

The Treaty allows India limited use of Western rivers too, but this has not been possible because of Pakistan's objections to anything India builds on them

Council. Another alternative would be to get the Security Council or the UN General Assembly to refer the matter to the International Court of Justice. These are far-fetched scenarios, however, and unlikely to play out as per Pakistan's desires. India has much greater clout at the UN, and can get such moves scuttled. Besides these efforts, the other option for Pakistan is to try and create a narrative painting India as someone that does not respect international law or abide by treaty provisions. This is something that Pakistan is already indulging in, and the efforts are almost certain to intensify. India, besides creating a diplomatic counter-narrative, is preparing to fight the legal battle, if it becomes necessary. It is not that India does not have a legal case, and it is confident that it can defend its decision to put the Treaty in abeyance.

Road ahead for India

India's main focus is on expeditious completion of the projects that will allow it to make full use of its rights on the three western rivers — Indus, Jhelum and Chenab — allocated to Pakistan under the Treaty. The Treaty's provisions allow India to make limited use of these waters, but this has not been possible because of Pakistan's repeated objections to anything India tries to build on

these rivers. India is pursuing eight infrastructure projects on these rivers in Jammu and Kashmir, worth Rs 50,000 crore. At least one of them, seeking to divert waters from the Chenab to the Beas, goes beyond the provisions of the Treaty, which does not allow inter-basin transfer of waters. For India, the Indus Waters Treaty is as good as dead. 'Abeyance' is deliberately being used to keep it vague, since there is no provision to terminate or suspend it unilaterally. That is the reason why India disengaged from the neutral expert process last year, which was set up on its own request. India continues to share hydrological data with Pakistan, but only through its high commission in Islamabad, and not through the Permanent Indus Commission set up under the Treaty. Continuing to participate in the neutral expert process or sharing information through the Permanent Indus Commission could be seen as utilising the provisions of the Treaty, which could be contrary to its position that it does not exist. India has also suggested that the two countries renegotiate the Treaty. But Pakistan realises it is unlikely to get a deal as good as the current one. Also, India is almost sure to insist on a strictly bilateral agreement, without the need for any third party like the World Bank, which Pakistan is unlikely to agree to.

Sharing without a Treaty

The deadlock looks unresolvable in the foreseeable future. The transboundary rivers between India and Pakistan are most likely to continue flowing without any formal agreement on sharing of waters. There are hundreds of instances across the world of transboundary rivers not governed by any water-sharing agreement. India shares rivers with each of its other neighbours — China, Bhutan, Nepal, Bangladesh and Myanmar — and most of these have no formal water-sharing arrangement. Keeping the Indus Waters Treaty in 'abeyance' does not mean India has stopped the flow of river waters to Pakistan. It cannot do that even if it wanted to. Pakistan continues to receive the river waters as earlier. It would continue to get that even after India completes all the projects on the western rivers. Though the per capita water availability has gone down due to population pressures and climate change, the Indus river system still has sufficient water to cater to the needs of the people living in its basin in India and Pakistan.

• LEGAL

Distinguished jurist: The unused route to appoint an SC judge

Amaal Sheikh
New Delhi, September 1

DECADES AFTER the Constitution came into force, one route to becoming a Supreme Court judge has never been taken. At a convocation address on August 30, Supreme Court judge Justice Ujjal Bhuyan pointed to Article 124(3), which allows the appointment of a "distinguished jurist" as a Supreme Court judge, and called it an "unused mandate" of the Constitution that "needs our serious attention." He said that having a distinguished jurist on the bench would "diversify the Bench" and that they "would not remain constricted by narrow technicalities thereby being in a stronger position to deal with public law issues." He said the "participation of... legal academia and scholars would have a defining impact on the judicial functioning of the Supreme Court."

What the Constitution states

Article 124 sets out how the Supreme Court is constituted. Article 124(3) lists who can be appointed as a judge, i.e., a citizen of

India who has either served as a High Court judge for five years, practised as an advocate for ten years, or "is, in the opinion of the President, a distinguished jurist." The first two routes are how the court has always been staffed. Most judges have been elevated from the High Courts, while a smaller number of lawyers have been appointed directly from the Bar. The most recent was Justice V Mohana, recommended by the collegium in May 2026 and sworn in the following month. The third category, the appointment of distinguished jurists, has simply never been used. Article 217 lays down the conditions for the appointment of a High Court judge. The 42nd Amendment, enacted during the Emergency, added a provision allowing the appointment of a "distinguished jurist" as a judge of the High Court. However, the provision was eventually repealed by the 44th Constitutional Amendment. Where the clause came from The clause was added during the Constituent Assembly debates on May 24, 1949, after H V Kamath moved an amendment

Appointing a judge: 3 ways

- The Constitution sets out who can be made a SC judge: a citizen of India who has either served as a HC judge for 5 years; practised as an advocate for ten years; or 'is, in the opinion of the President, a distinguished jurist'.
- The first two routes are how the court has always been staffed. The third route has never been used.

saying the pool of candidates shouldn't be "necessarily confined to Judges or Advocates." He said that India needed a way to bring in "men or for that matter, women who are possessed of outstanding legal and juristic learning," even if they had never practised law. He pointed out that judges of the International Court of Justice at The Hague are chosen on similar terms. B R Ambedkar didn't object to the idea itself. His only hesitation was over the word "distinguished", and he wondered whether "eminent" would be a better fit. He, however, left the final call to the Drafting Committee. The amendment eventually went through. Who qualifies & why no one has Justice Bhuyan offered two possible explanations for why the clause remains unused. "The first is that earlier in the view of the central government and thereafter of the collegium, there is not enough depth in the Indian academia to be considered for elevation as a judge of the Supreme Court. The second is that both the central government and the collegium have not seriously explored this provision thus far," he said.

A "distinguished jurist" is generally understood to be anyone engaged in serious work in the practice, teaching or research of law, including those who do not require courtroom experience to fit the description. But this interpretation runs into a separate problem in India, where the Bar Council rules generally prevent full-time law teachers from practising law. A further complication is the process of Supreme Court appointments itself. Appointments today are initiated through the collegium system, meaning that a jurist would first have to be recommended by the Supreme Court collegium before the appointment goes to the government. In an interview in 2015 with *LiveLaw*, Upendra Baxi recalled being addressed as "Judge Baxi" by a professor, who had been told by Justice P N Bhagwati that Baxi would be made a judge within a few months. That appointment never materialised. Addressing the matter, Baxi said that "the Presidents of India have been looking with a telescope and have not found any jurist worth appointing as a Supreme Court Judge" and thus called it "a dead issue."

• NEPAL DISASTER

Why risk-monitoring in the Himalayas is like looking for 'needles in haystacks'



EXPERT EXPLAINS

AUSTIN LORD
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THE FLOODS in Nepal have raised fresh questions about how well the Himalayas are prepared for rapidly evolving and cascading climatic and geological hazards. **Austin Lord**, a Senior Fellow with the Energy, Water and Sustainability Program at the US-based non-profit thinktank Stimson Center, has been closely examining the region's evolving hazard landscape. In an interview with **Nikhil Ghanekar**, Lord discusses the sequence of events, the risk of "hazard constellations", and the lessons the disaster holds for Nepal and the wider Himalayas. Edited excerpts:

What was the trigger and sequence of the Nepal flood?
The present consensus is that the initial trigger was a glacial detachment that included bedrock on the northern slopes of Langtang Lirung, a 7,000-plus-metre peak in the Langtang range. The exact triggering process is not entirely understood. That could be related to climate-related risks or gradual shifts at the site. Preliminary analysis indicates there may have been some minor movement of the glacial mass in the weeks or months before the event, followed by a tipping point. Once it failed, it swept down through a gully toward the Lhende River, which reaches the Chinese border. The source area was around 5,200 metres, so the flow descended a couple of thousand metres. It deposited a mixture of ice, rock and sediment, creating a temporary natural dam that blocked the river. There is still debate about how much water came from the glacier itself, from the melting of entrained ice, and from water that accumulated behind the landslide dam. The dam failed and sent a major pulse

of water downstream. The event reached the China border in roughly nine minutes. Footage from the Gyirong border facility shows a massive dark wave containing not just water but a large volume of material. The border facility was at a confluence with another tributary, the Gyirong River. The flow then continued downstream. Within seconds of hitting the Chinese facility, it was already moving back into Nepal. There was no realistic opportunity for people at the facility to warn communities downstream; many of those who could have generated an alert were themselves swept away. The flow then destroyed dams and hydropower projects downstream, recruited additional sediment, and swept through villages along the river corridor. The event continued into Nuwakot district and affected larger market towns in the floodplain. These affected areas are well beyond the 100-year or 500-year floodplain. This was a thousand-year-plus flood event, with significant impacts extending more than 100 kilometres downstream. The flood pulse also registered at

the India-Nepal border. The larger issue is the increasing frequency and intensity of cascading hazard chains. We have seen this in Chamoli; Sikkim, with the South Lhonak GLOF (glacial lake outburst flood); and in Nepal with the Melamchi disaster. Climate risks are interacting with and amplifying other disaster risks. These events are becoming more frequent and more intense. Was the failed glacier identified as a vulnerable site? Several places around Nepal have been identified as high-risk areas for glacial detachment and surges. There are glaciers immediately on the other side of Langtang Lirung that are high-priority research sites. But this particular location had no red flags. Even now, we are examining whether changes could have been detected in the days leading up to the event, but that would still require knowing where to look. Monitoring every glacier and every mountainside that could collapse is like looking for needles in haystacks. You need some signal to separate from the noise.

That is why remote sensing and satellite-based analysis are important, but different satellite tools answer different questions, and you have to know where to look. To know where to look, it's important to engage local communities. Of over a dozen extreme events in the Himalayas over 10 years, almost all came from unknown places, except the South Lhonak GLOF which was a known risk. We are beginning to identify patterns, but there is no training dataset from the Alps or Norway that can simply be transferred to the Himalayas. The Himalayas have their own context and significant data scarcity and data sparsity. What is the broader lesson for India, Nepal and the Himalayas? The kind of mapping exercise undertaken by India's Home Ministry and space agencies (to monitor glacial lakes and hazards) is an absolute necessity. It provides a baseline. Nepal does not have the same level of resources, and although some mapping has been done, it is not as comprehensive. Once you have those maps, you can

begin hazard zoning and modelling. But the key is monitoring. Remote sensing and satellite imagery are one part of the triangle. The second is fixed station networks — hydromet and seismic stations. The third is localised monitoring. You need to engage local governments, disaster managers and Community Disaster Management Committees. They can collect local data, report landslides and monitor impacts after storms. You also need people who are immersed in these environments. Yak herders and fishermen can notice changes in rivers, glaciers and glacial lakes. Oral histories with elders can reveal smaller avalanches, glacial-lake floods and other events that science has not recorded, helping identify potential hotspots. When you combine the station network, remote sensing and localised monitoring, you have a better chance of detecting changes and distinguishing the signal from the noise that tells you where to look. FULL INTERVIEW ON WWW.INDIANEXPRESS.COM

OIL IMPORTS FROM VENEZUELA JUMPED 60.2% IN AUGUST

Russian oil imports fell 26% in Aug amid supply pressure, China factor

India's total oil imports in August stood at 4.62 million bpd, down 8.4% from July's 5.04 million bpd

Sukalp Sharma
New Delhi, September 1

INDIA'S OIL imports from Russia in August declined 26% from the historic highs in the previous month amid tighter Russian export availability as well as stronger competition from Chinese refiners, according to provisional tanker data. Maintenance shutdowns at a few Indian refineries also likely contributed to lower crude intake.

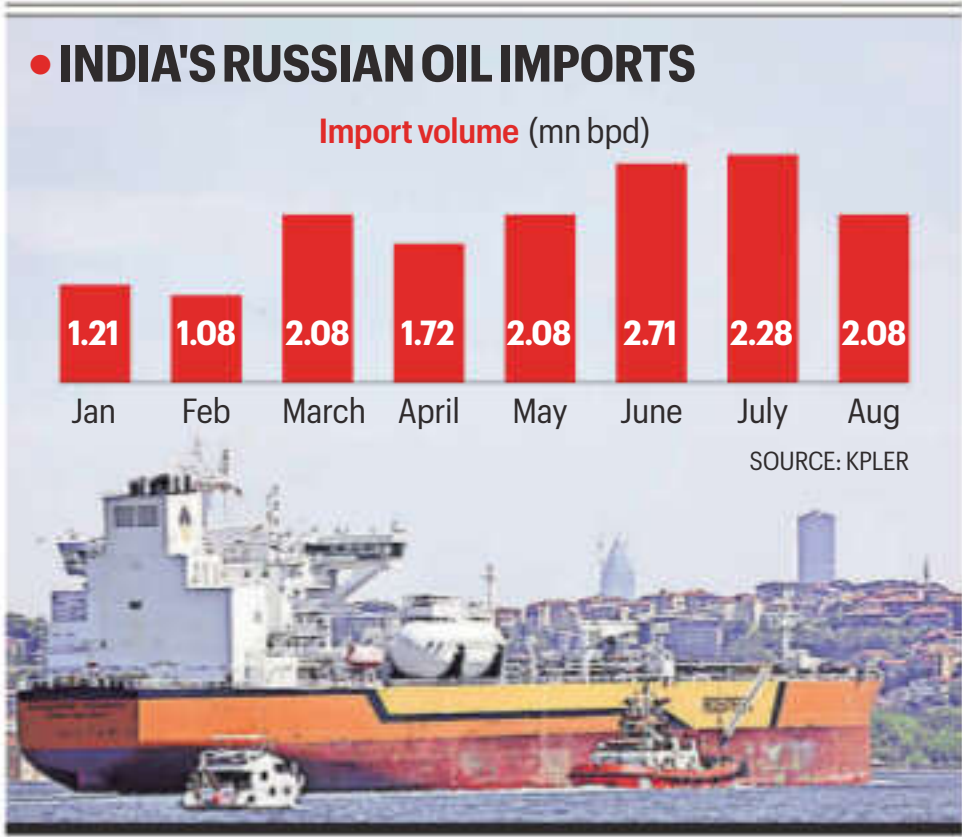
The fall in Russian volumes was the primary reason for the over 8% decline in India's overall oil imports in August. Notably, though, oil imports from Venezuela touched their highest monthly levels since 2020. With the US allowing Caracas's oil to flow into the global market, India restarted imports of Venezuelan oil a few months ago after nearly a year of zero imports.

According to vessel tracking data from commodity market analytics firm Kpler, India imported 2.08 million barrels per day (bpd) of Russian oil in August, down 26.3% from July's record levels of 2.82 million bpd.

