Cabinet clears Public Gambling Prevention Bill, amends key laws

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Dehradun: State cabinet on Friday approved the Uttarakhand Public Gambling Prevention Bill, 2026, replacing the pre-Independence Public Gambling Act, 1867, in compliance with directions issued by the Union ministry of home affairs.

The proposed law aims to prevent and penalise public gambling, the running of common gambling houses, and betting on games in the state. It also contains provisions related to matters incidental to such offences.

The cabinet also approved the Uttarakhand Minority Commission (Amendment) Bill, 2026, which seeks to strengthen the Minority Commission constituted in 2002 to safeguard the constitutional rights and interests of minority communities in the state.

With amendments from time to time, the commission works to protect the interests of minority Muslim, Jain, Christian, Buddhist, Parsi, and Sikh communities and to promote their social and economic development. The amendment aims to ensure their adequate representation and provide the commission with a full-term tenure, while expanding its jurisdiction and functions in response to long-standing demands from minority groups.

The cabinet also approved the promulgation of provisions of the Personnel Department's govt order dated May 22, 2020, as an Act.

The cabinet cleared the Uttarakhand Private University (Amendment) Bill, 2026, to amend the Uttarakhand Private University Act, 2023. As part of the state govt's plan to develop Uttarakhand as an education hub and encourage private sector participation in higher education, the cabinet approved the establishment of Mount Valley University in Nainital district and Tulaj University and Shivalik University in Dehradun district.

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E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE of Properties: 25-03-2026
Ghaziabad Zone B-32, Sector 62, Noida-201307
Phone: 0120-2404135

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF MOVABLE / IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

APPENDIX- IV-A Under the provisions of Rule 9(5)

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization 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 given to the Public in general and in particular to the borrower (s) and Guarantors (s) that the below described immovable properties mortgaged /charged to Bank of India, the constructive/Physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Bank of India, will be sold on "As is where is "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" basis on **25.03.2026 (Time 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM)**.
The Last date for submission of EMD/Documents online is 25.03.2026 (Upto 4:00PM). The intended buyer shall get their names registered in the portal **https://www.baanknet.com/auction-psb/bidder-registration** and submit EMD online to the Global EMD Wallet.

Short description of the properties to be sold are given below: Amount to be recovered (secured debt) and particulars of possession are also mentioned in the table below.

Sr. No.	Name of the Branch & Name of Account / Borrower	DESCRIPTION & OWNER OF PROPERTY	Outstanding Amount (Secured debt) Date and Type of Possession	Reserve Price / EMD / Bid Increase Amount	Date and time of e-auction	Name and Mobile No. of Authorized officer / BM to whom bidder may contact
1	Bank of India – Saharanpur Delhi Road Branch Account – i Mr. Mahabir Singh S/O Khushhal Singh, ii) Mr. Ranbir Singh S/O Khushhal Singh	All the Part and parcel of freehold Residential property situated at part of pvt. Plot no. 35 & 36 , Khasra no.82 min, Private Flat no.F-3,Mukta Gawadiya, Dar abadi, West Pant Vihar Colony, Saharanpur, Pargana, Tehsil& Distt- Saharanpur U.P- 247661 admeasuring 70sq. yards i.e., 58.52sq.mtr in the name of Mr. Mahabir Singh S/O Khushhal Singh. Boundary –As per Deed - North : House of Parbhsh Kumar , South : Flat No.F-2, East: House of Ranveer Singh, West- Road 14ft wide	Rs. 7,88,227.49 + Intt. W.e.f. date of interest ceased (Less amount if any deposited thereafter) Symbolic Possession	₹ 18.50 Lakh / ₹ 1.85 Lakh / ₹ 0.19 Lakh	25.03.2026 10 a.m to 1 p.m	Sachin Kumar
2	Bank of India –Saharanpur Branch, Account - Mr. Avesh S/O Dayanand	All the Part and Parcel of the property Situated at-Eastern part of plot no.9, Khasra no.292 & 294/2N,Vill- Pinjoro Barbaon, Dar Abadi Shivpuram Extention, Near Shivpuram Colony, Tehsil & District- Saharanpur UP-247661 admeasuring 48.75sq.yards or 40.75sq.mtr in the name of Mr. Avesh S/O Dayanand. Boundary - North- Road 20ft wide, South- Land of Others, East- Plot no.10, West- West part of plot no.9 of Smt. Heeman Katariya	Rs. 18,19,485.07 + Intt. W.e.f. date of interest ceased (Less amount if any deposited thereafter) Symbolic Possession	₹ 18.45 Lakh / ₹ 1.85 Lakh / ₹ 0.19 Lakh	25.03.2026 10 a.m to 5 p.m	Sachin Kumar
3	Bank of India –Muzaffarnagar Branch, Account – i) Mohd Rizwan S/O Mohd Umar, ii) Mrs. Sitara Begum W/O Mohd Rizwan, iii) Mohd Nasir Ansari S/O Jamil Ahmad Ansari	All the Part and Parcel of the Residential property Situated at -Municipal no.378, Mimiana Road, Mohalla-Ramlila Tilla,Muzaffarnagar, Distt- Muzaffarnagar,U.P.-251001 admeasuring 113.21 Sqr. Mtr. in the name of Mohd Rizwan S/O Mohd Umar & Sitara Begum W/O Mohd Rizwan. Boundary - North- Gallery then rasta 24'wide & property of Naseem etc., South- House of Badam Singh, East- Property of Naseem, West- Property of Rishipal Singh	Rs.17,71,813.70+ Intt. W.e.f. date of interest ceased (Less amount if any deposited thereafter) Symbolic Possession	₹ 36.19 Lakh / ₹ 3.62 Lakh / ₹ 0.37 Lakh	25.03.2026 10 a.m to 1 p.m	Sharad Tyagi
4	Bank of India – Saharanpur Delhi Road Branch Account – i) Mr. Lakshay Narang S/O Raj Kumar Narang ii.) Mr.Sanjeev Khurana S/O Harish Khurana	All part and parcel of the Residential property situated at Southern part of plot no. 46, Khasra no. 153N, Maha Gram Gwalina Nand Vatika Colony, Saharanpur, UP-247661 admeasuring 65.49sq.mtr in the name of Lakshay Narang S/O Raj Kumar Narang. Boundary - North-Part of Plot no-46, South-Property of others, East-Rasta 20ft road, West-Plot no.51	Rs.10,81,623.41+ Intt. W.e.f. date of interest ceased (Less amount if any deposited thereafter) Symbolic Possession	₹ 19.00 Lakh / ₹ 1.90 Lakh / ₹ 0.19 Lakh	25.03.2026 10 a.m to 1 p.m	Sachin Kumar

