

QS WORLD UNIVERSITY RANKINGS BY SUBJECT 2026

CU enters global top 300 in three subjects

Ranked in 11 disciplines

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THE CHANDIGARH University has delivered an impressive performance in the QS World University Rankings by Subject 2026, securing positions in 11 subjects more than double its tally of five subjects in 2025. The achievement highlights the university's rapidly growing global academic stature. The university has broken into the world's top 300 in three key disciplines: Computer Science & Information Systems, Electrical & Electronics Engineering, and Mechanical, Aeronautical & Manufacturing Engineering. Additionally, it now ranks among the top 400 globally in six subjects, a significant jump from just two subjects last year. Expressing satisfaction, Vice-Chancellor Dr Raviraja N

Seetharam said, "It's truly gratifying to see that Chandigarh University secured top rankings in 11 subjects in the QS World University Rankings by Subjects-2026, which is more than double compared to five subjects in 2025."

He added, "The 11 subjects include Computer Science and Information Systems, Chemical Engineering, Electrical and Electronics Engineering, Mechanical, Aeronautical & Manufacturing Engineering, Biological Sciences, Chemistry, Environmental Sciences, Mathematics, Physics, Business and Management Studies, and Economics. Chandigarh University has always been committed to nurturing young talent through academic excellence, quality placements, industry-centric research, and a flexible learning environment."

Senior managing director Deepinder Singh Sandhu termed the achievement a matter of pride, stating, "Within just 14 years of its inception, Chandigarh University continues its upward march in glo

bal rankings by debuting in six new subjects and improving performance in five key disciplines. This underscores our commitment to excellence in higher education."

The university recorded notable improvements across disciplines. In Computer Science, it moved up from the 301–350 bracket to 250–300.

Electrical & Electronics Engineering saw a major leap from 401–450 to 251–300, while Business & Management climbed over 100 ranks to 301–350. Chemistry witnessed a sharp rise from 551–600 to 351–400.

In a significant milestone, the Chandigarh University made its debut in six subjects: Chemical Engineering, Biological Sciences, Environmental Sciences, Mathematics, Physics, and Economics, strengthening its academic footprint globally.

India has recorded its best-ever performance in the QS subject rankings, with the number of ranked institutions rising from 79 in 2025 to 99 in 2026, making it the fourth most represented country worldwide.

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RAISING CONCERNS over the felling of many trees for the proposed construction of a six-lane Zirakpur Bypass, 21 residents from the Tricity have sought the intervention of the Punjab and Haryana High Court. The 19-km project will commence from NH-7 (Chandigarh-Rajpura-Patiala) and terminate at NH-5 (Zirakpur-Parwanoo Road), forming part of the proposed Tri-City Ring Road.

The residents, represented by senior advocate Anand Chhibar, said in their PIL that "the Rs 1878 crore project will result in the felling of more than 5,000 mature trees including over 2,000 trees from noti

Over 5,000 mature trees at risk from Rs 1,878-cr Zirakpur project: petitioners

fied forest land in Punjab, more than 2,200 trees from the Panchkula Golf Course, and approximately 1,000 trees from Sector-1A, Panchkula and other green belts". These trees are predominantly 20-30 years old and constitute established ecological assets performing vital ecosystem services."

According to the petitioners, the Panchkula Golf Course, developed by Haryana Shehri Vikas Pradhikaran over approximately 124 acres since 1988, houses nearly 14,000 mature trees and functions as one of the principal urban green lungs of Panchkula. They argued that compensatory afforestation pro

posed in Firozepur, Punjab, situated over 240 kilometres away, cannot restore the ecological functionality of mature, region-specific forest and riverine ecosystems in the Tricity urban belt. Mature trees, they said, cannot be substituted by saplings which take decades to attain ecological equivalence and often suffer high mortality.

The petitioners highlighted that as per the India State of Forest Report 2023, Punjab possesses only 3.67% forest and tree cover and Haryana merely 3.65%, both drastically below the national average of 21.71% and far below the 33% benchmark envisaged under the Na

tional Forest Policy, 1988. In such a scenario, diversion of additional forest land constitutes ecological regression of alarming magnitude.

They pointed out that the tendering process has already advanced and financial bids are imminent. "The tender has already been issued by the NHAI and the closing date of the said tender was 20.03.2026. If tree felling commences, the ecological damage will be permanent and irreversible. No subsequent judicial relief or monetary compensation can restore decades-old forest ecosystems," said the petitioners.

Seeking intervention, the

petitioners urged the HC to quash or reconsider forest clearances, restrain further tendering and construction activity, direct reconsideration of alternative alignments, and ensure that developmental objectives are pursued strictly in conformity with constitutional mandates, statutory safeguards, and binding environmental jurisprudence.

