NAINITAL DRIVER ARRESTED FOR ASSAULTING DELHI WOMAN

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HALDWANI: The Nainital Police on Saturday arrested a taxi driver accused of assaulting, robbing and attempting to rape a 22-year-old woman passenger from Delhi near Haldwani in Nainital, said police.

The accused has been identified as Deepak Singh Bora, 39, a resident of Fatehpur Mukhani in Haldwani.

Senior superintendent of police (SSP) Manjunath TC said the woman had arrived in Haldwani by bus from Delhi via Dehradun on March 5, from where she travelled to Kathgodam by auto and hired a taxi to Nainital around 11pm.

According to police, around 1.30am, near Baldiyakhan on the Nainital road, the driver allegedly diverted the vehicle onto a deserted road in Patwadangar instead of heading to Nainital.

When the woman protested, the driver stopped the car, allegedly misbehaved, assaulted her and tried to rape her, the officer said, adding that the accused also snatched her mobile phone to prevent her from alerting anyone.

The woman, however, managed to escape and hide in the forest throughout the night, and was spotted by local women on March 6, who alerted the police and took her to the Tallital police station, the SSP said.

Police and forensic teams inspected the scene. Based on her complaint, a first information report (FIR) was registered against the unidentified taxi driver under relevant sections of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), the officer said.

"Using closed-circuit television (CCTV) footage, police identified the taxi and tracked it. The driver was arrested in Bhowali," he said.

"The safety of tourists and the public is the top priority of the Nainital Police. Strict action will be taken against those who commit such crimes," the Senior superintendent of police said.

{ DELHI BLAST CASE } MONEY LAUNDERING PROBE

Al-Falah chair gets bail, ED to challenge decision

The ED argued that the accused faced serious allegations of financial crimes involving large sums of money

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The ED will approach the Delhi HC to challenge the bail. HT FIL

NEW DELHI: A Delhi court on Saturday granted a two-week interim bail to Al-Falah University chairman Jawad Ahmed Siddiqui in a money-laundering case related to the Delhi Red Fort area blast, citing the medical condition of his wife.

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) will approach the Delhi high court to challenge the bail, people familiar with the development said after the ruling.

Siddiqui's wife is battling Stage-4 cancer and undergoing chemotherapy at Indraprastha Apollo Hospital. He sought relief under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA).

An ED officer stated the agency will file an appeal. "Siddiqui has misdeclared before the court that his children are unable to travel and take care of their ailing mother. The travel history of the children shows that they rarely visited India, and even when they did, their stay was for a short duration. If the ailment were so serious, it would be expected, by any reasonable standard, that all the children would have visited India and stayed with their mother to care for her," the officer said.

A second ED officer stated Siddiqui's son, Afham Ahmad Siddiqui, and daughter, Afiya Siddiqa, have not cooperated with the summons issued by the ED and have never appeared.

"The judge, while granting bail, has not considered ED's submissions," the officer said.

Additional sessions judge (ASJ) Sheetal Chaudhary Pradhan of the Saket courts allowed the relief after noting that Siddiqui's wife required care and support at home.

The court said, "Interim bail on medical grounds is a legal concept that allows a prisoner to be released from jail on medical grounds of his family members particularly in case of his wife".

The ED opposed the plea, arguing the accused faced serious allegations of financial crimes involving large sums of money and his release could influence witnesses. The agency noted that Siddiqui's wife had been undergoing treatment since 2024, her condition was stable, and the couple's children could help care for her.However, ASJ Pradhan noted the couple's three children live in the United Arab Emirates. The ED arrested Siddiqui last November in connection with a money-laundering case linked to institutions run by him under the Al-Falah Charitable Trust.

Tension in Bilaspur after five-year-old girl raped, minor accused arrested

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SHIMLA : Tension prevailed in a village in Himachal's Bilaspur district on Saturday after a five-year-old girl was allegedly raped by a 15-year-old minor boy belonging to a particular community.

Police arrested the accused on Saturday and booked him under relevant sections of Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act. The detained accused has also undergone a medical examination. The process of presenting the accused before the competent court is underway.

The incident took place on Friday. It was alleged that the minor boy took the small girl to the fields and raped her, the police said. As the news spread, a crowd gathered and vandalised the house of the accused.

The doors, windows, and glass of the house were broken, and a scooter parked outside was set on fire and the commotion continued till late on Friday night. The angry mob demanded that the accused be headed over to them but the police managed to calm the crowd and assured them of appropriate action against the culprit.