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August stood at 4.62 million bpd, down 8.4% from July's 5.04 million bpd. Moscow's share in New Delhi's crude diet declined to 45% in August from 55.9% in July. According to Kpler, the shift points to market normalisation rather than a structural retreat from Russian crude, with flows expected to stabilise at 2.0 to 2.5 million bpd in the foreseeable future, which suggests that Russian oil is likely to remain the mainstay of India's oil imports. The import volumes, however, may come under some pressure due to the evolving energy market conditions with Russia's ability to export more being constrained and intensifying competition for Russian barrels from China.

"Russia is exporting less crude both to India and overall, just as China is competing more aggressively for available cargoes. The question for the coming months is therefore whether August represents a temporary retreat or the start of a period in which Russian barrels become scarcer, costlier and harder for Indian refiners to secure," said Abu Dhabi-based energy ana-



lyst Natalia Katona. Ukrainian attacks on Russia's oil and gas infrastructure is a key reason for the pressure on Russian oil exports. Attacks on export infrastructure in the Black Sea have become a tangible threat to navigation of energy tankers in the region.

Freight economics are incentivising avoiding the Black Sea routes altogether, according to Katona. For instance, moving a Suezmax tanker from the Black Sea port of Novorossiysk to India's west coast now costs about \$20 million, or roughly \$20 per barrel, compared with about \$13 per barrel if the tanker starts from the Baltic Sea ports. But dispatches from the Baltic Sea

ports carry their own risks, as Russian tankers sailing around Europe face detention or seizure by European countries.

"That has encouraged greater use of the Northern Sea Route (NSR), for which August and September are the peak traffic months even in a normal year due to the thin ice levels. With Black Sea drone threats adding to the pressure, Russian exporters are sending more vessels through the route, logically making China the most cost-competitive destination," Katona said.

Competition for Russian oil from China has picked up due to a few more factors, which in-

clude lower Russian oil exports as Moscow has been trying to maximise domestic refinery production to meet domestic fuel demand amid Ukrainian attacks on its energy infrastructure, and the fall in Iranian oil volumes available to Chinese refiners amid the Strait of Hormuz crisis.

India's crude import strategy has shifted sharply since March 2026 as Strait of Hormuz disruptions tightened West Asian oil flows and increased freight risks. Russian crude remains the backbone of India's import slate, while refiners have diversified aggressively towards African, North American, and South American barrels to offset the drop in supplies from the Gulf.

Interestingly, oil imports from Venezuela in August jumped 60.2% over July to 350,000 bpd, the Kpler data shows. With the US capturing Venezuela's then president Nicolás Maduro early January, Trump had said that Washington would take control of Caracas's oil sector. After that, a few commodity traders were authorised by Washington to sell Venezuelan oil globally, which had been under US sanctions.

About 40% of India's crude imports usually came through the Strait of Hormuz, and a large part of that supply has effectively been offline.

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Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman met US Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent on the sidelines of the G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors meeting, in Asheville, on Monday. X/@FINMININDIA

Current account deficit widens to \$4.2 bn in Q1

ENS Economic Bureau
Mumbai, September 1

INDIA'S CURRENT account deficit (CAD) widened to \$4.2 billion, or 0.5% of GDP, in the first quarter of 2026-27, from \$3.4 billion, or 0.4% of GDP in the corresponding quarter a year ago, according to data released by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).

The modest widening in the CAD came primarily on the back of a sharper merchandise trade deficit. The merchandise trade gap increased to \$86.1 billion in Q1 2026-27, compared with \$68.9 billion in Q1 2025-26, reflecting the continued pressure from India's import bill, the central bank said.

However, the impact of the wider trade deficit was partly offset by stronger earnings from services and higher remittance receipts.

Net services receipts rose to \$51.6 billion during the quarter from \$47.9 billion a year earlier. Services exports increased year-on-year across major segments, including computer services, other business services and transportation services, the RBI said.

The primary income account also provided some relief. Net outgo on the account, which largely reflects investment income payments, declined to \$10.5 billion in Q1 2026-27 from \$13.3 billion in the year-ago quarter, it said.

FOREIGN ASSETS DISCLOSURE SCHEME

Concerns rise over high fee on ESOPs, small investments

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● A salaried individual had invested Rs 90,000 in stocks listed in the US, now trading at a loss. The money transfer was part of the annual information statement (AIS) of the person's income tax return (ITR) but he did not disclose it separately in the Schedule FA (foreign assets). Under the new scheme, he will have to pay Rs 1 lakh upfront for disclosing the loss-making investment. ● An employee with a foreign company operating in India had the vesting details of his employee stock ownership plan (ESOP) as part of his salary, but had not declared it separately in the Schedule FA. He has to now pay Rs 1 lakh just as disclosure charges under the new scheme.

When the government proposed the foreign assets disclosure scheme in this year's Budget, the intent was well specified — to address "practical issues of small taxpayers like students, young professionals, tech employees, relocated NRIs" among others.

However, the disclosure window, Foreign Assets of Small Taxpayers – Disclosure Scheme (FAST-DS), launched on August 16, has now resulted in doubts and questions as individuals face high fees and penalties. The problem is more acute for salaried individuals who have received restricted stock units (RSUs) or ESOPs, and not reported them before. Even for cases where there has not been any actual gain, the employees will now be required to pay Rs 1 lakh for disclosure under the scheme,

which is being seen as too steep an amount by many. "The ESOPs are part of my salary, just that I did not disclose it separately earlier. Asking for Rs 1 lakh as an amount for only disclosure is too high," the employee with the foreign company cited above said.

Change in status

Experts said that the change in status from a non-resident to an Indian resident needs to be taken note of by the authorities, especially for cases where salaried employees took ESOPs from their global companies. "Many of them were non-resident Indians (NRIs) then and were later deputed to India and became Indian residents. They did not disclose the old details earlier and are disclosing it now. After disclosure, you get the notices saying how did you acquire it? The NRIs have turned into residents, that has to be taken note of," a top executive with an asset management company said.

ESOPs are key salary components in many sectors, especially in tech sector, startups and foreign companies. The scale of ESOPs in India's net outflows can be seen from the sharp rise of the flows under "financial derivatives (other than reserves) and employee stock options" of the Balance of Payments (BoP) in recent years. In 2025-26, this figure stood at just under \$24 billion, up 8% from a net outflow of around \$22 billion in 2024-25. However, it rose sharply in 2024-25, almost tripling from nearly \$8 billion in 2023-24. Many employees are considering filing an up-

dated return for such anomalies rather than disclosing under the scheme, with greater scrutiny going ahead being one of the key concerns. When asked, tax officials pointed out that the Black Money (Undisclosed Foreign Income and Assets) and Imposition of Tax Act doesn't recognise updated returns for income that was never before taxed or disclosed. "So even if the updated return is filed, he'll still be liable to tax and penalty under the Black Money Act. That's why it is better to disclose under FAST-DS. There is no intention of more scrutiny for such declarations," an income tax official said.

'Disproportionate penalty'

The scheme has two categories: i) undisclosed and never-before-taxed foreign income or asset outside India up to Rs 1 crore; ii) asset up to Rs 5 crore outside India, which was already offered to tax or was acquired under non-resident status, but not declared properly in the ITR. Under the first category, an assessee needs to pay 30% of fair market value of assets or undisclosed income as tax and 30% as additional income tax in lieu of penalty, while for the second category, the disclosure fee is Rs 1 lakh. The question is also of materiality — the maximum amount of error allowed in the financial statements before they are considered wrong. Experts pointed out that if the amounts are not significant enough, the penalty of Rs 1 lakh looks disproportionate.

After Q1 surprise, economists hike FY27 GDP growth outlook

Siddharth Upasani
New Delhi, September 1

THE RESERVE Bank of India's (RBI) GDP growth forecast of 6.7% for 2026-27, made on August 5, is looking increasingly conservative, with economists making sharp upward revisions to their predictions after Monday's blockbuster 7.8% growth print for April-June.

Ranging from 20 basis points to 80 basis points (bps), the growth upgrades made by economists on Monday and Tuesday have been such that the consensus number is now 7.2%, up from 6.7% earlier, according to estimates of 10 economists. Their forecasts are now in the range of 6.9-7.5%.

GDP growth has been higher than 7% in the last three years: 7.3% in 2023-24, 7.2% in 2024-25, and 7.8% in 2025-26. A full-year growth print of over 7% in 2026-27 would make it four years in a row.

According to ANZ economists Dhiraj Nim and Sanjay Mathur, the April-June growth number "marked the 12th consecutive quarter of positive surprise relative to market expectations". While the RBI had forecast 7%, market economists were closer to 7.3-7.5%, with only a small number predicting that growth could be as high as 7.8-8%. However, even those who predicted such a high number have made a sharp upward revision to their forecast for 2026-27 as a whole. Soumya Kanti

Ghosh, State Bank of India's Group Chief Economic Adviser, has raised his forecast by 70 bps to 7.3%, having predicted that growth may come in at 8% in April-June. "GDP growth has continued to surprise on the upside," said Upasana Chachra and Bani Gambhir, economists at Morgan Stanley, in a note. According to them, the strength in manufacturing and investment activity "aligns with our view of India being on the cusp of a capex-up-cycle".

"The stronger-than-expected April-June data, alongside the robust tracking data for July-September so far, point to sustained growth momentum. Against this backdrop, we raise our FY27 real GDP growth forecast to 7.3% (from 6.7%)," they said. Those who didn't raise their growth forecasts admitted there is an upside risk to their predictions. However, some chose to keep their powder dry keeping in mind an expected slowdown in the second half of the year and the risks to the growth outlook.

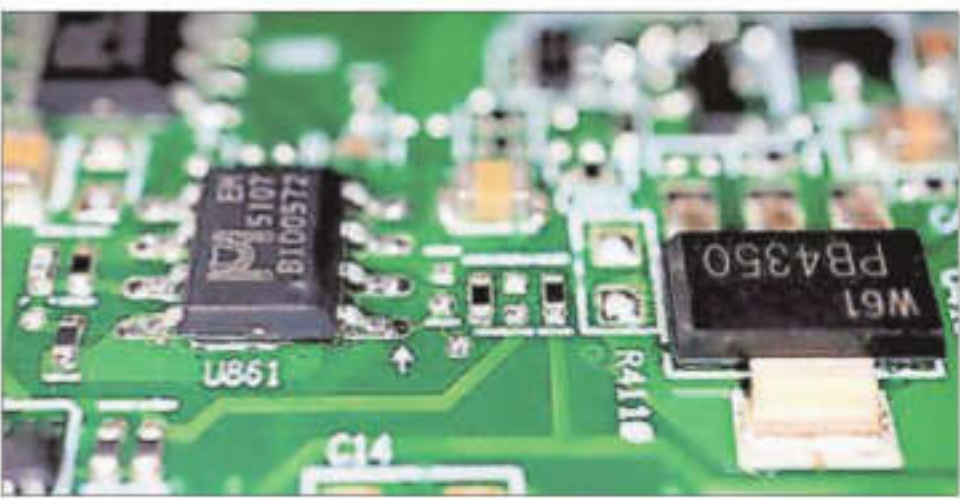
For instance, ICICI Securities Primary Dealership's economists led by A Prasanna — who retained their forecast of 7% — see five risk factors for growth in the next three quarters: an unfavourable base effect, crude oil prices, any impact on agriculture growth and rural demand from sub-par rains, and the hit to India's exports from weaker foreign demand due to tighter financial conditions.

In the same vein, they expect the RBI to also consider interest rate hikes, as signalled by the central bank's officials in the minutes of the Monetary Policy Committee's August 3-5 meeting.

"Fiscal policy choices will also be crucial. In case the government chooses to stick to the fiscal deficit target, and given the front loading on the capex growth front, there could be marginal headwind to demand from that side as well," they added. As per the RBI's own forecast, GDP growth is seen at 6.4% in July-September, 6.5% in October-December, 6.8% in January-March 2027, and 7.3% in April-June 2027. The RBI's MPC will next meet October 5-7, where the central bank is expected to raise its own prediction of growth this year.

"The strong GDP data should bolster the MPC's confidence on growth, and sharpen its focus on inflation," Nomura's Sonal Varma and Aurodeep Nandi said. "The key question is whether stronger growth will lead to more demand side inflationary pressures — which have been absent thus far, despite the surge in input costs."

Data released earlier this month showed headline retail inflation inched up to 4.45% in July from 4.38% in June — the second month in a row it was above the RBI's medium-term target of 4%. FULL REPORT ON
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The design push seeks to address a key gap in India's semiconductor ambitions. REUTERS

whichever is lower. The government can also make equity co-investments alongside venture capital and private equity investors. Larger eligible companies can opt for royalty financing, under which they will pay 5% of the net revenue from

the supported product until 1.5 times the government assistance has been recovered.

For this commercial category, eligibility has also been widened to companies owned and controlled by Overseas Citizens of India (OCIs), pro-

vided they are incorporated and headquartered in India and maintain a significant operational and manpower presence here. The IP and associated design and development files will have to remain in India.

"I was also glad to see that the scheme has this time been opened up to companies owned by Overseas Citizens of India which is a very good decision, since they bring rich global experience that will help create truly advanced design companies in India," said Arjun Malhotra, co-founder of HCL and chairperson of the EPIC Foundation.

Helping Indian chips find buyers

Semicon 2.0 also intro-

duces a separate deployment-linked incentive, aimed at the next problem after successfully designing a chip: getting customers to adopt it at scale.

Eligible semiconductor IP, chips and SoCs launched after the scheme's announcement will receive a reimbursement equivalent to 9% of their net sales for five years.

The benefit is capped at Rs 30 crore per application and Rs 120 crore for a company, including its group entities, across multiple products. This is particularly relevant for young fabless companies, which can face a hurdle convincing electronics manufacturers to switch from established overseas semiconductor suppliers to a newly developed Indian chip.

Broader ecosystem

The scheme is also aimed at filling gaps across the semiconductor supply chain. Companies setting up semiconductor equipment R&D facilities, plants manufacturing wafers, photomasks, photoresists, substrates, chemicals and gases, testing facilities, or units producing semiconductor equipment and components can receive 30% capital expenditure support. Equipment manufacturers will additionally get a production-linked incentive that declines from 10% to 2% over five years on the value of their bill of materials sourced domestically. Large silicon wafer fabs will be eligible for 40% capex support.

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THE OPERATIONAL FRAMEWORK NOTIFIED ON MONDAY PUTS CHIP DESIGN AT THE FRONT OF THE NEW SEMICONDUCTOR MISSION

Semicon 2.0: How India aims to build a domestic chip design ecosystem

Soumyarendra Barik
New Delhi, September 1

THE CENTRE'S Rs 1.27 lakh crore Semicon 2.0 programme has laid out a three-part push to build domestic chip-design companies, offering government-backed support for developing strategic semiconductor technologies, commercially viable chips, and getting those products deployed in the market.