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. Auction sale /bidding would be only through "Online Bidding process" through the website **https://www.baanknet.com/auction-psb/bidder-registration**
2. Date and time of E-auction is **25.03.2026** (10.00 AM to 05.00 PM with Auto Extensions of 10 minutes each). The last date for submission of EMD is **25.03.2026 (Upto 4:00PM).**
3. Auction would commence on the Reserve Price plus fixed incremental value as mentioned in bank's website. Bidders shall improve their offers in multiples/incremental value mentioned in the above table for all the properties simultaneously. The properties shall not be sold below the Reserve Price plus first incremental value.
4. The intending bidders shall get their names registered on the portal **https://www.baanknet.com/auction-psb/bidder-registration** and submit EMD online to the Global EMD Wallet and thereupon they would be allowed to participate in the online auction through the said portal. Buyers shall submit their KYC documents, phone number and email id to the website.
5. The property shall be sold with all existing or future encumbrances (if any). The authorized Officer shall not be responsible for any third party rights/claims or dues on the properties.
6. To the best of knowledge and information of the Authorized Officer, there is no encumbrance on the property. The intending bidders should make their own independent inquiries regarding encumbrances/ title of properties, statutory liability /tax liability /arrears of property tax etc. The Properties can be viewed by login to the website **https://baanknet.com**. For Physical Inspection of the property Authorized Officer can be contacted during working hours.
7. The successful bidder / purchaser would bear all taxes including TDS @ 1% of sale price payable on purchase of property (if sale price is Rs.50 lakhs/- &above) and the taxes payable to service provider for conducting online sale. Also the fees payable for execution of sale certificate such as stamp duty, registration fee, etc. shall be borne by the successful bidder.
8. Unsuccessful bidder shall take up with **BAANKNET** on their own for refund of EMD. Authorized officers shall not be responsible for refund of EMD.
9. The authorised Officers/Bank is entitled to accept the highest bid or reject any bid and has the absolute right to accept or reject any or all offer(s) or adjourn /postpone /cancel the e-auction or withdraw any property or portion thereof from the auction proceedings at any stage without assigning any reason there of.
10. The Sale certificate will be issued in the name of purchasers /applicants only and will not be issued in any other names.
11. The Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) of the successful bidder shall be retained towards part sale consideration. The Earnest money Deposit shall not bear any interest. The Successful bidders shall have to deposit 25% of the sale price including EMD already paid, immediately /within the end of next working days on acceptance of Bid price by the authorized officer & the balance of the sale price on or before 15Th day of sale. The auction sale is subject to confirmation by the Bank. Default in deposit of amount by the successful bidders would entail forfeiture of the whole money, already deposited and property shall be put to re-auction and the defaulting bidders shall have no claim/right in respect of property /amount.