SOME MISCREANTS WERE ATTEMPTING TO INCITE COMMUNAL TENSION, STRICT ACTION WOULD BE TAKEN AGAINST THEM, SAYS DC

It is reported that both the accused and the victim are from the same village.

On Saturday morning, a tense atmosphere again prevailed in the area as a large number of members of the Vishwa Hindu Parishad gathered outside the victim's house. Amidst the tense atmosphere, police arrived at the scene and brought the situation under control. Bilaspur superintendent of police (SP) Sandeep Dhawal confirmed the incident and appealed to everyone to maintain peace and assured strict action against the culprit. The administration has appealed to local residents and families to maintain restraint and maintain law and order in the area. The situation is currently under control, but police are maintaining vigilance as a precaution.

Terming the incident "extremely unfortunate", Bilaspur deputy commissioner (DC) Rahul Kumar said that legal action would be taken against the accused. In view of the rising tension in the area, DC had called a meeting of the members of the Sarvadharma Samabhava Rashtriya Manch.

The DC appealed to all citizens not to take the law into their own hands and to maintain harmony and brotherhood. He informed that police forces had been deployed throughout the area to maintain law and order.

The DC stated that some miscreants were attempting to incite communal tension, and strict action would be taken against them as per the law.

Govt making efforts to strengthen disaster preparedness: Negi

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SHIMLA : Himachal Pradesh government is making sustained efforts to strengthen disaster preparedness, improve early warning systems and develop resilient infrastructure to cope with the increasing risks posed by climate change and natural disasters.

This was stated by revenue, horticulture, tribal development minister Jagat Singh Negi in his address at the conclusion of the the two-day state-level workshop on "Climate change and disaster risk resilience: Himalayan future-lessons, gaps, and policy pathways for Himachal Pradesh" at the Dr Manmohan Singh Himachal Pradesh Institute of Public Administration (MSHIPA) Shimla on Saturday. The workshop was organised in collaboration with the Himachal Pradesh State Disaster Management Authority (HPSDMA).

Negi in his address, highlighted the growing impact of climate change on Himalayan states, particularly on sectors such as agriculture, horticulture, infrastructure and livelihoods.

JAI RAM FLAGS LACK OF RADIOLOGIST AT MEDICAL COLLEGE IN NERCHOWK

SHIMLA : Former chief minister and leader of the opposition (LoP) Jai Ram Thakur, while addressing the concluding session of the two-day "Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya Training Mahabhiyan-2026" workshop held in Janjehli Mandal of the BJP's Saraj Assembly constituency, strongly criticised the Sukhu government's functioning and raised serious questions about the poor condition of Nerchowk Medical College.

Thakur described the announcements made during the CM's visit to Nachan and Balh as "mere sham", describing the situation as a "strange contradiction". He said that while the government is trumpeting "high-tech robotic surgery" worth crores, but on the ground, the hospital's radiology department is completely closed.

"How are operations possible in such a situation? The government hasn't even provided the public with a single MRI machine. For the past three and a half years, the CM has been harping on the idea of installing an MRI machine in Nerchowk, but the harsh reality is that the entire department is paralysed due to the sole radiologist going on leave, and the cardiology department is a white elephant without a cath lab," he said. HTC

Iltija alleges shuffling of her security officers

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SRINAGAR : Iltija Mufti, who is advisor to PDP president Mehbooba Mufti and constituency incharge of Bijbhera, on Saturday alleged that after she posted videos on police atrocities, the director general of police, has ordered shuffling and singling out her security officers.

Iltija Mufti

Iltija Mufti said that she had recently tweeted a video of a Jammu and Kashmir police officer raining blows on women protestors in Srinagar for mourning the tragic assassination of Ayatollah Ali Khamani.

"There were also other credible instances where police officers had misbehaved and thrashed protestors causing grievous injuries. Within 48 hours, the DG has passed a senseless unwarranted order shuffling and singling out my security officers," Iltija Mufti said in a letter addressed to Union home minister Amit Shah which she posted on X.

She said that when the situation in Kashmir remains worryingly fragile, it's baffling and strange in equal measure that the top police officer's priority isn't to restore a sense of peace and normalcy.

"But instead, harass those who speak truth to power. Under what law is it illegal or punishable to highlight misconduct of those in uniform? I faced similar harassment after visiting Bilawar in February, 2025, where a man committed suicide in mysterious circumstances right after being tortured in police custody."

Iltija Mufti said that she has been at the receiving end many times previously too where her security detail has been deliberately downgraded or transferred.

Father, son suffocate to death in well made to ferment pickles

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NEW DELHI: A 60-year-old man and his 32-year-old son died of suffocation on Saturday morning, while two others fell sick allegedly after they entered a 10-foot-deep well inside their house which was used to dry and ferment pickles in north Delhi's Nangloi.