The operational framework notified Monday puts chip design at the front of the new semiconductor mission.

Of the programme's six pillars and 10 categories, its first pillar is entirely focused on design, with separate tracks for chips required for national and strategic priorities, commercial

semiconductor products, and a deployment-linked incentive for newly developed chips.

The design push seeks to address a key gap in India's semiconductor ambitions. While the country has emerged as a major global base for chip-design engineers, much of this work is currently done for multinational semiconductor companies.

Semicon 2.0 seeks to build more Indian-owned intellectual property and fabless semiconductor companies — firms that design and sell chips while outsourcing their physical fabrication.

Boosting chip design

The first track is aimed at semiconductor technologies

considered important for national security and critical infrastructure. The government will identify IP, chips, systems-on-chip (SoCs) and modules that it wants developed, including building blocks for compute, memory, radio frequency, power, networking and sensors. A second track is meant for commercial chip-design companies.

Here, the government will provide access to expensive electronic design automation tools, multi-project wafer fabrication services, IP cores, compute subsystems and post-silicon validation facilities. Start-ups and MSMEs can receive milestone-linked seed funding of up to Rs 15 crore, or 50% of the project cost,



Global Outreach

THE RSS centenary celebrations appear to have put Sangh's global outreach into overdrive. As Mohan Bhagwat addresses gatherings in the US and Canada, RSS media and communication head Sunil Ambekar has reached the UK ahead of the Sangh chief's September visit. Ambekar will take questions from the press at a briefing in London on September 4. Bhagwat's UK visit is being billed as part of a "global civilisational dialogue", with engagements planned with intellectuals, policymakers, think tanks and community organisations. Earlier this year, RSS general secretary Dattatreya Hosabale, too, undertook an international outreach tour covering the UK, the US and Germany as part of the centenary celebrations.

Meeting Mystery

DURING THE last meeting of the INDIA bloc in June, all parties had decided to meet every two months. It was also decided that the next meeting of the bloc will be held in Hyderabad in August. Several top leaders of the bloc are learnt to have waited for a signal from the Congress for the meeting. Congress sources say a meeting of the Opposition bloc may be held some time in September, but there is still no clarity on date and venue.

Pat on the Back

DURING AN inspection of the Shivpuri railway station in Madhya Pradesh, Union Communications Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia praised an RPF official for risking his life to save a 35-year-old woman passenger from falling onto the tracks while trying to board a moving train. Amid cheers and applause from passengers and security personnel, Scindia lauded ASI Birendra Tiwari and presented him a customary pearl necklace, expressing gratitude for putting his own safety at risk to save a citizen's life.

Centre gives nod for NSD campus in Bihar

Patna: Bihar CM Samrat Choudhary on Tuesday said the Centre has approved the establishment of a National School of Drama (NSD) campus in the state. "The state government is taking steps to provide suitable land for the campus and bear 50% of approved construction cost as its share," he said. PTI

SCO declaration: Double standards in fight against terror unacceptable

Member States reaffirm commitment to combat terror, separatism, extremism

Shubhrajit Roy
New Delhi, September 1

STRESSING THAT "double standards" in the fight against terror are unacceptable, leaders at the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) on Tuesday called on the international community to combat terrorism, including the cross-border movement of terrorists.

This is part of the 'Bishkek Declaration' adopted by India, Pakistan, Iran, Russia, China and the Central Asian countries in the SCO grouping. The declaration is important since India has always maintained that Pakistan is responsible for cross-border terrorism in the country. On terrorism, the joint declaration stated: "Member States, reaffirming their firm commitment to combating terrorism, separatism and extremism, emphasise the inadmissibility of attempts to exploit terrorist, separatist, and extremist groups for selfish purposes. They recognize the leading role of sovereign states and their competent authorities in countering terrorist and extremist threats."

"Member states consider attempts to discredit government bodies and structures of SCO member states unacceptable. They emphasize that such actions are contrary to international law and undermine the principles of sovereign equality of states and non-interference in internal affairs enshrined in the UN Charter."

"Member States strongly condemn terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, emphasize that 'double standards'

in the fight against terrorism are unacceptable, and call on the international community to combat terrorism, including the cross-border movement of terrorists, with the UN playing a central role by fully implementing relevant UN Security Council resolutions and the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy in accordance with the UN Charter and the principles of international law, in order to jointly combat all terrorist organizations," the declaration said.

On the war between US-Israel and Iran, the Bishkek Declaration said: "Member states express deep concern over developments in the Middle East and around Iran. They reiterate the SCO's previously stated position condemning military strikes on the territory of the Islamic Republic of Iran, which have resulted in numerous civilian casualties and significant damage to the country's economy."

"Such actions violate the principles and norms of international law and the UN Charter and create serious risks to international peace, security and stability," it said.

This is important since India has strong ties with Israel, and the criticism of the US and Israel is not the norm for Delhi.

"Member States express their sincere condolences to the people and Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran on the tragic death of Supreme Leader Seyyed Ali Khamenei, and to the families of the victims," it said.

It also said, "Member States, reaffirming their support for the sovereignty and territorial integ-



External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi on the sidelines of the SCO Summit in Bishkek on Tuesday. ANI

ity of the Islamic Republic of Iran, advocate a resolution to the conflict solely through political and diplomatic means. In this regard, they welcome all efforts aimed at de-escalating the situation in the region."

In the context of the geopolitical environment where two wars — in Ukraine and West Asia — are ongoing, the declaration said: "Member States note that the world has entered an era of profound geopolitical, socioeconomic, and technological change. The international situation remains challenging, driven by ongoing conflicts, energy and food security challenges, global market instability, and climate change."

On the UN Charter and international law, the declaration said, "Member States reaffirm their unwavering commitment to the universal norms and

principles of international law enshrined in the UN Charter and emphasize the need to strengthen its role as a guarantor of international peace and security, sustainable development, and the construction of a representative, democratic, and equitable multipolar world order. They make an increasing contribution to the common efforts to qualitatively improve the global order." This is also important since Russia has invaded Ukraine, China regularly threatens neighbours, including in the South China Sea and the border standoff with India.

On the West's criticism of human rights "violations" in China, Russia and Iran among others, the declaration said, "Member States emphasize the indivisibility, interdependence and interrelatedness of all human rights and recall the uni-

Sharif's office crops out Modi from SCO group photograph

Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif's office had cropped out Prime Minister Narendra Modi from the group photograph at the SCO leaders' Summit in Bishkek and posted it on X. Facing backlash on social media, they later restored the original photograph on X. ENS

versal nature of the obligation to respect human rights and fundamental freedoms, oppose the application of "double standards", particularly in matters of human rights, and oppose interference in the internal affairs of sovereign States."

Indian officials pointed out that SCO reaffirmed the "idea of One Earth, One Family, One Future" for developing dialogue. This was the catchphrase during the 2023 G20 Summit in Delhi.

"Taking into account the views of member states, they reaffirmed the relevance of initiatives to promote cooperation in building a new type of international relations in the spirit of mutual respect, justice, equality and mutually beneficial cooperation, as well as to develop a shared vision of creating a community with a shared destiny for humanity and developing dialogue on the idea of 'One Earth. One Family. One Future'," the Declaration said. They said India's initiatives in SCO were accepted, as it said, "Strengthening scientific, technical and innovative cooperation through active involvement of young people, and through the regular holding of the SCO Young Scientists Forum."

Progress of youth is govt's priority: Nadda welcomes CJP decision to call off Sept 5 march

Express News Service
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Union Minister J P Nadda on Tuesday welcomed the Cockroach Janta Party's decision to call off their proposed march on September 5 in the heart of Lutyens' Delhi and said the success and progress of the nation's youth is the biggest priority of the BJP-led NDA government.

Nadda and his Cabinet colleague Jitendra Singh had multiple meetings with CJP representatives at the peak of protests at Jantar Mantar last month over the latter's demands.

His statement followed the Centre's submission to the Supreme Court that the government would not pursue criminal cases lodged against students over the July 20 protests, which also saw clashes between protesters and security personnel.

MAHARASHTRA S.I.R DELETIONS

Rahul: BJP, 'Vote Chori Aayog' keep changing tactics to win at any cost

Express News Service
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WITH 2.07 crore of 9.78 crore electors in Maharashtra deleted in draft rolls during Special Intensive Revisions (SIR), Leader of the Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi on Tuesday said that the BJP and the "Vote Chori Aayog" keep changing their tactics, and they will continue to do so for "BJP's victory at any cost".

"The BJP and the 'Vote Chori Aayog' keep changing their tactics, and they will continue to do so — the goal remains just one: BJP's victory at any cost, and the end of India's democracy," Gandhi said in a post in Hindi on X.

Gandhi, who has repeatedly targeted the Election Commission over the last two years, referred to the Maharashtra Assembly and Lok Sabha elections in 2024, saying, "Maharashtra 2024 — Suddenly, 3.9 million new voters were added between the Lok Sabha and Vidhan Sabha elections. I said it then, and I say it today: This was vote theft."

Then he mentioned West Bengal SIR which was conducted before the Assembly polls in which the BJP stormed to power. "Of the names struck off in the SIR, 91% had to be reinstated after appeals. That means 9 out of every 10 names were wrongly deleted, and added back only after the election. I said it then, and I say it today: This was vote theft," he said.

Gandhi said that now in Maharashtra, "2.07 crore voters have been removed from the draft list — that's every fifth

voter. Lok Sabha 2024: 9.29 crore; Vidhan Sabha 2024: 9.7 crore; SIR 2026: 7.78 crore... Which list was correct?"

Hitting out at the BJP, he said, "For a government built on vote theft, the people are not important — that's why this BJP neither listens to the people nor obeys their command."

Congress president and Leader of the Opposition in Rajya Sabha, Mallikarjun Kharge, said that "where it suits the BJP, voters are added. Where it doesn't, votes are split to perpetrate vote theft". "The BJP's conspiracy to hollow out Indian democracy by stealing votes is coming out into the open," said Kharge. "Instead of acting as the guardian of fair elections, the Election Commission is functioning like the 'Save BJP's Chair Commission'," he said.

"The country is now uniting against vote theft... The nation has understood BJP's conspiracy. The thief has been caught... Punishment will surely be meted out for holding democracy captive," Kharge said on X.

After referring to Maharashtra and Bengal SIR, Kharge said that the "same game is being repeated in Delhi. Voters were increased before the Assembly elections, then names of 4.756 million voters vanished from the draft list, and preparations are underway to issue notices to 3.3 million other voters." According to draft rolls published Monday, around 47.56 lakh of 1.45 crore voters were removed. At 33%, it's the "highest percentage" of deletions at the draft stage when compared to other states/UTs.

BJP hits out at Rahul over 'falsehood' on economy

Express News Service
New Delhi, September 1

WITH THE economy growing at a robust 7.8% year-on-year in the April-June quarter despite headwinds caused by the West Asia conflict and high energy prices, the BJP on Tuesday hailed the nation's "strong economic management" and stable governance by the PM Narendra Modi-led Centre.

Former Union Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad said the GDP growth reflected strong economic management in the face of global challenges and that India, under PM Modi's leadership, was moving from "Fragile Five" economy of UPA days to becoming a major world economy.

Demanding that Congress leader Rahul Gandhi apologise for calling the Indian economy "dead" and spreading falsehood that a big economic tsunami was on its way, Prasad said, "Now, a growth rate of 7.8% is in front of you. Do you have some shame?"

"Rahul Gandhi doesn't do his homework. He relies on cheat-speak. He simply reads out whatever has been written for him... Has Rahul Gandhi taken a contract to compromise and weaken the morale of the people of India?" Prasad said, addressing a press conference at the BJP headquarters.

"BJP condemns outright the irresponsible, false, baseless and mischievous contention of Gandhi..." Prasad said

Prasad said that the GDP figure has a "special significance", because "in the period being discussed from April to June before that in January-February the entire Gulf crisis had started. There was the problem of oil, the problem of supply chain, and uncertainty in the world. Despite this, India's economy remained at 7.8%."

"In the same period, Canada was at 1.5%, Germany at 1%, the UK at 2.1%, Malaysia at 6%, and South Korea at 3.7%. America too was around 2%. Everywhere in the world there were problems due to the Gulf crisis, war, and the issue of Hornumz, and oil movement was disrupted. Despite all these, where India stands and where others stand."

Amid row over 'purification', Uttarakhand BJP holds 'buddhi shuddhi' for Rahul, Cong leaders

Lalmani Verma
Lucknow, September 1

THE POLITICS over the 'purification' of a Haldwani ground following a rally by Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge intensified on Tuesday with the Uttarakhand BJP unit performing a 'buddhi shuddhi' (intellect cleansing) of Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi and his party leaders at a temple in Dehradun.

BJP's SC wing state president Balbir Ghuniyal said, "Rahul Gandhi and Kharge ji have made Haldwani shuddhikaran [purification] programme a major issue despite knowing that a Valmiki community person had participated in that programme. They are spreading lies." He claimed the 'buddhi shuddhi' ritual was performed Tuesday in the hope that Gandhi and other Congress leaders attain wisdom and stop spreading lies.

Hitting back, Uttarakhand Congress general secretary Amarjeet Singh said that the party will take out a march to



Congress leaders protest outside Haldwani Kotwali over FIR against Lok Sabha Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi on Tuesday. PTI

the chief minister's residence on September 7, demanding an FIR against those who performed a purification ritual at Haldwani ground and to protest the FIR lodged against Gandhi on August 30.

Ghuniyal said the BJP's 19 organisational districts in Uttarakhand have filed separate police complaints against Gandhi.

One of the complaints lodged by BJP SC wing district president Neetu Singh Mandawar at Roorkee police station al-

leged that Gandhi in his public statements had linked Haldwani's 'shuddhikaran' programme with the caste of Kharge and the Dalit community.

"The persons associated with the programme have denied any caste bias, and there is information that SC community persons, too, participated in it. Hence, this is a serious matter to investigate on what basis Rahul Gandhi publicly presented the incident as caste-based discrimination and an

insult to Dalit community," the complaint said.

An FIR was registered against Gandhi in Haldwani following a complaint by Amit Kumar, a local resident who claimed to belong to the Valmiki community. In his complaint, Kumar questioned on what basis Gandhi had connected the "cleanliness drive and religious ritual" by him and other SC members at the Ram Lila ground, Haldwani, on August 11 an "act related to 'chhuachhut' (untouchability)" and a "crime against Scheduled Castes".

He maintained that the ritual had no connection with any individual or caste.