The intended bidders who wants to get registered with the website and to submit the EMD and require assistance in creating Login ID & Password, uploading data, submitting bid, training on e-bidding process etc., may contact the customer care at 8291220220 or support baanknet@antaresinc.com and for any property related query may contact Authorized Officers of their respective phone numbers Office Ghaziabad Zonal Office in 0120-2404135. Sale will be done by the Authorized Officers through e-auction platform provided in the website **https://www.baanknet.com/auction-psb/bidder-registration**

Note: All interested bidders may inspect the property and its related documents/visit the site after contacting the AO/Branch from 19.03.2026 to 20.03.2026 during working hours only and no request for site visit shall be entertained thereafter or prior to the date mentioned.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in **https://www.bankofindia.co.in**

Date: 06.03.2026, Place, Ghaziabad — **Authorised Officer, Bank of India**

Doon court grants bail to 4 in Chhangur conversion case

Accused Were In Judicial Custody Since Oct 2025

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Dehradun: The district court here has granted bail to the main accused, S B Krishna alias Ayesha Mahenur, a resident of Goa, and three others in the controversial conversion case linked to the Chhangur gang, citing the police chargesheet which stated that no direct or specific role of the four accused was revealed.

District and sessions judge Prem Singh Khimal granted bail to Ayesha, along with Abdul Rehman Anwar Shaikh, his son Abdullah Shaikh and Abdul Rahim (alias Mahendra Pal Singh). Shaikh and his son are residents of Mumbai, while Rahim is from Delhi. All 4 remained in judicial custody since Oct 28, 2025. Ayesha is currently lodged in a jail in Agra.

The case relates to alleged activities of the Chhangur gang, which came under the scanner of UP Police in 2025 over accusations of organised conversions. Investigators alleged that the network, led by Jalaluddin, also known as Chhangur Baba, was involved in facilitating conversions through inducements and financial assistance.

Jalaluddin was arrested in July 2025, along with his associate Neetu (alias Nasreen), from a hotel in Lucknow. Several people from different states were arrested during the probe, including those accused of arranging logistics, financial transactions and documentation linked to the conversions.

During the hearing on Thursday, the prosecution told the court that this was not a simple conversion but a criminal syndicate and that the main accused conspired with the co-accused.

The prosecution told the court that the accused lured the sister of one of the complainants with a large sum of money and a better job, after which she was brainwashed and forced to convert. A case was registered in this regard last year at Premnagar police station in Dehradun under the Uttarakhand Freedom of Religion Act and criminal conspiracy.

The court noted that the chargesheet did not indicate any direct or specific role of the accused. It also acknowledged that another co-accused in the same case, Roopendra Singh, now Abdur Rehman after conversion, was granted bail (on Jan 31, 2026) and that, according to law, other accused facing similar charges should also be granted bail on the same basis.

The court ordered the release of the accused upon furnishing a personal bond of Rs 30,000 each and two sureties of the same amount.

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- **July 5, 2025** | UP Anti-Terrorism Squad (ATS) arrests 70-year-old Jalaluddin alias Chhangur Baba, along with associate Neetu alias Nasreen, in Lucknow
- **July 19, 2025** | UP Police arrests 10 individuals across six states (Rajasthan, UP, West Bengal, Goa, Uttarakhand and Delhi) after a missing complaint involving two sisters in Agra
- **July 26, 2025** | FIR under section 3/5 of Uttarakhand Freedom of Religion Act and 61(2) of BNS lodged against accused
- **Oct 28, 2025** | Uttarakhand Police arrests accused – Total arrests in this case reaches 14, including three men from Delhi
- **Jan 31, 2026** | Co-accused Roopendra Singh, (Abdur Rehman after conversion), gets bail

