PUBLIC NOTICE

Subject: Transfer of ownership in respect of Plot/House No. 1571, Sec-13, U.E., Karnal consequent upon the death of owner Sh. Ram Saran Dass S/o Late Sh. Panju Ram. Sh. Ram Saran Dass S/o Late Sh. Panju Ram was the owner of the subject cited property as per allotment/re-allotment memo no. 353 dated 11-02-1974. Sh. Ram Saran Dass has expired on 04-12-2022. His mother Smt. Hukmi Bai has expired since long time and his wife Smt. Satya Wanti has expired on 03-11-2006. There are five legal heirs- 1. Smt. Janak Dulari (Daughter), 2. Smt. Indu Bala (Daughter), 3. Smt. Neelam Rani (Daughter), 4. SMt. Neetu Munjal (Daughter) & 5. Sh. Gaurav Kumar (Son) have applied in the HSVP Office, Karnal that the property of Late Sh. Ram Saran Dass should be transferred in the name of Sh. Gaurav Kumar S/o Late Sh. Ram Saran Dass R/o H. No. 1571, Sector-13, U.E., Karnal. Therefore, through this information, it is reported that if any person is having any objection against the transfer of this house, he/she can submit objections in writing to the Estate Officer, HSVP, Karnal, alongwith supporting documents within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice, otherwise the Estate Officer may accord permission for transfer of the said property as per HSVP policy and may not entertain subsequent claim, if any.

Legal Heirs, On behalf of Estate Officer

PUBLIC NOTICE

Subject: Transfer of ownership in respect of constructed Property/House No. 123, Sec-13, U.E., Karnal consequent upon the death of allottee Sh. Gyan Singh S/o Sh. Maya Singh. Sh. Gyan Singh S/o Sh. Maya Singh who was the allottee/reallottee of the subject cited property as per record vide Memo No. 957 dated 01-03-1974. Sh. Gyan Singh had expired on 18-08-2022. Sh. Gyan Singh has executed a Will in favour of Sh. Manjeet Singh S/o Late Sh. Gyan Singh which was registered in the office of Sub Registrar, Karnal vide Vasika No. 422/3 dated 09-08-2018. Sh. Manjeet Singh S/o Late Sh. Gyan Singh R/o H. No. 123, Sector-13, U.E., Karnal intends/intend to apply for the transfer of the said property in his favour on the basis of registered Will and request for re-allotment in the name (s) of Manjeet Singh. If any person is having any objection against the transfer of ibid plot/house, he/she can submit objections in writing to the Estate Officer, HSVP, Karnal, alongwith supporting documents within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice, otherwise the Estate Officer may accord permission transfer/re-allotment of the said property as per HSVP policy and may not entertain subsequent claim, if any.

Applicant, On behalf of Estate Officer

HC dismisses plea against helmet exemption for Sikhs

MUMBAI, JULY 1

The exemption granted to Sikh men wearing turbans from wearing helmets while riding two-wheelers is not on the basis of religion, but on "reasonable classification", the Bombay High Court has said, dismissing a petition challenging the provision.

Justices Urmila Joshi-Phalke and Nivedita Mehta of the Nagpur Bench on Monday dismissed the petition filed by Kirtesh Chaudhari (23).

The plea challenged a proviso to Section 129 of the Motor Vehicles Act, which grants this concession, claiming that it violated the right to equality. The HC said the plea was misconceived, noting that Article 14 of the Constitution (right to equality) prohibits class legislation, but not reasonable classification. — PTI

Congress retains Warring as state chief, Channi to head campaign

Bajwa to continue as LoP, Singla made head of poll coordination panel

SHEKHAR SINGH
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, JULY 1

The Congress on Wednesday retained Amrinder Singh Raja Warring as the state unit president while appointing former CM Charanjit Singh Channi as the head of its campaign committee for the Assembly poll next year. Senior party leader Partap Singh Bajwa will continue to serve as the Leader of the Opposition in the state Assembly.

Among the other leaders given crucial roles is former minister and AICC joint treasurer Vijay Inder Singla, who has been appointed the chief of the party's election management and coordination committee. Former Deputy CM Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa will chair the core committee and Fatehgarh Sahib MP Amar Singh will steer the manifesto panel.