At a press conference in New Delhi last week, Gandhi called the 'purification' a "crime" that illustrated the "untouchability" Dalits face across India and one which exposed "BJP-RSS mindset". BJP on Monday filed police complaints against him. A senior officer in Uttarakhand police headquarters said no fresh FIR was filed against Gandhi on BJP's complaints so far.

Vijay opens Mettur dam after 80 days; extend release beyond 45 days: farmers

Arun Janardhanan
Chennai, September 1

AT 11.30 AM on Tuesday, after an 80-day wait, the sluice gates of the Stanley Reservoir at Mettur opened and Cauvery water began flowing towards the delta, an annual passage that, for generations of farmers, has marked the beginning of an agricultural season.

CM C Joseph Vijay released the water for samba cultivation, scattering flowers and grains into the current as it gushed from the reservoir. The initial discharge of 3,000 cusecs was to be gradually increased to 7,000 cusecs by Tuesday evening. The government has initially planned the release only for 45 days, until October 15, with the discharge to be regulated according to water availability and irrigation requirements.

At 8 am on Tuesday, the reservoir stood at 91.56 feet against its full level of 120 feet. Storage was 54.45 thousand million cubic feet (tmc ft), a little over

half its capacity of 93.47 tmc ft. Inflow had declined to 10,857 cusecs from 11,501 cusecs. The numbers explain both the significance of Tuesday's opening and the anxiety surrounding it.

Mettur's significance

From Mettur reservoir, water travels downstream to sustain agriculture across the Cauvery delta. About 16.05 lakh acres in 12 districts — Tiruchi, Thanjavur, Tiruvavur, Cuddalore, Nagapattinam, Erode, Pudukkottai, Ariyalur, Perambalur, Karur, Mayiladuthurai and Namakkal — benefit from the release.

In a normal year, the dam is opened on June 12 and closed on January 28, providing a 230-day irrigation window. An estimated 330 tmc ft is required for irrigation during the period. This year, inadequate storage prevented the customary June opening, pushing the release to September 1.

It is only the fourth time that a delta irrigation release has begun in September, after simi-



Tamil Nadu CM C Joseph Vijay at Mettur in Salem on Tuesday. ANI

lar delays in 2002, 2012 and 2016. In the dam's 93-year history, water has been released on June 12 only 20 times and before that date on 11 occasions. Tuesday marked the 62nd instance of a delayed opening.

Farmers who met Vijay at Mettur urged him to extend the release beyond the announced 45 days and sought measures to divert surplus Mettur water to water bodies in the Thalaivasal region.

duration paddy varieties and water-saving techniques, including direct seeding.

The government attributed the difficult water position to the southwest monsoon deficit and the impact of El Niño. It also reiterated that TN would continue legal and administrative efforts to secure its share of Cauvery water from Karnataka under the Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal's final award and the Supreme Court's 2018 judgment.

The political and agricultural importance of Mettur is inseparable from its history. Construction began in 1925 and was completed in 1934, with about 17,000 workers involved. Several villages were evacuated for the reservoir. When its waters retreat sufficiently, remnants of the submerged landscape — including an old church and the Nandhi of the Jalagandeswarar temple — become visible again.

The dam, 1,700 metres long, was built across the Cauvery for irrigation and hydroelectric

generation. It receives water from its own catchment as well as flows associated with the Kabinini and Krishna Raja Sagar reservoirs in Karnataka.

Water's path

There is another geography tied to Mettur. Canal releases, normally beginning on August 1, irrigate nearly 45,000 acres in Salem, Namakkal and Erode. A separate Rs 565-crore surplus-water scheme, launched in 2020, was designed to carry excess water when the reservoir reaches 120 feet to lakes and tanks in Mettur, Omalur, Edappadi and Sankari. By 2025, surplus water had been pumped to 60 lakes, though the project remains incomplete.

Tuesday's ceremony also brought crowds along the roughly 40-km route from Salem airport to Mettur. TVK workers and residents had begun gathering from 8 am, and more than 3,800 police personnel were deployed for the CM's visit.



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Tender Notice No: DBATU/Store/various dept./E-tender/2026/4208
Date: 02/09/2026

Following tenders are invited by Registrar, Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Technological University, Lonere, from OEM, or authorized dealers.

Tenders details (http://www.mahatender.gov.in)	Start Date	End Date
1. Roofing work above for Civil Engineering Department in the main building. 2. LT cable laying work at different places in University Premises. 3. VNIR-SWIR Imaging System. 4. Spectroradiometer (Non Imaging System)	02/09/2026	17/09/2026

All eligible bidders who can participate, download the tender document for Sr. No. 01 to 04 through portal <http://www.mahatender.gov.in> or the University website www.dbatu.ac.in. The pre-bid meeting for the said tender is scheduled on 10/09/2026 at 11:00 pm in the Registrar office of DBATU, Lonere. Extension for tender, retender, corrigendum or change in schedule will be published only at <http://www.mahatender.gov.in>. The right to reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason thereof is reserved by the University.
Date : 02/09/2026
SD/-
Registrar

OFFICE OF THE RECOVERY OFFICER-I/II
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL CHANDIGARH (DRT 3)
Ground Floor, SCO 33-34-35, Sector-17A, Chandigarh-160017

DEMAND NOTICE
(THROUGH PUBLICATION)
NOTICE UNDER SECTIONS 25 TO 28 OF THE RECOVERY OF DEBTS & BANKRUPTCY ACT, 1993 AND RULE 2 OF SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE INCOME TAX ACT, 1961.
RC/434/2025

UCO BANK
Versus
ANGAM FOODS PRIVATE LIMITED

Dated : 18-08-2026

To,
(CD 1) Angam Foods Private Limited A Private Limited Company
Duly Registered With Registrar of Companies Under The Companies Act, Registered office at Plot No. 899, J.L.P.L, Industrial Area, Sector 82, SAS Nagar Mohali-140308 (Punjab), Through Its Directors.
2nd Address: ATB-002/09717, New Swaraj Nagar, Mundi Kharar, District SAS Nagar Mohali-140301 (Punjab). Sahibzada Ajit Singh Nagar/Mohali/Ajigarh, Punjab.
Also At: Resident of House No. B-002/09717, New Swaraj Nagar, Mundi Kharar, District SAS Nagar Mohali-140301 (Punjab).
(CD 2) Sh. Satish Birla S/o Sh. Kashmiri Lal, Director of Angam Foods Private Limited, Resident of House No. B-002/09717, New Swaraj Nagar, Mundi Kharar, District SAS Nagar Mohali-140301 (Punjab).
(CD 3) Sh. Karan Birla S/o Sh. Satish Birla, Director of Angam Foods Private Limited, Resident of House No. B-002/09717, New Swaraj Nagar, Mundi Kharar, District SAS Nagar Mohali-140301 (Punjab).

This is to notify that as per the Recovery Certificate issued in pursuance of orders passed by the Presiding Officer, DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (CHANDIGARH (DRT 3) in OA/774/2023 an amount of **Rs. 51,59,564.65** (Rupees Fifty One Lakhs Fifty Nine Thousands Five Hundred Sixty Four And Paise Sixty Five Only) along with pendente lite and future interest @ 8.00 % Simple Interest Yearly w.e.f. 14/06/2023 till realization and costs of **Rs. 54,000/-** (Rupees Fifty Four Thousands Only) has become due against you (Jointly and severally/ Fully/Limited).

You are hereby directed to pay the above sum within 15 days of the receipts of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made in accordance with the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 and Rules there under.

3. Whereas it has been shown to the satisfaction of tribunal that it is not possible to serve you in the ordinary way, therefore this notice is given by this publication directing you to put in Appearance before this tribunal on **08.10.2026 at 10.30AM**

4. You are hereby ordered to declare on an affidavit the particulars of your assets on or before the next date of hearing.

5. In addition to the sum aforesaid, you will also be liable to pay.
(a) Such interests as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the certificate/execution proceedings.
(b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and warrants and other processes and all other proceedings taken for recovering the amount due.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal, on this date **18.08.2026**.

Recovery Officer
DEBTS Recovery Tribunal Chandigarh, (DRT-3)





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CRP RRBs XV
COMMON RECRUITMENT PROCESS (CRP) FOR RECRUITMENT OF OFFICERS (SCALE-I, II & III) AND OFFICE ASSISTANTS (MULTIPURPOSE) IN REGIONAL RURAL BANKS (RRBs)
Official Website: www.ibps.in
In case of queries / complaints please log in to <https://cgrs.ibps.in>

The online examinations for the upcoming Common Recruitment Process for RRBs (CRP RRBs XV) for recruitment of Group "A"- Officers (Scale-I, II & III) and Group "B"- Office Assistants (Multipurpose) will be conducted by the Institute of Banking Personnel Selection (IBPS) as per the tentative schedule provided below. The interviews for recruitment of Group "A"- Officers (Scale-I, II & III) under the same process will be coordinated by the Nodal Regional Rural Banks with the assistance of NABARD and IBPS in consultation with the appropriate authority and are tentatively scheduled in the month of January/ February 2027.

IMPORTANT DATES	
Activity	Timeline
Online registration & Payment of Application Fees/Intimation Charges	01.09.2026 to 21.09.2026
Edit Window for Candidates to Modify/ Correct Application Form (including online payment for Edit)	After closure of Registration (will be notified on Official IBPS website)
Conduct of Pre-Exam Training (PET)	November, 2026
Online Examination – Preliminary (Officers/OA)	November / December, 2026
Result of Online exam – Preliminary	December, 2026 / January, 2027
Online Examination – Main / Single (Officers/OA)	December, 2026 / January, 2027

Candidates are advised to regularly visit the official IBPS website www.ibps.in for details and updates.

Candidates intending to apply for CRP RRBs – XV are advised to read detailed Notification carefully and ensure that they fulfil the minimum eligibility criteria on the stipulated dates as specified in the detailed Notification issued and hosted on official IBPS website, before registering online. Candidates must follow the instructions mentioned in the detailed Notification.

Mumbai
Date: 01.09.2026
DIRECTOR

HIMACHAL PRADESH; PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
E-Procurement Notice
INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

Sr. No.	Name of works	Estimated cost	Earnest Money	Cost of Form	Time
1	R/R Damages on Various Road in Bathnaha Section under Jubbhal Sub-Division(SH)- Hiring of JCB for removal of slips, shoulder beams and maintenance of road surface, drain etc. and Hiring of Tipper (5.50 cum capacity) for carriage of material as and when required)	128425	2600	350	1 Month
2	R/R Damages on Various Road in Kharanpather Section under Jubbhal Sub-Division(SH)- Hiring of JCB for removal of slips, shoulder beams and maintenance of road surface, drain etc. and Hiring of Tipper (5.50 cum capacity) for carriage of material as and when required)	129875	2600	350	1 Month
3	R/R Damages on Various Road in Sheelghat Section under Jubbhal Sub-Division(SH)- Hiring of JCB for removal of slips, shoulder beams and maintenance of road surface, drain etc. and Hiring of Tipper (5.50 cum capacity) for carriage of material as and when required)	129150	2600	350	1 Month
4	R/R Damages on Various Road in Jubbhal Section under Jubbhal Sub-Division(SH)- Hiring of JCB for removal of slips, shoulder beams and maintenance of road surface, drain etc. and Hiring of Tipper (5.50 cum capacity) for carriage of material as and when required)	130600	2600	350	1 Month
5	R/R Damages on Various Road in Jharag Section under Jubbhal Sub-Division(SH)- Hiring of JCB for removal of slips, shoulder beams and maintenance of road surface, drain etc. and Hiring of Tipper (5.50 cum capacity) for carriage of material as and when required)	127700	2600	350	1 Month

1. The Executive Engineer, HP PWD Jubbhal, Distt. Shimla, H.P. on behalf of Governor of H.P. invites the online bids on percentage rate, in electronic tendering system, in 2 Cover System of the under mentioned work from the eligible and approved contractors/firms registered with HP PWD Department. Tender document and other instruction scan be downloaded or viewed online from the portal <https://hptenders.gov.in> by the firm/individual registered on the website which is free of cost.

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5.	Date of Technical Bid Opening	08.09.2026 11:00 HRS
6.	Evaluation of Technical Bid flowed by Opening of Financial Bid.	Date to be announced

No. 3047/2026-2027/HP

Executive Engineer,
(B&R) Division HPPWD, Jubbhal.

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Sr. No.	Name of works	Estimated cost	Earnest Money	Cost of Form	Time
1	R/R Damages on Various Road in Harkoti Section under Harkoti Sub-Division(SH)- Hiring of JCB for removal of slips, shoulder beams and maintenance of road surface, drain etc. and Hiring of Tipper (5.50 cum capacity) for carriage of material as and when required)	128425	2600	350	1 Month
2	R/R Damages on Various Road in Pandranoo-II Section under Harkoti Sub-Division(SH)- Hiring of JCB for removal of slips, shoulder beams and maintenance of road surface, drain etc. and Hiring of Tipper (5.50 cum capacity) for carriage of material as and when required)	129875	2600	350	1 Month
3	R/R Damages on Various Road in Pandranoo-I Section under Harkoti Sub-Division(SH)- Hiring of JCB for removal of slips, shoulder beams and maintenance of road surface, drain etc. and Hiring of Tipper (5.50 cum capacity) for carriage of material as and when required)	129150	2600	350	1 Month
4	R/R Damages on Various Road in Ansi Section under Harkoti Sub-Division(SH)- Hiring of JCB for removal of slips, shoulder beams and maintenance of road surface, drain etc. and Hiring of Tipper (5.50 cum capacity) for carriage of material as and when required)	130600	2600	350	1 Month
5	R/R Damages on Various Road in Harkoti Section under Harkoti Sub-Division(SH)- Hiring of JCB for removal of slips, shoulder beams and maintenance of road surface, drain etc. and Hiring of Tipper (5.50 cum capacity) for carriage of material as and when required)	127700	2600	350	1 Month

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Executive Engineer,
(B&R) Division HPPWD, Jubbhal.