HC allows univ recruitment, reserves 8 posts pending regularisation review

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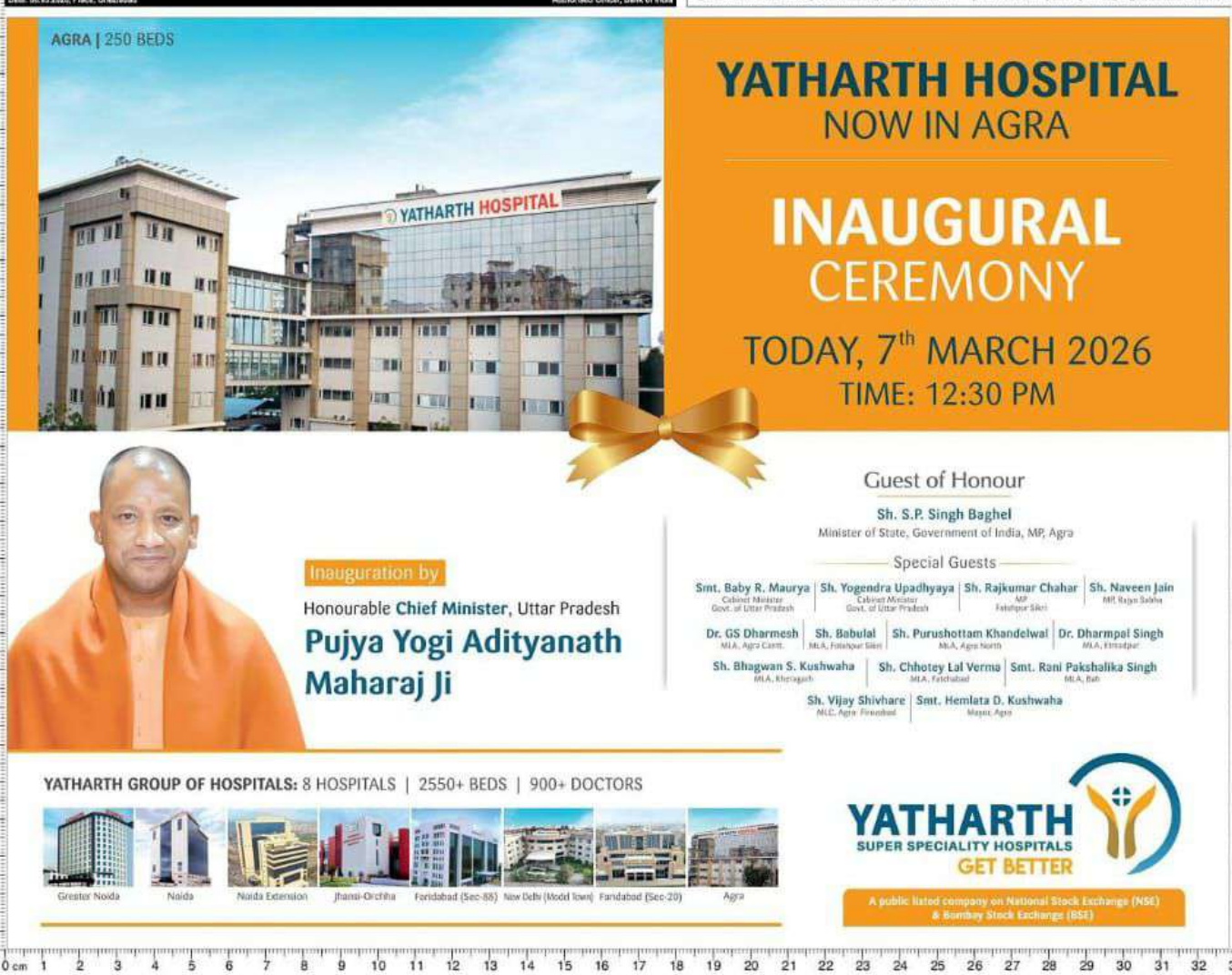
Dehradun: A division bench of Uttarakhand high court, comprising Chief Justice Manoj Kumar Gupta and Justice Subhash Upadhyay, on Friday disposed of a petition filed by Sakshi Tewari and other assistant professors of Soban Singh Jeena University (SSJU), striking a balance between the varsity's ongoing recruitment needs and the petitioners' pending claims for regularisation.

The petition arose following a university advertisement dated Feb 10, 2026, to fill multiple assistant professor positions across disciplines, including commerce, sociology, physics, psychology and geography. The petitioners contended that this recruitment could undermine their claimed entitlement to regularisation.

The court allowed SSJU to proceed with recruitment but directed that eight advertised posts remain unfilled until the committee constituted under the university's Dec 31, 2025, order reviews the petitioners' regularisation cases. The petitioners highlighted that their initial appointments were contractual with Kumaon University (KU) and that they had cleared the relevant recruitment processes before engagement.

After SSJU was formed, these Kumaon University employees were moved here. They claimed continuous service without interruption and noted that several senior contractual employees had been regularised by KU's executive council in 2018 under the Daily Wage, Work-Charge, Contract, Fixed-Pay, Part-Time and Adhoc Employees Regularisation Rules, 2013.

During the proceedings, a 2024 HC decision was cited, which modified the 2013 Rules to allow only those completing 10 years of service after Dec 2013 to be considered for regularisation, effectively limiting the earlier five-year provision to cases before that date.

While KU's counsel said the university had long adopted the regularisation rules, SSJU's counsel, CS Rawat, clarified that SSJU had not formally adopted them. On Feb 27, the bench observed that filling all advertised posts could complicate pending regularisation claims.