The owner of the house runs a pickle making factory on the ground floor of the building.

"There is a pickle making factory on the ground floor of the house and the owner lived with his family on the first floor. There are four to five wells, of about 10 feet depth, in which the pickle is made. On Saturday, they called a worker to retrieve some of the pickle, but he fell unconscious due to suffocation," deputy commissioner of police (outer) Vikram Singh said.

One of the wells for pickles. HT

The deceased are Anil Ram and Neeraj while the worker and Ram's younger son Sandeep, 28, are currently sick.

As the worker fell unconscious, Ram and both his sons went inside to save him, but they too fell unconscious, police said.

"All four persons were taken out of the well by Ram's brother Subhash and other people. Ram and Neeraj were taken to Sanjay Gandhi hospital, but they were declared dead. The worker and Sandeep are currently stable," the DCP added. Police said they are investigating the matter.

HIMACHAL NOTIFIES NEW SOP TO MONITOR LOK MITRA KENDRAS

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SHIMLA : The department of digital technologies and governance (DDT&G), government of Himachal Pradesh, has notified a new standard operating procedure (SOP) for monitoring Lok Mitra Kendras and Aadhaar centres across the state. The initiative aims to strengthen transparency, improve service delivery, and protect citizens from issues such as overcharging, poor service quality, and unauthorised operations.

NORTHERN RAILWAY

E-Tender Notice

Sr. DEN-III/FZR acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites open tenders (E-Tenders) against below titled tenders and available on **www.ireps.gov.in** with closing date- **25.03.2026** up to **15:00 Hrs**. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against these tenders, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Contractors are allowed to make payments against this tender towards tender document cost and earnest money only through only payment modes available on **www.ireps.gov.in** portal like net banking, debit card, credit card etc. Manual payments through Demand draft Banker Cheque, Deposit receipts, FDR etc. are not allowed. For more information logon to **www.ireps.gov.in**

Tender Type	Tendering Section	Bidding System
Open	Works	Two Packet System
Date of Uploading Tenders	**Bid Starting Date**	**Bid Closing Date/Time**
03.03.2026	11.03.2026	25.03.2026 15:00 Hrs.

S.No.	Tender No.	Details of Tender			
1.	238-2025-26-SrDEN-III-FZR	Supply, installation, commissioning and maintenance of track based Electronic type rail guage face lubricator 32 nos. in the jurisdiction of Sr.DEN-III/FZR for 5 years.			
	Advertised Value (Rs.)	**Earnest Money**	**Validity of Offer**	**Period of Completion**	
	55442456.00	427200.00	90 days	60 Months	
	Similar nature of work:- "Only RDSO Approved Vendors for Track based Lubricators, can participate with this tender. Copy of approval certificate with validity date is to be submitted along with the tender."				

Note 1. Before bidding, bidders to check for any corrigendum issued against tender.
Tender No: 238-2025-26-SrDEN-III-FZR Date: 06.03.2026 775/2026

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Name of the work	1) Est. Cost (Rs. in lacs) 2) Tender Fee (in Rs.) (including GST) 3) EMD (Rs. in Cr) 4) Class of Contractor 5) Time Limit	(a) Pre-bid Meeting (b) Last date for online downloading / submission of tender documents (c) Date for submission of tender documents. (d) Online verification of tender documents. (e) Opening of Technical bid (f) Opening of Price bid
1.	2.	3.
Works under the C.E. (Amdavad), S.S.N.N.L, Gandhinagar		
Tender ID-283815 **Tender Notice No.-21 of 2025-26** "Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) Contract for providing 100 MLD water to Dholera SIR area through provision of Pipeline from Bhaskarpura Tank including Operation & Maintenance for 10 years period."	(1) 395.06 (2) 35400/- (3) 3.95 (4) AA Class & above (5) 18 Months	(a) 17-03-2026 at 12.00 hrs (b) 06-04-2026 up to 18.00 hrs. (c) 07-04-2026 to 13-04/2026 upto18.00 hrs. (d) 07-04-2026 from 12:05 hrs onwards (if possible) (e) 07-04-2026 from 12:10 hrs. onwards. (if possible) (f) 07-04-2026 from 13:10 hrs onwards. (if possible)

Note: The details regarding contact place for physical submission and opening of tender, please visit website www.ssnnl.nprocure.com
INF/2753/2025-26

GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB
PUNJAB URBAN PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
PUDA Complex, Urban Estate Phase-II, Patiala