HIMACHAL PRADESH
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Sr. No.	Name of works	Estimated cost	Earnest Money	Cost of Form	Time
1	Restoration of Rain Damages on Chhoti Chhoti Bhalan Km 0/00 to 0/70 (SH)-Construction of unlined drain, cutting of bushes & providing and laying Khazanja Stone Soling at Various Shikhi Bhalan between km 0/00 to 0/70)	455844	9200	350	2 Month
2	R/R Damages on Link road to Village Nalari Km 0/00 to 0/500 (SH)- C/O R/Wall at RD 0/037 to 0/040)	309484	6100	350	2 Month
3	C/O Link road Thali to Khazanja road km 0/00 to 2/000(SH)- P/L Khazanja stone soling at RD km 0/00 to 2/000)	550380	11500	350	2 Month
4	Construction of Bhalan to Upper Bhalan road km 0/000 to 1/580 (SH)-2-C 57 mm wide Km 0/000 to 1/580)	1659738	32800	500	2 Month
5	Restoration of Rain Damages on Kharanpather Yaha Devghat road 0/000 to 13/960 (SH)-Construction of R/Wall at RD- 7/970 to 7/990 and Construction of Unlined Drain Between RD 0/000 to 13/960)	479281	9600	350	2 Month
6	R/R Damages on Sheelghat Bhal; Jhang Nalari Panar road km 7/00 to 7/500 (SH)- C/O R/Wall at RD 11/450 to 11/460)	478122	9400	350	2 Month
7	Construction of Jhang road to Khazanja Shikhi Bhal Km 0/00 to 6/000 (SH)-Construction of R/Wall at RD 0/252 to 0/270,960mm dia Home pipe culvert at km 0/550 and Providing & Laying Khazanja stone Soling at RD 0/045 to 0/100,0165 to 0/270)	61500	12800	350	2 Month
8	R/R Damages on Kama to Bhalan road km 0/00 to 2/00 (SH)- C/O R/Wall at 1/115 to 1/135 and Khazanja soling in various reaches	930880	18700	350	2 Month
9	R/R Damages on Jubbhal Dhalur road km 0/00 to 5/500 (SH)- C/O R/Wall at RD 0/135 to 0/130)	917886	18400	350	2 Month
10	R/R Damages on Jubbhal Sheelghat road km 0/00 to 4/00 (SH)- C/O R/Wall at RD 0/70 to 0/175)	955586	12000	350	2 Month
11	R/R Damages on Bhalan Khali Sheelghat Ghoski(Chakri) km 0/00 to 1/40 (SH)- C/O R/Wall at RD 0/00 TO 0/021 AND 0/222.50 to 0/240 and R/Wall at RD 0/004 TO 0/021)	1309527	30900	500	2 Month

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No. 3068/2026-2027/HP

Executive Engineer,
(B&R) Division HPPWD, Jubbhal.

HIMACHAL PRADESH
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

The Executive Engineer HP PWD Division Hamirpur Distt. Hamirpur H.P on behalf of Governor of H.P invites the item rate bids, in electronic tendering system from the eligible class for the works as detailed in the table.

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated cost (Rs.)	Starting Date for downloading Bid	EMD (Rs.)	Deadline for Submission of Bid	Time Limit
1	A/R & M/O Court No. 2 Judge Residence Hamirpur: (SH)- Painting, Distemper and other minor repair work).	71866.00	31-08-2026	1500.00	07-09-2026	One Month
2	C/o link road in Police Line Near Vigilance Office Building at Salasi: (SH)- Providing & Laying 60mm Interlocking paver tiles)	480408.00	31-08-2026	9700.00	07-09-2026	One Month
3	Contour site plan for the C/o Science College at Salasi, Distt. Hamirpur (HP). Proposed Press Club in front of BDO Office Distt. Hamirpur (HP), Old Residence of Civil Judge near BDO Office Distt. Hamirpur and Video Conferencing Room in Distt. Jail Hamirpur.	634908.00	31-08-2026	12700.00	07-09-2026	One Month
4	Stock storage: (SH)- Supplying and stacking road bound (Ready mix pot seal (25.00 kg bag) & RS-1 (packed Bitumen 200kg) at Divisional Store Mutani at Hamirpur).	1285000.00	31-08-2026	25700.00	07-09-2026	One Month
5	Repair & renovation of Main Bazar Rest House at Hamirpur: (SH)- Providing wood work, Replacement of Main Gate including wicket gate, replacement of ceiling of Kitchen & Corridor, the work, painting, distempering & other minor repair).	999832.00	31-08-2026	20000.00	07-09-2026	One Month
6	Repair and maintenance of the Institute of Hotel Management Building at Salasi, Distt. Hamirpur (HP). (SH)- Distemper and painting works, repair of toilets and other miscellaneous repair works in Academic Block).	1495361.00	31-08-2026	30000.00	07-09-2026	Two Months
7	A/R & M/O HPPWD Colony Hamirpur: (SH)- Painting Distemper, other minor repair in various Type-III, II and Type I Qtrs.).	496990.00	31-08-2026	10000.00	07-09-2026	One Month
8	A/R & M/O District Tourism Office Hamirpur: (SH)- Painting, Distemper, other minor repair in various).	203627.00	31-08-2026	4100.00	07-09-2026	One Month
9	A/R & M/O HPPWD Type-IV Residence near Hamirpur Hotel: (SH)- Painting, Distemper and other minor repair).	176074.00	31-08-2026	36020.00	07-09-2026	One Month
10	A/R & M/O link road to Phulani to Dalysoo road km 0/00 to 2/000 SH- Providing and Laying Paver Block and V-Shape road side drain 0/495 to 0/570)	481793.00	31-08-2026	10000.00	07-09-2026	One Month

The bidders are advised to note other details of tenders from the department website www.hptenders.gov.in.

Executive Engineer, Hamirpur Division,
HPPWD, Hamirpur, Pin Code 177001
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On behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh

No. 3059/2026-2027/HP



STATE BANK OF INDIA

BRANCH OFFICE : MINI HLC PARWANOO (64113) DISTT. SOLAN
[Rule 8- (1)] POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property)

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorized officer of the **State Bank of India, Mini HLC Parwanoo**, under securitization and reconstruction of financial assets and enforcement of security interest Act. 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 3 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice on the date mentioned against account and stated herein after calling upon the Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s) to repay the amount within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s) having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s) and the public in general, that the undersigned has taken **Symbolic Possession** of the property/ies described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules, on the dates mentioned against Account.

The Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s) in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealing with the property will be subject to the charge of the **State Bank of India**, for an amount mentioned here below, along with Interest and other charges thereon.

The borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s) attention is invited to provisions of Sub-Section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured asset(s).

Name of Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)	Description of the Immovable property	Date of Demand Notice	Date of Possession	Amount Outstanding
Borrower: Sh. Dalip Singh S/o Sh. Gulab Singh, R/o VPO Gawali, Tehsil Shillail, Distt. Sirmour, (H.P.)-173025.	All the part and parcel of Property has mortgaged his 13/210 share of the land measuring 00-02-00 Bighas 10.06.2026 plus future interest and other charges thereon.	11.06.2026	01.09.2026	Rs. 13,03,903/- (Rupees Thirteen Lakhs Three Thousand Nine Hundred Three Only) due as on 10.06.2026
Khata/ Khatooni No. 74min/229min, Khasra No. 1528/1092 measuring 01-08-00 Bighas along with building & structure thereon situated at Mouza Gawali Pashmi, Tehsil Shillail and Distt. Sirmour (H.P.) in the name of Sh. Dalip Singh S/o Sh. Gulab Singh vide Mortgaged Deed Registration No. 85/2017 Dated 10.03.2017.				

Dated : 01.09.2026
Place: Parwanoo
Authorized Officer

HIMACHAL PRADESH; JAL SHAKTI VIBHAG
NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Short term Sealed item rate tender on form No. 6 & 8 are hereby invited for and on behalf of the Governor of HP by the Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Division, Ghumarwin for the following works from the approved and eligible contractors enlisted in Jal Shakti Vibhag so as to reach in this office on or before 05/09/2026 up to 11.00 AM and will be opened on same day at 11.30 AM in the presence of intending contractors or their authorized re- presentative. The tender forms can be had from this office against cash payment (non- refundable) up to 11.00 AM on 03/09/2026. The rates in the tender form will be filled in words and figures failing which the tender will be rejected. The tender documents also uploaded on the departmental website and can be down loaded at www.hjhp.org. The Earnest money in the shape of National Saving Certificate / Time Deposit Accounts / Saving account in any of the Post office in Himachal Pradesh duly pledged in favour of the XEN must be accompanied with each tender. Conditional tenders and the tenders received without earnest money will summarily be rejected. The tendered should registered themselves with GST and bring renewal of enlistment and EPF No. The Executive Engineer reserves the right to reject any tender without assigning any reasons. The offer of the tender will be kept open for 120 days. Note: Other conditions are as per schedule of quantity.

SN	Name of work	Estimated cost	Earnest Money	Cost of form	Time allowed
1.	Operation and maintenance of LWSS Chokhana Dhar in tehsil Ghumarwin Distt. Bilaspur (Deployment of manpower for operation & maintenance of scheme for one month i/c watch and ward etc.)	95200/-	2000/-	350/-	1Month
2.	Restoration of rain damages under Jal Shakti Section Hatwar in tehsil Ghumarwin (SH- Fixing and writing on sign board (size 1200x900mm) at various location.	96894/-	2000/-	350/-	3 Month
3.	Restoration of rain damages of LWSS Dadhol Kailan Dadhol Khurd and Padyalag JSV Section Dadhol in tehsil Ghumarwin (SH- Providing and fixing various dia cast steel sluice valve class ASA 300 and Cast iron class PN 1.00)	91150/-	1900/-	350/-	3Month
4.	Restoration of rain damages of LWSS Taroun Ropari in Ghumarwin Distt. Bilaspur (SH- Repair/ relaying of pipe line in village Taroun and Ropari.	81900/-	1700/-	350/-	3 Month
5.	Restoration of rain damages under Jal Shakti Section Hatwar in tehsil Ghumarwin (SH- Fixing and writing on sign board (size 1200x900mm) at various location.	96894/-	2000/-	350/-	3 Month
6.	Restoration of rain damages of various LWSS/LIS scheme under Jal Shakti Section Bhaurai in tehsil Ghumarwin (SH- Providing and fixing LED Street Light 45watt.	94875/-	1900/-	350/-	15 days

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Sd/-
Executive Engineer,
Jal Shakti Division, Ghumarwin

No. 3062/2026-2027/HP

HIMACHAL PRADESH
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The Executive Engineer Electrical Division No-II, HPPWD, US Club, Shimla-I on behalf of Governor of H.P invites the online bids on percentage rate, in electronic tendering system in single cover system from the eligible and approved contractors / firms registered with HPPWD (Electrical) department in appropriate class for the works as mentioned below:-

S. N.	Name of work	Estimated cost	Earnest money	Time	Eligible class of registration	Starting date of downloading bid	Deadline for submission of bid
1.	Redevelopment of Wood Hall Cottage to Type-VI Quarters at Longwood, Shimla (H.P.) -171001 (SH)- Construction of event Quarters (02 Nos.) for Type-VI Residential Accommodation, including Providing E.I. therein.)	Rs. 1,14,288/-	Rs. 2,200/-	18 Months	D & C	03-09-2026	11-09-2026
2.	Redevelopment of Wood Hall Cottage to Type-VI Qtrs. at Longwood Shimla. (H.P.)-171001 (SH)- Providing E.I. therein.)	Rs. 9,70,835/-	Rs. 19,400/-	18 Months	B & C	03-09-2026	11-09-2026
3.	Sub Divisional Veterinary Hospital Rahm district Shimla (H.P. KSH- Providing E.I. therein.)	Rs. 6,76,315/-	Rs. 13,500/-	18 Months	B & C	03-09-2026	11-09-2026
4.	C/O S.D.M. Residence at Dutha Kewar District Shimla(H.P.) (SH- Providing E.I. therein.)	Rs. 11,05,177/-	Rs. 22,100/-	18 Months	B & A	03-09-2026	11-09-2026
5.	C/O Staff Qtr. for Eklayva Model residential School Victor in District Kinnor (SH- Providing E.I. therein.)	Rs. 17,99,078/-	Rs. 35,200/-	18 Months	B & A	03-09-2026	11-09-2026
6.	Annual Maintenance Contract(AMC) for Repair and Routine maintenance of Electrical installation in Bessington Hostel girls under IGMC Shimla for the year 2026-27.	Rs. 9,19,086/-	Rs. 18,300/-	One Year	C & B	03-09-2026	11-09-2026
7.	Annual Maintenance Contract (AMC) for operation, Repair and routine Maintenance of Electrical Installation in UG/PG Hostel Block A & Married Doctor Hostel Shimla-171001 for the year 2026-27.	Rs. 5,20,988/-	Rs. 10,400/-	One Year	C & B	03-09-2026	11-09-2026
8.	Annual Maintenance Contract (AMC) for Operation, Repair and Routine maintenance of Electrical Installation in Sister Nivedita Nursing Hostel Block-C Shimla-171001 for the year 2026-27.	Rs. 4,98,333/-	Rs. 9,300/-	One Year	C & B	03-09-2026	11-09-2026
9.	Annual Maintenance Contract(AMC) for Operation, Repair and routine Maintenance of Electrical Installation in Block C, D and E at IGMC, Shimla-171001 for the year 2026-27.	Rs. 4,47,855/-	Rs. 18,900/-	One Year	C & B	03-09-2026	11-09-2026
10.	Annual Maintenance Contract (AMC) for Operation, Repair and Routine Maintenance of Electrical Installation in Medical College, Auditorium building, Cancer Block (New & Old), Chemotherapy at IGMC Shimla-171001 for the year 2026-27.	Rs. 3,46,750/-	Rs. 16,900/-	One Year	C & B	03-09-2026	11-09-2026

The bidders are advised to note other details of tenders from departmental website www.hptenders.gov.in. Date of tender opening of tenders 14-09-2026 at 11:00 A.M.

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The Big Picture

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2026

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AROUND 8:30 PM, a doctor on duty in the Gynaecology Department of Kolkata's RG Kar Hospital rushes out for a quick break. Dressed in blue scrubs, the disposable covers on her shoes still on, she walks straight towards the food corner adjacent to the old Emergency building.

It was here, in the seminar room on the third floor of this building, that a 31-year-old postgraduate trainee was raped and murdered two years ago, a crime whose memory still casts a long shadow over the institution. The lower levels of the four-storeyed building are now a designated crime site, cordoned off by green covers.

The old Emergency building is among the few unlit spaces on the 30-acre campus. "You won't find a dark spot now. CISF jawans are stationed 24x7. In case of any problem, you can approach them immediately," says the doctor, a first-year resident, as she walks straight past a deserted canopy with worn-out banners and a few posters demanding "*bichar chai* (we want justice)".

Two years ago, this site, 'Abhaya Manchi', named after the pseudonym given by the public and media to the RG Kar rape-murder victim, was the scene of one of the biggest protests Kolkata saw in the aftermath of the crime. For nearly three months, junior doctors from across the state, many of them young women like the victim, sat in protest here, demanding better working conditions and accountability from the Trinamool Congress government.

Many point to the tragedy, and the handling of the protests that followed, as among the many alleged mishandlings that triggered the fall of the TMC government and that led to the BJP coming to power in the state for the first time.