Counsel Anand Chhibar confirmed that the HC on Wednesday issued notices to the Haryana government, the central government, the union Ministry of Environment and Forest, and HSNP, seeking their response. The matter will now be taken up on April 1.

TRAFFIC ADVISORY

AIR SHOW AT SUKHNA LAKE ON 27/28.03.2026

CTU PICK & DROP

TRAFFIC RESTRICTIONS

Keeping in view of the Air Show to be held at Sukhna Lake on 27th and 28th March, 2026, vehicular movement shall remain restricted between 08:00 AM to 01:00 PM on the following road stretches:

- From Old Barricade Chowk (Sector 1/3/4 Chowk) on Uttar Marg to Hira Singh Chowk (Sector 5/6-7/8 Chowk) on Sarovar Path.
- From New Barricade Chowk (Sector 3/4/9/10) on Vigyan Path towards Hira Singh Chowk (Sector 5/6/7/8).
- From St. Kabir Light Point towards Chandigarh Golf Club upto Hira Singh Chowk (Sector 5/6-7/8 Chowk) on Sarovar Path.
- Spectators shall only be allowed to reach Sukhna Lake after arriving at the designated pick-up points and using the shuttle bus service.
- Further, Pedestrian movement shall also remain restricted between 08:00 AM to 01:00 PM from Old Barricade Chowk (Sector 1/3/4 Chowk) on Uttar Marg to Hira Singh Chowk (5/6-7/8 Chowk) on Sarovar Path.
- All kinds of entertainment activities for general public at Sukhna Lake shall also remain closed on the above mentioned dates.
- Further, traffic movement may be restricted/diverted at certain roads stretches in view of this Air Show on 27th & 28th March, 2026 respectively. The movement of any person requiring medical attention, emergency vehicles and hearse van will be facilitated.

PICKUP POINTS

1	Railway Colony Ground, Manimajra
2	Dussehra Ground, Opp. Housing Board Manimajra
3	Parade Ground and Open Ground adjacent to Hotel Shivakli View Sector 17
4	Rally Ground Sector-25, Chandigarh
5	Mela Ground (Opp. Sham Mall), Sector-34
6	Parking Area In-front of Uppie Society Opposite Kala Gram, Manimajra
7	Parking Near Laiti Hotel & GT Mail IT Park

PU shows year-on-year progress

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THE PANJAB University has recorded a positive year-on-year performance in the QS World University Rankings by Subject 2026, with Hospitality and Leisure Management placed in the 151–175 band and improvement in Physics and Astronomy, while maintaining six ranked subjects globally.

Physics and Astronomy improved to the 451–500 band in 2026 from 501–550 in 2025. Hospitality and Leisure Management is placed in the 151–175 band in 2026. Pharmacy and Pharmacology continues in the 201–250 range, while Biological Sciences remains stable in the 651–700 band. Chemistry is placed in the 601–700 bracket. Director, IQAC, Prof Sonal

Singhal said the year-on-year trend reflects improvement in select disciplines along with stability in others, supported by consistent research performance indicators.

The university continues to maintain representation across six subjects in the global rankings, reflecting sustained academic engagement and research output, she added. Vice-Chancellor Prof Renu

Vig said, "The year-on-year trend reflects steady progress in strengthening our research base and academic visibility.

Panjab University has also moved from the 1001–1200 band in the QS World University Rankings 2025 to the 901–950 bracket in 2026, reflecting improvement in overall global standing."

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AIR SHOW

SUKHNA LAKE, CHANDIGARH

MARCH 27 & 28, 2026 | 10.30 am onwards

INSTRUCTIONS

- To ensure Air Display safety and security measures, bags, briefcases, hand bags, eatables, or any other packets are not permitted. There is no provision for safekeeping of any item.
- Only transparent water bottles will be permitted and visitors are requested not to carry any eatables as food items may attract birds and potentially interfere with the Air Show.
- The general public is advised not to bring children below the age of six years to the venue.
- CTU buses will be deployed for transporting the public to Sukhna Lake and the entry to the Air Show will be strictly through tickets purchased through the Tourism App.
- Public is advised to use the designated bus stops as mentioned on their tickets for a hassle-free experience.