E-Tender No. 187/PUDA/DE(PH)/2026/5350-5356 dated 05.03.2026

Divisional Engineer (PH), PUDA, Patiala invites online bids for "**Annual running and maintenance of water supply system, sewerage system and supply & dozing of Sodium Hypochloride at tubewells for Estate Public Health Services in Phulkian Enclave, PUDA Enclave-1, PUDA Enclave-2, Devigarh Division Site, Patiala and Lehal Mandal Site - Nabha Road, Patiala. Sweeping and sanitation of road work in PUDA Enclave-1, PUDA Enclave-2, Devigarh Site Division and Lehal Mandal Site- Nabha Road, Patiala for the Year 2026-27 (01.04.2026 to 31.03.2027) - Rs. 91.84 Lacs.**"

Closing date & time: 12.03.2026 at 01.00 PM.

For details log on to: **https://eproc.punjab.gov.in**

NOTE: Any corrigendum(s) to the tender notice shall be published on the above website only.

RO NO. 1716/12/2025/26/9101

No. 7-9/2026-EXN- March 2026

DEPARTMENT OF STATE TAXES & EXCISE
HIMACHAL PRADESH

PUBLIC NOTICE

e-AUCTION OF RETAIL LIQUOR UNITS (REMAINING/ LEFT OUT) FOR THE PERIOD OF ONE YEAR WITH EFFECT FROM 01.04.2026 TO 31.03.2027.

In continuation to the Department of State Taxes & Excise Himachal Pradesh, public notice No. 7-9/2026-EXN-5982-6009 issued on 02.03.2026 and published on 03.03.2026 regarding the e-Auction of the Retail Liquor Units w.e.f. 1.04.2026 to 31.03.2027. The e-Auction process for the remaining/ left out excise units is hereby notified. The dates & time of e-Auction in respect of such Retail Liquor Units are mentioned below: -

Sr. No.	Districts	e-Auction Dates & Time						
		Publishing Date & Time	Document/ Application Submission Start Date & Time	Document/ Application Submission End Date & Time	Approval (Scrutiny) Start Date & Time	Approval (Scrutiny) End Date & Time	Auction Start Date & Time	Auction End Date & Time
1	Una	07.03.2026; 06.50 PM	07.03.2026; 06.55 PM	09.03.2026; 01.15 PM	09.03.2026; 01.30 PM	09.03.2026; 3.15 PM	09.03.2026; 3.30 PM	09.03.2026; 06.15 PM
2	Bilaspur, Chamba, Kangra, Kullu, Mandi, RD Baddi, RD Nurpur, Shimla & Solan.	09.03.2026; 6.50 PM	09.03.2026; 6.55 PM	11.03.2026; 3.15 PM	11.03.2026; 03.30 PM	12.03.2026; 02.15 PM	12.03.2026; 2.30 PM	12.03.2026; 05.30 PM

1. The process of auction shall also be executed through online mode (e-Auction). The link of e-Auction portal has been provided on the official website of the Department of State Taxes & Excise, Himachal Pradesh (**www.hptax.gov.in**) and e-governance portal for excise function (**https://egovef.hptax.gov.in/**). The e-Auction portal can also be directly accessed using link: **https://eauction.gov.in/ngauction**.
2. The e-Auction of the Retail Liquor Units shall be governed by the provisions of the H.P. Excise Policy for the financial year 2026-27 and such terms & conditions as have been notified by the Commissioner of State Taxes & Excise, Himachal Pradesh.
3. The detailed terms & conditions of e-Auction of the Retail Liquor Units are available in the H.P. Excise Policy for the financial year 2026-27 and the official website of the Department of State Taxes & Excise, Himachal Pradesh (**www.hptax.gov.in**). All intending bidders are advised to go through the same thoroughly before submitting the bids.
4. All details regarding the Retail Liquor (Excise) Unit/Vends and other connected details are available in the H.P. Excise Policy for the financial year 2026-27. The H.P. Excise Policy for the financial year 2026-27 is available on the official website of the Department of State Taxes & Excise, Himachal Pradesh (**www.hptax.gov.in**).
5. The e-Auction process will be subject to approval by the Commissioner of State Taxes & Excise, Himachal Pradesh, who reserves the right to reject the same without assigning any reason.
6. The dates & time are liable to be changed by the Commissioner of State Taxes & Excise, Himachal Pradesh, without assigning any reasons.
7. Applicants may deposit the required amount in advance into their top-up account using the "Auction Top-Up Payment" option available on the eAuction portal. At the time of submitting the application, he/she may utilize the deposited topup balance for making the necessary payments.
8. Applicants are advised to regularly visit **www.hptax.gov.in** for updates, notices, Excise Policy 2026-27, Standard Operation Procedure (SOP) and further instructions.