Since then at RG Kar, North Kolkata's key referral government hospital, where thousands once stood demanding accountability, daily life and medical emergencies have taken over. Some of the everyday demands the protesters raised then — rest spaces for doctors in the middle of their long, exhausting shifts and washrooms for women medical professionals — were drowned out, overtaken by dramatic political happenings in the state. Other, more visible changes were effected quickly. And as always, some things moved, others stayed still.

'It shouldn't have come to this'

Since the incident two years ago, the hospital's Emergency services have moved to the Trauma Care Centre building. The glowing red sign on the building shines brightly against the night sky, illuminating an area filled with non-stop activity. Stretchers roll quickly across the pavement, parked ambulances stand ready for the next call, and healthcare workers move swiftly from ward to ward, while yellow-and-green auto-rickshaws carry late-night patients and their relatives into and out of the campus.

At 9 pm, an intern whose family is from Varanasi, starts to walk back to her hostel room after wrapping up her 12-hour shift at Trauma Care. It's a seven-minute walk, past a few departments, including Gynaecology and the Night Patient Shelter. But she appears relaxed.

"How difficult this walk was," she says, recalling the years before the 2024 incident. "I was a third-year student when the doctor was killed. This long stretch used to be a dark zone those days, with almost no security. Now, you see movement all around. The security personnel are always on alert; they even remember our faces. A guard is stationed at our hostel, while two armed CISF personnel stand outside the gate, 24/7."

Personnel of the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) had moved in on August 22, 2024, days after the August 9 rape-murder.

According to a senior CISF constable stationed outside Trauma Care, the security grid runs in three eight-hour shifts, involving over 70 personnel per shift. "Maximum deployment during the daytime is concentrated at the entry gates and the Emergency," he says. "At night, personnel are equally distributed throughout the campus so that the staff feel safe."

Outside the Trauma Care Centre, two CISF personnel stand watch. Directly opposite, at the Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences, three unarmed and two armed CISF personnel maintain a vigilant perimeter. Nearby, a Kolkata Police van stands parked. Every movement across the area is watched closely.

Joya Das, 42, a Group-D sanitation worker who has worked at RG Kar for 15 years, the last four years at the Labour Department, says, "Security has definitely improved so much. Earlier, anyone could enter the wards. Now, the CISF doesn't let people in without reason."

Das, who lives in the Belgachia slums nearby, was inside the hospital on the day of the 2024 incident. "I didn't know the doctor personally, but the incident left all of us disturbed," she says.

Surveillance across the campus has been scaled up. Over 800 working CCTV cameras now cover nearly every corner, monitored round-the-clock by the CISF from a centralised control room set up inside the campus.

On the night of the incident, the man accused of the rape-murder, Sanjay Roy, a former Kolkata Police civic volunteer, had allegedly walked into the Emergency building and up to the third floor where the victim was resting. A regular at the police outpost inside the hospital, he would allegedly move freely through every department and building in the complex.

At 8 pm, a woman police officer, who takes over the helpdesk outside the main entry gate, says, "Everyone remembers the incident. But we are vigilant enough now to



PHOTOS: PARTHA PAUL

TWO YEARS SINCE RAPE-MURDER

ONE LONG NIGHT AT RG KAR

Two years after a former civic volunteer raped and killed a 31-year-old doctor on duty at RG Kar Medical College & Hospital, a lot has changed. Yet, gaps remain. SWEETY KUMARI tracks the night shift at a hospital that became the epicentre of a fierce anti-government campaign



(Above) Inside one of the wards at RG Kar Hospital in Kolkata, where doctors manage overwhelming patient loads; security personnel at the Trauma Care Centre from where the Emergency department now runs

ensure no unnecessary loitering takes place inside the campus."

While the heightened security is reassuring, it serves as a constant reminder of why that protection became necessary.

The intern from Varanasi says, "I have at least one 24-hour shift every week. When on night duty, my parents call me from Varanasi every few hours just to ensure I am safe. I still feel a bit uneasy going out for tea, but when I see the guards, it gives me confidence."

Yet, she says, it shouldn't have come down to this. Doctors should not have to face a tragedy and should not need CISF "just to feel secure", she says.

As the clock strikes 11.30 pm, the hospital's main gates are partly closed, routing all traffic through a guarded side gate. Between 11.30 pm and 12 am, a joint contingent of armed CISF personnel, administrative staff, and Kolkata Police officers march through the campus corridors, blowing their whistles. "We do this daily to build confidence among the nurses, doctors, and patient families. Troublemakers are deterred by this routine," says a Kolkata Police officer on duty at the RG Kar outpost.

Dr Md Doyel Nur, a postgraduate trainee

who grew up in Murshidabad and completed his MBBS from a private college in Bangladesh, grabs a midnight meal at an eatery near the old Emergency building. "If the CISF weren't deployed here today, I don't think women PGs [postgraduate trainees] would take night-call duties as smoothly or easily," he says.

'We are right back at zero'

Despite the security fixes, many point to the broader structural problems that persist, such as the lack of adequate, clean toilets for patients and doctors and spaces where doctors can rest in between shifts.

It's 7:45 pm and a young medical intern whose family is from Bhagalpur, Bihar, is sitting on the footpath near the principal's office, holding a lukewarm cup of tea.

"If you are on duty for 48 hours and are on your periods, every time you want to change a pad or pass urine, you have to leave the department, walk about seven minutes all the way to your hostel. Are dedicated, safe washrooms, separate for women doctors, such a big thing that we are asking for?" she says.

She is soon joined by a few other women colleagues who have stepped out of their hostel to join an 8 pm night shift at the Trauma Care Centre.

One of her colleagues admits to a startling daily ritual: "Today, I have a two-hour

duty, so I drank enough water. But now I won't sip any more water. I avoid using the department washrooms, and it's impossible to walk back to the hostel every time."

On the ground floor of the Trauma Centre, Emergency Medical Officers, doctors, Group-D staff, and contractual workers share a resting space — it's also a space where an initial registry is maintained for cases that need police intervention.

One washroom caters to both the General Medicine and Trauma units at the centre. Inside the washroom is a small room that the female staff keep locked for their exclusive use, but it is hardly a substitute for separate washrooms.

Doctors also say that one of the key demands of the protesters — dedicated, fully functional on-call duty rooms split by gender — has gone unaddressed.

Resident doctors frequently work uninterrupted 24- and 48-hour shifts, and in the absence of dedicated resting rooms, they are often forced to take brief moments of rest on vacant hospital beds, makeshift couches, or empty seminar halls. It was during one such exhausting shift that the RG Kar victim, who had sought a few hours of rest in the seminar room late at night, was assaulted and murdered.

During Supreme Court hearings in the rape-murder case, the hospital had committed to creating a safer environment and laid down directives for separate, biometric-secured resting spaces for men and women doctors. But two years on, in the absence of any such separate areas to rest, the staff continue to share the common areas.

Trinnes Mondal, a second-year Postgraduate Trainee in General Surgery, says, "Every department ought to have a dedicated resting room for doctors. After 4 pm, there is only one washroom left for doctors, and that is shared. The rooms where doctors go to rest are easily accessible — anyone can walk in," he says.

Dr Nur, the postgraduate trainee from Murshidabad, says that in the Orthopaedics and Surgery departments, male interns often stay back in wards to provide security and support to their female colleagues, because dedicated, secure doctors' rooms do not exist. Across departments, patients, doctors, nurses and contractual workers share the same cramped rest spaces and washrooms.

A junior woman doctor says, "One of the key theories surrounding Abhaya's case is that she was resting with the door open in a common duty room accessible to anyone. Today, many of us feel that our fundamental demands remain unfulfilled. We feel we

THE CASE SO FAR

THE INCIDENT

On August 9, 2024, a 31-year-old second-year PG student was found unconscious in the seminar hall of the hospital's Emergency building, and later declared dead. Police registered a case of rape and murder

WHAT HAPPENED NEXT

● The West Bengal Junior Doctors' Forum launched a protest across all public sector healthcare facilities in the state

● On August 14, 2024, hundreds of thousands of people, predominantly women, hit the streets in what was called the 'Reclaim the Night' march

● Later that night, a mob breached the hospital, vandalised areas near the Emergency building, the crime scene

THE INVESTIGATION

● The Kolkata Police, which initially probed the case, arrested a civic volunteer, Sanjay Roy, as the prime accused on August 10

● On August 13, the Calcutta High Court officially transferred the probe to the CBI

● Former RG Kar principal Sandip Ghosh and former Tala police station officer-in-charge Abhijit Mondal were arrested and accused of delaying the FIR and of tampering with the crime scene

● The CBI continues to file supplementary chargesheets before the Sealdah court. The HC has directed it to conclude the probe in 3 weeks. Next hearing is on September 24, 2026

THE ACCUSED

● On January 20, 2025, the Sealdah court sentenced Roy to life imprisonment until death

● The CBI filed an appeal before the HC, seeking the death penalty

are right back at zero."

Calls and texts to Medical Superintendent and Vice-Principal Dr Saptarshi Chatterjee went unanswered.

The victim's mother, Ratna Debnath, now a BJP MLA from Panihati, too, refused to comment on the changes at RG Kar.

The West Bengal government recently reopened its review of the criminal case, with newly appointed Health Minister Dr Sharadwat Mukherjee announcing a fresh evaluation into the initial handling of the case.

There are other systemic problems, including the patient burden at RG Kar, that were spoken of in the aftermath of the rape-murder, but remain unresolved.

The hospital's Outpatient Department sees an average footfall of 4,500 to 6,000 patients every day and maintains a consistent inpatient bed occupancy of around 1,500.

"CCTVs have increased, but the central referral system that was supposed to be activated never materialised. This would have ensured that the pressure of district cases wouldn't fall entirely on tertiary centres like RG Kar," says Dr Mondal, the doctor in the General Surgery department.

The closure of the old Emergency building has further strained resources. "The combined pressure of Trauma Care and Emergency now falls entirely on one building," he says.

Speaking on condition of anonymity, a senior administrative official at RG Kar Hospital reveals that patient care infrastructure, too, faces critical shortfalls.

"The Emergency department handles at least 150 patients daily. In the absence of washrooms, bedridden patients must rely on their families to bring bedpans while ambulatory patients walk 150 metres to a pay-and-use toilet outside," the official says.

As the night wears on, doctors manage overwhelming patient loads in their wards. In the Urology department, a single junior doctor routinely manages between 50 and 60 critical patients per shift.

Around 1 am, a postgraduate trainee from the Labour Department steps out for a brief break during her 24-hour shift. "What you see on the surface is the change. There are CISF personnel everywhere. But our hostel and rest conditions remain in a pathetic state," she says.

Outside the women's hostel, a group of interns sit on plastic chairs, sharing momos and biscuits. One of them points to two women CISF officers sitting under a street-lamp and says, "The only real change in the last two years is their deployment. But we constantly wonder — all this security is only at RG Kar. What about the other government medical colleges across Bengal? What is the guarantee that such an incident won't happen somewhere else? And how long will the CISF stay here?"

A quiet moment

At 12:30 am, near Trauma Care, Payal Aich, 20, a resident of Sodepur, walks nervously through the courtyard, clutching a prescription. Her father, a liver cancer patient, has been rushed to the centre, and the doctors have told her to urgently buy an injection. Approaching a woman CISF officer, Payal asks for directions to the pharmacy.

The officer points to a dimly lit lane, instructing her to turn left and walk for five minutes. Hesitant, Payal asks, "Could you please accompany me? That lane looks deserted." The woman constable walks alongside her towards the pharmacy.

The quiet moment reflects the reality of RG Kar today: security personnel filling some gaps, while healthcare workers and patients confront others that remain — and are widening.



‘Really excited’: Stokes joins BBL franchise



Ben Stokes. REUTERS

Express News Service
New Delhi, September 1

FORMER ENGLAND cricketer Ben Stokes has announced that he will play for the Big Bash League team Adelaide Strikers for the upcoming 2026/27 season. The 35-year-old, who has recently retired from the red-ball game, is reportedly going to become one of the highest-paid players at rupees 3,39,01,850 (£264,000).

“I’m really excited to be joining the Adelaide Strikers for BBL16,” Stokes said in a statement. “Adelaide Oval is an incredible place to play cricket, the Big Bash is a fantastic competition, and the Strikers have an exciting group, so I’m looking forward to meeting the players, getting stuck in and contributing to a successful season.”

Adelaide Strikers are coached by former Australian skipper Tim Paine, who was delighted about the addition of England’s all-rounder. “Ben is one of the greatest all-rounders the game has seen, a proven match-winner and a competitor who thrives under pressure,” Paine said. “We’re thrilled to have a player of his ability join our squad and can’t wait to see him put on a show in BBL16.”

Stokes shocked the cricketing world when he announced his retirement from international cricket in June, bringing an end to his storied career during the home series against New Zealand. He was in the eye of a storm before he announced his retirement after being involved in an altercation with a Saracens rugby player in a nightclub alongside teammate Gus Atkinson after the first Test at Lord’s.

While England team director Rob Key has recently suggested the door would remain open for Stokes to make a dramatic return ahead of next summer’s Ashes, the all-rounder made it clear he has no intention of reversing his decision.

THREE-MATCH T20I SERIES

Indian squad for Afghan series has many asterisks

Selectors pick Bumrah, Nitish, Washington and Harshit; none have passed fitness test

Shankar Narayan
Mumbai, September 1

FOUR ASTERISKS in India’s squad for the three-match T20I series against Afghanistan tell their own story. Jasprit Bumrah, Washington Sundar, Nitish Kumar Reddy and Harshit Rana have all been picked, but none is certain to play yet. All four will need fitness clearance.

Selectors have picked recovering players in the past when they were close to returning. But with four players still awaiting clearance, there is plenty of uncertainty around India’s squad for a three-match home series, especially when other options are available. Bumrah is the biggest name on the list. He injured his left knee during the second ODI against England in Cardiff in July and has not played since. Washington suffered a hamstring injury during the same ODI series, while Nitish missed the UK and Zimbabwe tours with a quadriceps injury. Harshit’s injury troubles go further back. A knee injury required surgery and ruled him out of the T20 World Cup before he suffered another setback on the UK tour.

Encouragingly, Varun Chakaravathy, who suffered a hamstring injury during the T20I series in England in July and subsequently missed the Zimbabwe tour, has returned to the squad.

India play Afghanistan in Delhi on September 13, 15 and 17. Later in the month, they travel to Japan to defend their Asian Games gold medal, with the men’s cricket competition beginning on September 24. The Afghanistan series could therefore serve as useful preparation for players likely to be needed at the Asian Games.



Jasprit Bumrah last played a T20I match at the 2026 WC. CREIMAS

There is also a recent example of players picked subject to fitness clearance eventually missing a series. Bumrah and Sai Sudharsan were both named in India’s squad for the two-Test series in Sri Lanka, with their selection subject to fitness clearance. Neither recovered in time to make the tour.