The party has tried to strike a fine community balance by appointing three working presidents to assist Warring. They are Sukhwinder Singh Danny and Raj Kumar Verka, both prominent Scheduled Castes faces of the Congress, and Sangat Singh Gilzian, who hails from the Lubana OBC community.

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All-India Kisan Congress chairman Sukhpal Singh Khaira, former minister Rana Gurjeet Singh and Patiala MP Dharamvira Gandhi have been named co-chairpersons of the campaign committee.

Former Punjab ministers OP Soni, Razia Sultana, Kuljit Singh Nagra, Bharat Bhushan Ashu and former Nawanshahr MLA Angad Singh Saini will serve as co-chairpersons of the election management and coordination committee.

Amritsar MP Gurjeet Singh Aujla, former Punjab sports minister Pargat Singh, Hardial Singh Kamboj and Sukhbinder Singh Sarkaria have been appointed co-chairpersons of the manifesto committee.

The appointments come after weeks of intense consultations in Delhi and speculation over Warring's future.

During meetings with Ajay Maken, observer for the consultations, the Punjab unit was learnt to be divided between those favouring a change at the top and those backing the status quo.

Intense discussions

Rahul Gandhi personally held two rounds of one-on-one meetings with Punjab leaders in an attempt to assess competing claims and ensure factional rivalries did not spiral out of control.

Sources said the arrangement bore the imprint of a leadership determined not to let the 2021 history repeat itself. Few episodes in recent Congress history have haunted the party as much as the Punjab crisis that unfolded ahead of the 2022 Assembly poll.

Months of public infighting between Amarinder Singh and then state Congress chief Navjot Singh Sidhu paralysed the government and crippled governance, costing the Congress a chance to win in 2022 when the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) swept with 92 of 117 seats.

Form No. 3 [See Regulation-13(1)(a)]

DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL CHANDIGARH (DRT 2)
SCO 33-34-35, F. F, Sector 17-A, Chandigarh (additional space allotted on 3rd & 4th Floor also)

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. 30909 Case No. OA/2425/2025

HDFC Bank Vs Sunil Kumar S/o Sahib Ram & Ors.

1. Sunil Kumar Son of Sahib Ram R/o Panniwala Mota, Sirsa, Haryana 125077 (Primary Applicant)
2. Sita Devi Wife of Sahib Ram R/o Panniwala Mota, Sirsa, Haryana 125077 (Co Applicant)
3. Renu Bala R/o Panniwala Mota, Sirsa, Haryana 125077 (Co Applicant)

WHEREAS, OA/2425/2025 was listed before Hon'ble Presiding Officer/ Registrar on 14.05.2026.
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. 50,42,070.59** (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 or 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 realized 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 13/07/2026 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: 15.05.2026 **Sd/-**
Signature of the officer Authorised to Issue Summons.

Form No. 3 [See Regulation-13(1)(a)]

DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL CHANDIGARH (DRT 2)
SCO 33-34-35, F. F, Sector 17-A, Chandigarh (additional space allotted on 3rd & 4th Floor also)

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. 30996 Case No. OA/365/2026

HDFC Bank Ltd. Vs Naresh Kumar Redhu

1. Naresh Kumar Redhu S/o Sh. Bhim Singh R/o Village Shahpur (92), Tehsil and District Jind, Haryana 126125
2. Suresh Kumar Redhu S/o Sh. Bhim Singh R/o Village Shahpur (92) Tehsil and District Jind, Haryana 126125

Also at: Suresh Kumar Redhu S/o Sh. Bhim Singh R/o H.No. A-6, Vikas Nagar West Delhi, New Delhi (NCR Region) 110059

3. Manoj Kumar S/o Sh. Ram Phal R/o Village Shahpur (92) Tehsil and District Jind, Haryana 126125

WHEREAS, OA/365/2026 was listed before Hon'ble Presiding Officer/ Registrar on 18.05.2026.
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. 34,51,797/-** (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 or 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 realized 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 23/07/2026 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: 22.05.2026 **Sd/-**
Signature of the officer Authorised to Issue Summons.

DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II CHANDIGARH
SCO 33-34-35, F. F, Sector 17-A, Chandigarh

HDFC BANK LTD. ....Certificate Holder **Versus**
GURBEJ SINGH ....Certificate Debtor RC No. 19/2018

See Section 25 to 29 of the RDDBFI Act, 1993, r w Rule 53 of the Second Schedule to the Income Tax Act, 1961) Notice of Settling a Sale Proclamation
PUBLICATION NOTICE

1. Gurbaj Singh S/o Sardha Singh Village & PO Khanda Kheri Tehsil Assandh District Karnal Haryana 132039
2. Sardha Singh S/o Anokha Singh Village & PO Khanda Kheri Tehsil Assandh District Karnal Haryana 132039
3. Lakhwinder Singh S/o Amrik Singh VPO Chogama Tehsil Assandh District Karnal, Haryana

Whereas, a Recovery certificate No. 19/2018 in O.A No. 3235/2017 issued by the Hon'ble Presiding Officer a sum of **Rs. 20,64,469.15P** with future interest.
Whereas, the said amount has not been paid by to you to the CH Bank, despite, service of a demand notice and expiry of a substantial period. You have to meet the requirement of the Law.
It has been decided to issue proclamation of sale in respect of the properly which is mortgaged. Therefore, this notice to appear on **28.07.2026** before the under signed to declare any encumbrances on the immovable property and settle terms and conditions for POS.
Specification of Property: Land measuring 32K-0M, 20K 10M being 410/771 share of agric land 38K-11M, Khewat No.109, Khasra No.187 to 188 R.N 56K.N19(8-0), 22(7-7), R.N55K,N3(8- 0),4(8-0),8/1(7-4). 12K 10M being 250/1787 share of agrii land 89K-07M, Khewat No.111 Khata NO.191 R.N 55K.N 8/2(0-16), 9(8-0), 10(3-6), 11(1-13), 12(7-14), 13(8-0), 18(7-18), 19(2- 10), 23(5-0), R.N. 67K.N6(6-19), 7(7-0), 8(7-7), 13(8-0), 15(7-12), 16(7-12), 16(7- 12)
Situated in Village Khanda Kheri, Tehsil Assandh,District, Karnal, Haryana.
Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal 29.05.2026 at Chandigarh.
Recovery Officer -I, DRT-II, Chandigarh

Form No. 3 [See Regulation-13(1)(a)]

DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL CHANDIGARH (DRT 2)
SCO 33-34-35, F. F, Sector 17-A, Chandigarh (additional space allotted on 3rd & 4th Floor also)

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. 31190 Case No. OA/426/2026

HDFC Bank Vs Manoj Kumar

1. Manoj Kumar @ Sanjay S/o Sh. Ramdhari R/o H.No. 110, Village Alipura (126) Tehsil Uchana, District Jind, Haryana 126115
2. Rajesh Kumar S/o Sh. Ramdhari R/o H.No. 110, Village Alipura (126) Tehsil Uchana, District Jind, Haryana 126115
3. Rajesh Kumar S/o Gaje Singh R/o H.No. 166, Village Alipura (126) Tehsil Uchana, District Jind, Haryana 126115

WHEREAS, OA/426/2026 was listed before Hon'ble Presiding Officer/ Registrar on 22.05.2026.
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. 36,31,609/-** (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 or 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 realized 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 21/07/2026 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: 30.05.2026 **Sd/-**
Signature of the officer Authorised to Issue Summons.

बैंक ऑफ़ इंडिया Bank of India BOI

ASSET RECOVERY BRANCH, CHANDIGARH ZONE
STAR HOUSE, SCO. 76-82, 3rd FLOOR, SECTOR 31-A, CHANDIGARH-160030, Phone: 0172-2671551,
E-mail: arb.chandigarh@bankofindia.bank.in

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR E-AUCTION FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

STATUTORY 15 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER RULE 8(6) READ WITH PROVISION TO RULE 9(1) OF SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES 2002 TO THE BORROWER/S AND GUARANTOR/S

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable / Movable Assets under the Securitisation & Reconstruction of Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with Rule 8(6) for Immovable properties of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.
Notice is hereby given to the public in general & in particular to the Borrower(s) & Guarantor(s) that the below described Immovable / Movable property(ies), mortgaged / hypothecated / pledged / charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive / physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of the under mentioned Branches of Bank of India as Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"AS IS WHERE IS", "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" & "WHATEVER THERE IS BASIS"** on **20.07.2026**, for recovery of amount mentioned below against the relevant account due to Bank of India Secured Creditor from the Borrower(s) & Guarantor(s). The reserve price & the earnest money deposit has been mentioned against each account / properties. The sale will be done by the undersigned through e-auction platform provided at the web portal BAANKNET: https://baanknet.com.