By Order
Commissioner of State Taxes & Excise
Himachal Pradesh

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E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE/MOVABLES PROPERTIES
"APPENDIX- IV-A [See proviso to Rule 6 (2) & 8 (6)]

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 provison to **Rule 6(2) & 8(6)** of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 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 immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, possession of which has been taken by **The Authorized Officer of Bank of Baroda, Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis** for recovery of dues in below mentioned account/s. **The details of Borrower/s / Mortgagor/s/ Guarantor/s /Secured Asset/s/ Dues/ Reserve Price/ e-Auction date &Time, EMD and Bid Increase Amount are mentioned below–**

LAST DATE OF SUBMISSION OF EMD 26.03.2026 BY 5:00 P.M.	DATE AND TIME OF COMMENCEMENT OF E-AUCTION 27.03.2026 FROM 02:00 P.M. TO 06:00 P.M.	MODE OF PAYMENT OF EMD RTGS/ NEFT

Sr. No.	Name & Address of The Borrower(s), Guarantor(s) & Mortgagor(s)	Detailed Description of the Immovable Property with Unknown Encumbrances, If Any	Total Dues Excluding Interest & other Charges thereon / Status Possession under SARFAESI	Reserve Price / EMD / Bid Increment Amount	Property inspection Date & Time	Branch Manager & Authorised Officer
01.	**RO-SARB, LUDHIANA** **M/s. Jerath Path Labs**, prop. Mr. Prashant Jerath, **Address: a.** 3rd Floor, Elite Arcade Mall, Mall Road, Ludhiana-141001, **b.** 14, Link Road, Model Town, Jalandhar-144001, **2. Mr. Prashant Jerath, Address: a)** 14, Link Road, Model Town, Jalandhar-144001, **b)** H No 299/300 Eldeco Greens Jalandhar City, Jalandhar	Equitable Mortgage of Commercial property having shop no 504-505-506 bearing MC No. B-XIX-112/6,(Old no.) MC no. B-XIX-112/3/2 (New No.) having total area measuring 6000 sqft –super area, 4500 sqft carpet area situated at third floor of Elite's Arcade on Mall Road, Mauja taraf Gehlewal, tehsil and distt Ludhiana vide registered sale deed bearing wasika no - 2023/2024/106/1/8125 dt 06/07/2023 in name of Prashant Jerath which is **bounded as under: South:** commercial complex, **North:** Connect Broadband office, **East:** Mall Road, **West:** House of neighbour **Up:** Vacant Shops **Down:** Locked Shops.	**Rs. 3,40,64,579.69** / **PHYSICAL**	**Rs. 3,83,00,000/-** / **Rs. 38,30,000/-** / **Rs. 50,000/-**	**17-03-2026 before prior appointment**	**Mr. Ajay V Nandurkar 91155 - 21745**
02.	**RO-SARB, LUDHIANA** **M/S SARWAN KNITWEARS PROP. MR. PARLAD Address 1:** 642, St, No. 6 New Vasant Vihar , Kakowal Road Ludhiana 141008. **Address 2:** Building No. 19-A Street No. 2, Tibba road, Near Prachin Gowshala Gopal Nagar Ludhiana 141007. **2. PARLAD Address: a)** Building No. 19-A Street No. 2, Tibba road, Near Prachin Gowshala Gopal Nagar Ludhiana 141007. **b)** 642, St, No. 6 New Vasant Vihar , Kakowal Road Ludhiana 141008. **3. Mr. Satish Kumar** (Guarantor) S/o Kundal Lal Address : Ho. No. 2638, Sector 32-A Ludhiana	All that part and parcel of the property measuring 70 sq. Yards comprised in Khasra No. 25//21, Khata No. 112/117 as per jamabandi for the year 2005-06 situaated within revenue estate of Kakowal Hadbast No. 80, Tahsil and district Ludhiana as per Sale Deed Bearing Wasika No. 24798 Dated 06.02.1997 standing in the name of Mr. Parlad S/o Sh. Kundan Lal.	**Rs.69,99,261.58** / **PHYSICAL**	**Rs. 22,50,000/-** / **Rs. 2,25,000/-** / **Rs. 10,000/-**	**17-03-2026 before prior appointment**	**Mr. Ajay V Nandurkar 91155 - 21745**

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DATE : 07.03.2026 **PLACE : LUDHIANA** **AUTHORIZED OFFICER (BANK OF BARODA)**

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