Mayank misses out

That is what makes the latest selection interesting. It makes sense to wait for an established player to regain fitness for a major tournament. But for a bilateral T20I series, India have options to look elsewhere.

Mayank Yadav is one of them. The pacer had an encouraging tour of Zimbabwe in July, when India swept the T20I series 3-0. Mayank took five wickets in three matches. The numbers don’t tell the whole story. He bowled with high pace, troubled batsmen with his speed and finished with 3/29 in the final T20I.

For someone whose young career has repeatedly been interrupted by injuries, simply getting through three international matches was important. Zimbabwe gave Mayank a

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chance to return to the India side and show that his pace was still there.

Afghanistan could have been the next step. Another three matches would have given India a longer look at him while allowing Mayank to build on his return. There is no question over what Bumrah brings to the side. Washington, Nitish and Harshit also give India different options. The selectors may have received positive updates about their recovery and expect all four to be fit by September 13.

Iyer’s home debut

If they are cleared to play, there will be little reason for concern. But for now, four of the 15 players picked are not

certain to be available. If there is still doubt over their fitness, India could have used these three games to give someone like Mayank another opportunity. With other players available, the question is: why pick four players who are not yet certain to be fit?

The rest of the squad paints a familiar picture. Shreyas Iyer will make his home debut as India’s T20 captain, with Tilak Varma his deputy, while Vaibhav Sooryavanshi retains his place after an excellent Zimbabwe tour. Sanju Samson returns and is one of two wicket-keepers alongside Ishan Kishan. Abhishek Sharma, Shivam Dube, Axar Patel, Ravi Bishnoi and Arshdeep Singh make up the rest of the squad.

INDIA’S SQUAD: Shreyas Iyer [C], Abhishek Sharma, Vaibhav Sooryavanshi, Sanju Samson [WK], Ishan Kishan [WK], Tilak Varma [VC], Shivam Dube, Nitish Kumar Reddy*, Axar Patel, Washington Sundar*, Varun Chakaravathy, Ravi Bishnoi, Jasprit Bumrah*, Arshdeep Singh, Harshit Rana* *SUBJECT TO FITNESS CLEARANCE

Pak cricket hits rock bottom: Chaos continues as selector Misbah resigns; ‘This is a social media team’

Express News Service
Mumbai, September 1

PAKISTAN HAVE sent seven players and two coaches home mid-series, ahead of the third and final Test against England at Edgbaston. It came after back-to-back defeats, an innings-and-103-run loss at Headingley and a 194-run surrender at Lord’s, handing England an unbeatable 2-0 lead.

Mohammad Rizwan, Imam-ul-Haq, Salman Ali Agha, Ali Usman, Aamer Jamal, Awaiz Zafar and Khuram Shahzad have all been released, alongside head coach Sarfaraz Ahmed and bowling coach Umar Gul. New Zealander Mike Hesson, already Pakistan’s white-ball head coach, takes over the Test side for the rest of the tour, with Ashley Noffke as his bowling coach. Five uncapped players have been added, along with Saim Ayub and Abdullah Fazal, whose combined Test experience runs to 10 matches.

Misbah-ul-Haq has since resigned from Pakistan’s selection committee, a day after the axings spree, and stepped down as batting consultant at the National Cricket Academy too. Cricinfo reports the PCB served the four-member panel a formal notice the same day, seeking an explanation within 24 hours for the selections of Rizwan and Imam on the West Indies and England tours.

20 games, 15 losses

Pakistan arrived in England already bottom of the WTC table. The Lord’s defeat was their 15th loss in 20 Tests, and their tenth away defeat in 11 games. They are yet to reach 200 in any innings this series; their closest attempt was Saud Shakeel’s 97 at Lord’s.

Usman’s axing has drawn particular scrutiny. He took a five-wicket haul at Headingley, the first visiting spinner to do so there since 1972, and his series average of 25.17 is still the second-lowest of any touring specialist spinner in England since Muttiah Muralitharan’s in 2006. Rizwan has faced criticism over a string of reckless dismissals through the tour. Imam suffered a low-grade calf tear at Lord’s, and was criticised both for not batting in either in-



Misbah-ul-Haq resigned from his post of selector. ICC/X

nings and for a painful, heavily strapped session of throwdowns on the outfield before Day 4.

Former captain Shahid Afridi called it “the most shocking decision ever by a selection committee which includes so many experienced selectors,” questioning both the timing and the logic of picking T20 specialists for an English Test. “Even the replacements make no sense,” he wrote. “What is this thinking and approach?”

On the Pakistan YouTube show *Game Plan*, former batter Basit Ali called the episode symptomatic of a dressing room now run by its own leaks. “Ye social media ki team hai, yaar” (This is a social media team, mate), he said.

He pointed to the panel’s own experience: “*Isse zyada matches khelne wali selection committee koi bhi nahi aayi*” (No selection committee with more combined match experience than this one has ever existed), before warning that if six players go and Pakistan still lose, critics would call it the worst selection committee in Pakistan’s history. On Abdullah Fazal, ruled unfit and sent home before the tour, Basit asked: “*Unfit hoke jo aaya hai, kya wo fit ho gaya? Kahan hai uski fitness report?*” (He came back after being ruled unfit, so has he become fit now? Where’s his fitness report?)

Kamran Akmal picked up from there, arguing the board should either overhaul the entire committee or make no changes at all. Basit named what he called Pakistan’s single biggest decision, predating this



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SHAHID AFRIDI, ON EXPERIENCED SELECTORS ASKING 7 PAK PLAYERS TO RETURN

tour entirely. “*Sabse bada faisla Pakistan ki cricket ki tabahki bataun aad? Jab Shaheen Shah Afridi aur Babar Azam mein darr aur padi captaincy ki wajah se. Us din se Pakistan ki team kharab ho gayi*” (Let me tell you the single biggest decision behind the ruin of Pakistan cricket: when the rift developed between Shaheen Shah Afridi and Babar Azam over the captaincy. Pakistan’s team fell apart from that day), he said. Pakistan currently field three different captains: Babar in Tests, Shaheen in ODIs, Agha in T20Is.

Kamran was the one to say plainly what the selectors hadn’t. “*Bas itna keh de ki yeh hamari recommendation nahi hai. Hum is pe khush nahi hain*” (Just say plainly that this isn’t our recommendation, and that we’re not happy about it), he said. He traced what made Pakistan’s past captains, Imran Khan, Wasim Akram, and Waqar Younis among them, strong: a willingness to fight for the team over themselves. “*Ahmed Shehzad ko jaana tha, gaya. Kamran ko jaana tha, gaya*” (Ahmed Shehzad had to go, he went. I had to go, I went), he said, recalling his own axing among others dropped for the team’s sake.

The Edgbaston Test begins on September 9.

{ DULEEP TROPHY }

With Hamilton’s tattoo & Kohli’s advice, Sangwan makes the opportunity count

Shuvaditya Bose
New Delhi, September 1

COACH DEVENDRA Sharma seldom starts his day by sending WhatsApp messages. On Tuesday, though, he did.

“Today will be the most important innings of your career so far. *Lamba khelna hai* (play long),” read his message to his student, Sanat Sangwan.

Sharma had reason to invest such weight in a message. A year ago, his most famous protégé, Rishabh Pant, had wandered into the nets at Sonnet Cricket Club in Delhi and asked who the next big talent might be. The coach pointed to a left-hander.

“That’s Sanat Sangwan,” he said. “Remember the name. You’ll see him in the Indian team one day.”

Sanat has not disappointed his coach since. In the 2025-26 Ranji Trophy, Sanat finished third on the batting charts, with 828 runs. But no knock carried the weight of Tuesday’s assignment. South Zone held a 117-run first-innings lead in the Duleep Trophy semi-final. The result seemed a foregone conclusion, but Sanat’s 76 at least ensured that the game reached the fourth day.

He arrived with a tattoo on his left arm — ‘Still I rise’ — borrowed from the back of a Formula 1 driver he has never met, but has studied like scripture.

“I am a huge Lewis Hamilton fan,” Sanat had told *The Indian Express* during the Delhi Premier League. “I don’t



Sanat Sangwan scored 76 for North Zone on Tuesday. PTI

know him personally, but watching his interviews, you can figure out that he is calm yet focused. I have tried to emulate him.”

Slow and steady

The control was visible at the Centre of Excellence in Bengaluru. Sanat scored 21 off his first 49 deliveries. It was not until the 50th delivery that he hit an attacking shot.

“I have a few self-imposed rules. I don’t play any cover drives in the first hour of the game. I also leave all deliveries that are well outside off-stump. After five to six overs, the bowler inevitably gets frustrated and tries to experiment. That is when the loose balls start coming.”

His next 50 balls yielded 35 runs, proof that the theory works. Sharma was not surprised.

“*Thehraav usme bachpan se hi hai* (he has been tranquil ever since he was a kid). When

his father first brought him to the academy, a couple of things stood out. Lefties always look graceful when in full flow, but there was something about his strokeplay that was so pleasing to the eye. He also worked extremely hard. We got him to play a tournament, and he scored seven or eight centuries in 10 matches. I knew immediately that *yeh lambi race ka ghoda hai* (he is in it for the long run),” Sharma tells this paper.

The longer format has long allured the 25-year-old. “Red-ball cricket has always been my favourite format. This is the toughest format because it tests both skill and patience. From an opener’s perspective, there are so many challenges one has to deal with, both with the new and the older ball,” he had said.

The love, though, has come at a cost.

“In Delhi, we mostly play

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40-over games, and you are expected to score quickly. Sanat would take his time, and whenever he played out a maiden over, someone would shout, ‘*yato maar, ya out hoja*’ (either hit or get out). We had to take him to Jaipur, where they play more long-format games, and there’s no crowd pressure,” shares Sharma.

Two dreams have long occupied Sanat’s mind — an India Test cap, and a conversation with Hamilton. A third dream, once distant, has already come true.

“Virat Kohli has been my idol since childhood. As a child, I loved how he used to rescue India from precarious positions. It was a dream to meet him.”

Sanat got more than just a meeting. In February 2025, he batted alongside Kohli in a Ranji Trophy fixture, which remains the latter’s last tryst with the red ball.

“When I first met him, I had a picture in my mind of this ultra-aggressive cricketer. But the version that I got to see was totally different. He was so humble, so down to earth. I asked for his bat, and he was kind enough to give it to me.”

In tricky chase, Ishan shows his chops

Shankar Narayan
Mumbai, September 1

ISHAN KISHAN walked in with East Zone 93/3, needing another 66 runs to reach the Duleep Trophy final. Harsh Dubey was getting plenty of turn and bounce; Central Zone had sensed an opening, and the chase no longer looked straightforward.

Kishan responded by taking on the bowler who posed the biggest threat. In the 31st over, the East Zone captain reverse-swept the left-arm spinner for four before stepping down the pitch and launching him over long-on for six.

It stood out because the other batsmen had struggled against Dubey. Virat Singh had fallen trying to sweep him once too often, gloving a ball to leg slip, although replays showed the ball had struck the glove that was not holding the bat. Kumar Kushagra and Anukul Roy would soon fall to Dubey off successive deliveries.

Kishan, though, looked comfortable. He played well off both feet, stepped out when he saw the chance to attack and backed it up with solid defence. Against Aryan Pandey, he punished a short ball, pulling it firmly to the boundary.

Even as Kishan settled in, others around him struggled. Kushagra, on 22, got a edge while trying to work Dubey into the leg side, whereupon Yash Rathod took the catch at silly point. The next delivery was better. Dubey got one through Roy’s defence and onto the stumps. Suddenly, East were 124/5 and still needed 35.

Kishan’s innings was not a boundary-filled assault, but East did not need one. He fin-



East Zone skipper Ishan Kishan remained unbeaten on 39. PTI

ished unbeaten on 39 off 41 balls, with four fours and a six. With wickets falling around him, he kept the chase moving without allowing Dubey to take control. It was a captain’s innings on a day when Kishan had already overseen the bowling performance that gave East a target of only 159.

On Tuesday, with a place in the final at stake, he did exactly that. His innings helped East to a four-wicket win over Central at BCCI’s Centre of Excellence Ground 1 in Bengaluru and a place in the final.

Central resumed Day 3 at 45/3 and found themselves in trouble. Abhijit Sarkar struck first, finding nightwatchman Aryan Pandey’s edge for Abhimanyu Easwaran to take a good catch at slip.

Mohammed Shami followed in the next over, coming from around the wicket and getting one to move back into

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Yash Rathod, who shouldered arms and was trapped lbw for five.

Aman Mokhadde and Rinku Singh briefly steadied Central with a 32-run stand. Mukesh Kumar broke it by bringing the ball back into Mokhadde and trapping him lbw for 41. Off-spinner Kounain Quraishi struck with his first ball after the drinks break, finding extra bounce and turn to have Rinku caught behind for 20. Mukesh then got one to hold its line and found Saransh Jain’s outside edge, leaving Central 97/8.

Dubey provided the resistance Central needed. He made 24 from 51 balls and added 43 for the ninth wicket with Arshad Khan.

Shami eventually ended the stand with an excellent one-handed return catch, reacting quickly to a toe-ended shot from Dubey.

Arshad added useful runs at the end, including a six over long-on off Shami, before Anukul Roy took the final wicket of Yash Thakur.

Slow start

East’s chase began slowly. Vaibhav Sooryavanshi, who had smashed 92 in the first innings, made only 16 from his first 30 balls before taking 18 from the first four deliveries of

a Yash Thakur over. He went after the fifth as well but was caught by Patidar for 40.

Dubey removed Easwaran and Virat to keep Central in the game. He had taken 4/66 in the first innings and dragged Central back into the semifinal with another excellent spell of 4/53. He found turn and bounce, bowled mostly full or on a good length and kept asking questions of East’s batsmen.

Just as he had in the first innings, when he dismissed Sooryavanshi and Kushagra off successive deliveries, Dubey struck twice in two balls again. Kushagra’s leading edge was taken at silly point before he bowled Roy through the gate with the next delivery.

East, who had been 123/3, were suddenly 124/5. But Kishan had found a way to handle the one bowler threatening to turn the chase around.

Sudip Gharami’s dismissal at 150/6 gave Central a final opening, but it came too late. Shami hit the winning runs, cutting Jain for four as East reached the target in the 40th over.