The entry pass can be obtained by downloading Chandigarh Tourism App and booking ticket through it

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PUBLIC NOTICE FOR E-AUCTION FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY/IES

LAST DATE & TIME OF SUBMISSION OF EMD & DOCUMENTS (ONLINE) ON/BEFORE 27.04.2026 UPTO 05:00 PM

E-AUCTION NOTICE OF SECURED PROPERTY ON 28.04.2026 FROM 12.00 NOON TO 02.00 PM

Sale of immovable assets charged to the Bank under the Securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002. Whereas, the Authorized Officer of Punjab & Sind Bank has taken possession of the following property pursuant to the notice issued under section 13(2) on dates mentioned against each account, read along with the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 in the following loan account with right to sell the same on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" "AND "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS", "WHAT EVER THERE IS BASIS" for realization of Bank's dues and interest as detailed hereunder and whereas consequent upon failure to repay the dues, the undersigned in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) of said Act propose to realize the Bank's dues by the sale of the said properties. The sale will be done by the undersigned through E-Auction platform provided at the web portal website <https://baanknet.com>

Name of Branch / Borrower/ Guarantor	Description of Property	Demand Notice Date & Outstanding Amount Mentioned therein	Reserve Price	Name & Contact Details of Authorized Office	QR Code for Property Image	QR Code for Site/ Location	QR Code for Service Provider
B/o: SECTOR 5, PANCHKULA	Equitable mortgage of property owned by 1. Sh. Vijay Singh S/o Sh. Jai Dev Singh Business address- SCF 242, Motor Market, Manimajra, Chandigarh-160101 (Borrower). 2. Sh. Vijay Singh S/o Sh. Jai Dev Singh Business address- SCF 242, Motor Market, Manimajra, Chandigarh-160101 (Through its Director). 3. Sh. Vijay Singh S/o Sh. Jai Dev Singh r/o House No. 779, First Floor, Sector 26, Panchkula, Haryana-134113 (Through its Guarantor). 4. Smt. Reena Singh W/o Sh. Vijay Singh House No. 779, First Floor, Sector 26, Panchkula, Haryana-134113 (Through its Director). 5. Smt. Reena Singh W/o Sh. Vijay Singh House No. 779, First Floor, Sector 26, Panchkula, Haryana-134113 (Through its Guarantor). 6. Sh. Jai Dev Singh S/o Sh. Baru Singh, R/o House No. 779, First Floor, Sector 26, Panchkula, Haryana-134113. (Through its Guarantor)	Demand Notice 01.12.2025 Rs. 1,03,47,339.18 as on 29.11.2025 plus interest and other expenses thereon w.e.f. 29.11.2025.	Rs. 2,88,75,000/- Bid Increase Amount Rs. 28,87,500/- Rs. 3,00,00,000/-	Mr. Sundeeep Chaudhary Mobile No. 9988898980			
B/o: ASSANDH DISTT. KARNAL	Equitable mortgage of one residential house measuring 100 Sq. Yard situated at Ward 10, Assandh, Tehsil Assandh, District Karnal, Haryana Being 3/1120 w.e.f. 01.06.2018.	Demand Notice 01.06.2018 Rs. 6,34,670 as on 31.05.2018 with further interest, cost etc. thereon w.e.f. 01.06.2018.	Rs. 5,10,000/- Rs. 51,000/- Rs. 10,000/-	Sh. Kanwalpreet Singh Mobile No. 9779933313			
Borrowers:- M/s Jai Jawala Auto Centre through its Prop. Sh. Tarsem Chand and Guarantors 1. Sh. Rajbir Singh Prop.) and Guarantor Smt. Reena W/o Rajbir Singh and Sanjay Kumar S/o Desa Singh	Sale Deed No. 1336/1 dated 16.07.2007 registered in the office of sub registrar Assandh, District-Karnal in the name of Sh. Gurnam Bansal s/o Khazanchi Lal, R/o Ward 10, Assandh, Tehsil Assandh, District Karnal. Bounded:- On the North by: 208' Gali, On the south by: 14/10' House of Wazir Chand, On the East by: 51 House of Mohan Ram, On the West by: 43'5" Property of Narain. (TYPE OF POSSESSION: SYMBOLIC)						
B/o: ASSANDH DISTT. KARNAL	One plot of shop having area 22.22 sq. yards situated at Deragama Road Village 31.01.2019 with further interest, cost etc. thereon w.e.f. 31.01.2019.	Demand Notice 05.02.2019 Rs. 5,95,442.82 as on 31.01.2019 with further interest, cost etc. thereon w.e.f. 31.01.2019.	Rs. 4,80,000/- Rs. 48,000/- Rs. 10,000/-	Sh. Kanwalpreet Singh Mobile No. 9779933313			
Borrowers:- M/s Shiv Ayurvedic Store (Sh. Rajbir Singh Prop.) and Guarantor Smt. Reena W/o Rajbir Singh and Sanjay Kumar S/o Desa Singh	share of 14k-0m, comprised in Khewat No. 3248, Khatoni No. 4599, Rect No. 195 Killa No. 6/2(3-0) 15/2(7-15) 16/1(1/3+5) Kitkas 3 as per jammabandi for the year 2007-08 read with Mutation No. 19741 regd sale deed no 851/1 dated 01.05.2013 and now new Khewat No. 3243 Khatoni No. 4472 as per jammabandi for the year 2012-13 which is bounded as under: On the North by: 20' property of khuswant Singh, On the south by: 20' shop of Amrit Sari wala, On the East by: 10' Dera Gama Road, On the West Dy: 10 Gali Sae Aam. (TYPE OF POSSESSION: SYMBOLIC)						
BRANCH: RATIA DISTT. FATEHABAD	Immovable property i.e. Vacant plot measuring 0/12 Marla i.e. is applied upto 31.08.2022 and 108/1440 share of 08 kanal Employees Colony, Near Badi Nahar, Ward No. 15, Khewat No. 1500 min, Khatoni No. 1927 bearing Khasra No. 248/4(8-0), situated at Arora Colony, Ward No. 13, Ratia Distt. Fatehabad-125051 vide Transfer deed No. 2358 dated 26.09.2017. (TYPE OF POSSESSION: SYMBOLIC)	Demand Notice 20.09.2022 Rs. 4,75,790.86 with interest applied upto 31.08.2022 and interest/other charges accrued thereon	Rs. 19,55,000/- Rs. 1,95,500/- Rs. 20,000/-	Sh. Sarabjit Singh Mobile No. 9803978028			
1. Sh. Gursharan Singh S/o Sh. Tajinder Singh R/o House No. 4, Employees Colony, Near Badi Nahar, Ward No. 15,							

OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS:- a) The property is being sold with all the existing and further encumbrances whether known or unknown to the bank. The Authorized officer/ Secured Creditor shall not be responsible in any way for any third party claims/rights/dues. The purchaser should conduct due diligence on all aspects related to the property to his satisfaction. The bidder are advised to satisfy themselves with the title and correctness of others details pertaining to the secured assets including the size/area of the immovable secured asset in question and also ascertain any other dues/liabilities/encumbrances from the concerned authorities to their satisfaction before submitting the bid. The purchaser shall not be entitled to make any claim against the authorized officer/Secured Creditors in this regard at a later date. b) In the event of any default in payment of any of the amounts, or if the sale is not completed by reasons of default on the part of the purchaser/ bidder within the aforesaid time limit, the bank shall be entitled to forfeit all monies paid by the purchaser/bidder till then and put up the secured asset(s) for sale again, in its absolute discretion. c) Auction/bidding shall be only through "Online Electronic Bidding" through the website <https://baanknet.com> Bidders are advised to go through the website for detailed terms before taking part in the e-auction sale proceedings. d) The property can be inspected, on 22.04.2026 from 10.00 AM to 5.00 PM. e) The property will be sold for the price which is more than the Reserve Price and the participating bidders may improve their offer further during auction process. f) EMD amount of 10% of the Reserve Price is to be deposited in E-Wallet of (M/s PSB Alliance Pvt. Ltd.), (Contact No. 7046612345/ 6354910172/ 8291220220/ 9892219848/ 8160205051, Email: support.BAANKNET@psballiance.com/ support.ebkraj@procure247.com) (BAANKNET.COM) portal directly or by generating the Challan therein to deposit the EMD through RTGS/NEFT in the account details as mentioned in the said challan. i) After payment of the EMD amount, the intending bidders should submit a copy of the following documents/ details on or before 27.04.2026 by 05.00 PM, to Punjab & Sind Bank concerned branch mentioned above by hand or by email. ii) Photocopies of PAN Card, ID Proof and Address proof. However, successful bidder would have to produce these documents in original to the Bank at the time of making payment of balance amount of 25% of bid amount. iii) Bidders Name. Contact No. Address, E Mail Id. iv) Bidder's A/c details for online refund of EMD. g) EMD deposited by the unsuccessful bidder shall be refunded to them. The EMD shall not carry any interest. h) Auction would commence at Reserve Price, as mentioned above. Bidders shall improve their offers in multiples of amount as mentioned above. The bidder who submits the highest bid (above the Reserve price) on closure of "Online" auction shall be declared as successful bidder. Sale shall be confirmed in favour of the successful bidder, subject to confirmation of the same by the secured creditor. i) The successful bidder shall deposit 25% of the sale price (inclusive of EMD already paid), by next working day on declaring him/her as the successful bidder and the balance within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale by the secured creditor. If the successful bidder fails to pay the sale price, the deposit made by him shall be forfeited by the Authorized Officer without any notice and property shall forthwith be put up for sale again. j) For sale proceeds of Rs. 50.00 Lakhs (Rupees Fifty Lakhs) and above, the successful bidder will have to deduct TDS at the rate 1% on the Sale proceeds and submit the original receipt of TDS certificate to the Bank. k) All charges for conveyance, stamp duty/GST registration charges etc., as applicable shall be borne by the successful bidder only. l) Authorized Officer reserves the right to postpone/cancel or vary the terms and conditions of the e-auction without assigning any reason thereof. For detailed terms & conditions please refer to <https://baanknet.com> or <https://www.punjabandsindbank.com>

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