BRIEF SCORES: Central Zone 266 and 158 all out in 50.2 overs (Aman Mokhadde 41; Mukesh Kumar 4/44, Mohammed Shami 3/56) lost to East Zone 266 and 162/6 in 39.3 overs (Vaibhav Sooryavanshi 40, Ishan Kishan 39 not out; Harsh Dubey 4/53) by four wickets. AT COE GROUND 2: North Zone 195 and 256/7 in 66 overs (Sanat Sangwan 76; K Saiteja 2/34, MD Nidheesh 2/47) lead South Zone 312 all out in 100.3 overs (Tilak Varma 116 not out) by 139 runs.

Saka earns Arsenal narrow victory at troubled Villa



Bukayo Saka scored in the 59th minute for Arsenal. AP

Reuters
Birmingham, September 1

CHAMPIONS ARSENAL made it two wins out of two as Bukayo Saka's second-half goal earned them a workmanlike 1-0 victory at Aston Villa in the Premier League on Monday. Saka bundled in from close range in the 59th minute to reward a patient Arsenal, who dominated without ever overwhelming a resolute Villa side. Villa, whose Europa League-winning side has disintegrated after a summer exodus, came closest in the first half when Emi Buendia struck a shot against the crossbar. Victory lifted Arsenal to six points along with Manchester City, Hull City and Chelsea. Villa remain pointless and without a goal and will be anxious to try and boost their squad ahead of the transfer window closing on Tuesday. Arsenal enjoyed eight 1-0 wins en route to their first Premier League crown for 22 years last season and any suggestions that they might dispense with pragmatism and evolve a more free-flowing style were probably answered at Villa Park. Just like on so many occasions last season, Arsenal were rock-solid through their spine and that solidity allowed them to wait for their moment to strike. Shortly after Saka had a penalty overturned by VAR, the England forward showed his predatory instinct to get on the end of Calafiori's low cross after he had been played in by substitute Eberechi Eze's astute pass.

'Massive win'
Once ahead, 1-0 always looked the likely result but despite the narrow margin of victory it was comfortable as Villa did not manage a shot on target for the second match running. "Really happy, this was a massive win," Arsenal manager Mikel Arteta, who claimed his 151st win in 250 Premier League games in charge, said. "I think we deserved it. It was a great squad performance. I know how tough it is to win here." The strength of Arsenal's squad was underlined as new signings Bruno Guimaraes and former Villa defender Ezri Konsa both came off the bench during the second half for their Premier League debuts for the club. For Villa boss Unai Emery, who waved goodbye to Ollie Watkins and Emiliano Martinez this week following the earlier departures of Morgan Rogers, Youri Tielemans, Lucas Digne and Konsa, there were hopeful signs.

US OPEN

Flaming Wawrinka backhand blazes into the New York sunset

Stan hadn't won a Slam for a decade, but single-hander leaves a lasting legacy beyond his 2014-16 peak

Bhuvan Gupta
New Delhi, September 1

PETE SAMPRAS, the player Stanislav Wawrinka grew up idolising, handed him his maiden Grand Slam trophy at the 2014 Australian Open. If that wasn't gratifying enough, Sampras later said he wished he had Wawrinka's backhand. Cracking up in response, Wawrinka told the *Men's Journal*, "Yeah, and I want his trophies." Though he couldn't match Sampras' trophy count, Wawrinka drew public admiration nevertheless for his fighting spirit, as also that graceful-yet-powerful one-handed backhand. Twenty-one years after making his Majors debut at Roland Garros, 'Stan the Man' played his last Grand Slam match on Tuesday. The setting was Flushing Meadows, where he had won his third (and last) title in 2016. Wawrinka very nearly didn't get a goodbye to the US Open. After arriving in New York, he learnt that the final men's singles wild card this year had gone to home hope Patrick Kypson. The former world number three returned to Switzerland, but Kypson soon withdrew with an injury. Wawrinka, offered a wild card as an eleventh-hour replacement, made the trip back to America. He was rewarded with an outpouring of love as thousands lined up at the Grandstand court. Wawrinka lost to Matteo Berrettini 7-6 (7-4), 7-6 (7-3), 6-0 and received an emotional send-off. "I'm very grateful for this wild card. It was very



Stan Wawrinka lost to Matteo Berrettini in the US Open first round to end his Grand Slam journey. AP

E. EXPLAINED
Why one-handed backhands are rare

WITH COACHES increasingly being double-handed backhanders now, the players are also turning out to be double-handed, Roger Federer said at a US Open presser. He added that it's harder for young players to control one-handed backhand shots, and that technical changes take time which the modern-era game doesn't allow. Further, with a greater focus on baseline play than net play, being a one-hander is not naturally advantageous anymore. The double-hander is an easier shot to learn when you're younger.

important for me to finish here, where I won a Grand Slam 10 years ago. I want to thank you all for all these years," he said at the post-match ceremony. Having made his US Open main draw debut in 2005, Wawrinka developed a special affinity towards the city over the years. "I remember the first time I came here. It was impressive for me to feel the New York vibe and the energy of this tournament. "Because of you (the fans) I really enjoyed it and I found a way to play my best tennis here... One of the reasons I played until 41 was to live these moments," he added. **Rare stroke** Like Sampras, Wawrinka did not start off one-handed with his backhand as a kid. In both cases, it was the coach who intervened. "I was 11 years old, and my two-handed backhand was terrible. I couldn't put one ball in," Stan recalled to the

US Open website in 2024. "At that time, my coach told me to try the one-handed backhand. It's not easy when you're young to play with a one hand because you don't have the same power, but it looks more natural, so I was happy with the change." The stroke evolved to be counted among the most feared on tour. Besides the elegance with which he struck it, Wawrinka used it to virtually bully his opponents on court. His victims include the then Big Three — Roger Federer, Novak Djokovic and Rafael Nadal — leading to a golden run between 2014 and 2016 where 'Stanimal' scalped the reigning world number one for each of his three Major titles. The one-handed backhand has become a rarity today. Only five players in the men's top 100 (Lorenzo Musetti, Denis Shapovalov, Stefanos Tsitsipas, Daniel Altmaier and Aleksandar Kovacevic) use it. If none of

them makes the semis at US Open 2026, it would be the first calendar year ever without at least one one-handed backhand in the last four of a Grand Slam. Wawrinka remains bullish about the endangered shot anyway. "There will always be one-handed backhands," he told presenter Prakash Amritraj on *Tennis Channel* during the Monte Carlo Masters this April. "Always."

Self-effacing

Two days before Wawrinka's farewell, Federer was inducted into the International Tennis Hall of Fame. The Swiss duo had won an Olympic gold in Beijing together, and Stan said it was "really, really special" to watch his compatriot be honoured this way. Also present at the Federer induction was another famously elegant single-handed backhand of yore - Gabriela Sabatini. But when asked about his own Hall of Fame chances, Wawrinka was typically self-effacing. "I absolutely don't decide for that. It's my last year. I'm trying to finish in the best way possible," he told reporters after his last Slam outing. Wawrinka has lost 15 of the 22 matches he has played so far this season. He has not won any ATP title in the last eight years, and is unlikely to add to his 16-strong tally when he hangs up his racket. But that might not matter for the lad who grew up working on his parents' farm in Lausanne. He wants to be remembered for "always trying to give, always trying to fight, always showing up". That, and his inimitable backhand.

BRIEFLY



Unnati Hooda suffered a 21-10, 21-18 loss to Korea's Kim Ga-eun. PTI

China Masters: Unnati falters against Ga-eun; Hari-Arjun retire

UNNATI HOODA suffered from starting blues as she could not get past Korean World No 12 Kim Ga-eun to exit Super 750 China Masters. A 0-4 start in the opening set ended in a 21-10, 21-18 loss at Shenzhen as the Round 1 challenge proved too steep for the Indian World no 25. In the men's doubles, MR Arjun and Hariharan Amsakarun retired at 11-8 down against Chinese Chen Bo Yang-Liu Yi. On Wednesday, Kidambi Srikanth plays Chi Yu Jen, while Dhruv Kapila-Tanisha Crasto play Tonkid-Tonrug (Saeheng). Lakshya Sen begins his campaign against Worlds twice-medallist Victor Lai, while Devika Sihag runs into gritty Kaloyana Nalbantova of Bulgaria. Tanvi Sharma has a good opportunity to defeat Danish Amali Schulz and move into WS2 position for the Asian Games. Satwiksairaj Rankireddy-Chirag Shetty play a Malaysian unit of Junaidi Arif and Kang Khai Xing. ENS

Man City to sign Fernandez from Chelsea: Report
McTominay out for month due to heart problem

MANCHESTER CITY have reached an agreement with Chelsea to sign midfielder Enzo Fernandez for £125 million, British media reported. The Athletic reported Fernandez was given permission by Chelsea to undergo a medical. The fee would equal the British transfer record set when Liverpool signed Swedish striker Alexander Isak from Newcastle United last year as City's close-season spend touches nearly £400 million. REUTERS

NAPOLI MIDFIELDER Scott McTominay will undergo a surgical procedure to treat an irregular heartbeat, the Serie A club announced. Napoli added that McTominay will be out until after the season's first international break, meaning he won't play again until October. "Following the development of a minor, benign arrhythmia, Scott McTominay over the coming days will undergo an operation a PFA (pulsed field ablation)," Napoli said. AP

Rudiger retires from int'l football
Lad becomes Mumbai captain for Ranji Trophy

GERMANY DEFENDER Antonio Rudiger announced his retirement from international football, ending a 12-year career with the national team to focus on his club career. The 33-year-old centre back earned 86 caps after making his senior debut in 2014, establishing himself as a mainstay of the Germany defence across three World Cups and multiple European Championships. REUTERS

SEASONED MIDDLE-order batter Siddhesh Lad has replaced Shardul Thakur as Mumbai captain for the upcoming Ranji Trophy season. Thakur, 34, has been replaced to manage his workload since the Mumbai think tank aims to maximise his value as the premier bowler in the red-ball team. He has also contributed heavily with the bat in crunch situations in the past. PTI

South Korea name Moreno as interim coach
India A to tour NZ for three 4-day matches

SOUTH KOREA appointed former Spain coach Robert Moreno as interim manager to lead the national team through November, the Korea Football Association (KFA) said. The 48-year-old will oversee South Korea's next six matches as the KFA continues its search for a permanent replacement for Hong Myung-bo, who stepped down in June after the team's group-stage exit at the World Cup. REUTERS

INDIA A will play three four-day matches against New Zealand A in Christchurch from October 24, New Zealand Cricket announced. The series will be part of India's build-up to the two-Test series against New Zealand, with the A side's matches preceding the senior team's red-ball assignment. The fixtures were announced as part of New Zealand Cricket's domestic red-ball schedule for the Plunket Shield. PTI

MANCHESTER'S MAGICIAN

Cherki, with his twinkling feet, keeping Man City slick in post-Pep era

Sandip G
New Delhi, September 1

SIX YEARS ago, Kylian Mbappe reported on Rayan Cherki with a smiley and caption: "Don't talk to him about his age too much!" Cherki was only 16 then, and had netted a brace of goals and assists, for Lyon against Nantes, sending the first firm signals of his precocious gifts towards the world at large. He looked beyond his age; not so much by the stubble and defined facial features he then spotted, but by the wisdom he showed with the ball on his floating feet. Mbappe, an early-bloomer himself, was not the first to positively wonder about his compatriot of Italian-Algerian descent raised in busy Lyon. He was only six years old and knocking the ball on an athletics track adjacent to the football pitch as his elder brothers trained when a local coach

Roger Martinez saw him and stood transfixed with the tricks he performed. "That's where I saw him for the first time," Martinez told *Bleacher Report*. "He was playing with a ball while he watched his brother train. And I asked myself, 'Who is this monster? How can a six-year-old kid do so much with the ball at his feet?' He told him to come and start training at his local amateur club AS Saint-Priest. More pleasurable shock followed: "There was nothing I could teach him about how to play football. He was a kid who knew how to do everything." The only dilemma was where to play him. He could score and create goals; he was wondrously two-footed; could play on the flanks, at the centre, as a playmaker, winger and forward. He was so good everywhere that different managers would use him differently as his career soared. In

Lyon, jersey numbers could not signify his role. He wore 18, 10, 9 and then began to wear 18 again. He left even the unmatched tactical shape-shifter Pep Guardiola astounded. The legendary manager would say: "There are moments that I just want to shout at him, and there are moments I want to kiss him." His flourishes and indulgences incensed him but his grandeur and outcome marvelled him. A system disruptor or a chaos agent, antithetical to the Guardiolaisma ideals of positional and structural conformity. He admitted after Cherki's spectacular goal against Arsenal last season: "I have to allow him to express his incredible talent." It's tempting to call him a throwback, a time-traveller to an era where structures had not suffocated displays of individual flash, even showboating at times, when football and foot-



Rayan Cherki scored twice in five minutes against Crystal Palace. AP

ballers could self-indulge a bit; when spontaneity trumped over rigorously-instilled patterns. To put it simply, Cherki is arguably the most watchable player on the planet, a thrillingly volatile footballer that makes even the

non-fan get hooked to the screen. Guardiola, Rodri and Bernardo Silva have gone, but Cherki makes watching City pleasurable again. He was clearly their most influential player in the first two games (two

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PEP GUARDIOLA
ON RAYAN CHERKI

game-changing assists with Bournemouth in the opener). Watch those goals against Crystal Palace. Watch the run for his first goal. He gathers the pass with the shin of his right foot, then brushes aside three onrushing defenders, from three different sides without spreading a single crease on his shirt, slides past the fourth one and then pokes the ball with his left foot. He can walk on water; maybe even on air. Watch the ball past the goalkeeper, rolling without a scent of power.

Even when he stirs power, it does not look savage. He imparted incredible power onto the shot that led to his second goal, but the audience could trace its flight without pausing and re-winding. The whip and curl were gorgeous in its journey. Between, before and after the two goals, there were moments his magical string strummed falsetto notes, when the tricks gloriously failed, and when City manager Enzo Maresca fumed. But that is part of the Cherki package, the flaws that make him even more fascinating. He is Maresca's most precious asset before the rejigged band settles down into a coherent firm. His manager at Lyon, Rudi Garcia once said: "He has a strong ability to beat players but uses it too much and not especially wisely." There will be days when Cherki would be painted as a raw, undisciplined maverick, just another cheeky kid

with jinking feet. Cherki as a finished product is a daunting thought for defenders, but even a semi-finished product could embarrass them. The technical prowess with both feet apart, the Frenchman has a layered and subtle game. He switches his tempo, quick pauses and sudden bursts of speed, which imbalances defenders; uses his lithe frame to spin and swerve past his markers and uses nearly every part of his body to conjure the unthinkable move or pass, and maintains supreme control in tight space. Garcia gushes over the weight of his passes to the final third and intelligence: "He is an excellent reader of game, sees three-four ahead. The touch, the turn, everything is smooth. He must be aware that he still has huge room for improvement." And he is only 23. But just don't remind him of his age.