Name of Branch / Remaining Amount Deposit Account No.	Name of Account / Borrower / Guarantor / Mortgagor	Details of the Property	Amount as per demand notice / Demand Notice Date / Possession Notice Date &Type	Reserve Price / EMD / Bid Increase Amount	Name of the Authorised Officer	Date / Time of E-Auction
BRANCH: ARB, CHANDIGARH PH.: 0172-2671551 Account No. 621290200000033 IFSC: BKID0006212 A/C NAME: DISBURSEMENT	**(1) Mr. Randhir Singh S/o Mr. Ram Kishan**, R/o VPO Issapur Khedi, Tehsil Gohana, Distt. Sonepat, Haryana - 132303 and **(2) Mrs. Santosh W/o Mr. Randhir Singh**, VPO Issapur Khedi, Tehsil Gohana, Distt. Sonepat, Haryana - 132303.	All that part and parcel of the property consisting on plot having area 248.00 Sq. Yards i.e. 08 Marla Viz. 05 Marla being 5/76 share out of 03 Kanal 16 Marla comprised in Khewat No. 2993/2860, Khatoni No. 3356, Rect. No. 306, Killa No. 12/2(3-16) and 03 Marla being 3/70 share out of 03 Kanal 10 Marla comprised in Khewat No. 3421/3274, Khatoni No. 3810, Rect. No. 306, Killa No. 19/2/1(3-10). **Which is bounded with dimensions as under:- North:** 69'-0" Plot of Smt. Kamlesh; **South:** 69'-0" Plot of Other; **East:** 32'-5" Plot of other; **West:** 32'-5" Gali, situated at Chopra Colony, Gohana, within the limits of M.C., Gohana Vide Sale Deed Vasika No. 3369 Dated 26.08.2022 in the name of Mrs. Santosh.	**Rs. 51,35,982/-** plus interest (w.e.f. **27.08.2024**) **27.08.2024** **13.11.2024 SYMBOLIC POSSESSION**	**Rs. 63,47,000/-** **Rs. 6,34,700/-** **Rs. 1,00,000/-** **PROPERTY ID: BKIDCHDARB42**	**Mr. Rakesh Kumar (AGM) Mobile No. 99870-48267**	**20.07.2026, 11:00 A.M. to 05:00 P.M.**

Terms and Conditions of the E-Auction are as under:-
(1) The sale will be done on **"AS IS WHERE IS" and "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS"** and **"WHATEVER THERE IS BASIS" will be conducted "On Line", through e-Auction BAANKNET portal https://baanknet.com (2)** E-Auction bid form, Declaration, General Terms and Conditions of online auction sale are available in websites **(a) https://www.bankofindia.co.in; (b) https://baanknet.com.** Bidder may visit **https://baanknet.com**, where **"Guidelines"** for bidder are available with educational videos. Bidders have to complete following formalities well in advance: **Step 1:** Bidder/purchaser Registration: Bidder to register on e-Auction Platform (link given above) using his mobile number and email-id. **Step 2:** KYC verification: Bidder to upload requisite KYC documents. KYC documents, shall be verified by e-auction service provider (may take two working days.) **Step 3:** Transfer of EMD amount to Bidder Global EMD Wallet: On line/off-line transfer of fund using NEFT/Transfer using challan generated on E-Auction Platform. **Step 4:** Bidder process and Auction Result: Interested registered bidder can bid online on e-Auction platform after completing Step 1, 2 and 3. **(3)** To the best of knowledge and information of the Authorized Officer, there is no encumbrance on the property/ies. However, the intending bidders should make their own independent inquiries regarding the encumbrances, title of property/ies put on auction and claims / rights / dues / affecting the property, prior to submitting their bid. The E-Auction advertisement does not constitute and will not be deemed to constitute any commitment or any representation of the bank. The property is being sold with all the existing and future 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. No claim of whatsoever nature will be entertained after submission of the online bid regarding property/ies put for sale. **(4) The Date of Online E-Auction will be between 11:00 A.M. to 05:00 P.M. on 20.07.2026. (5) Date of Inspection will be on or before 15.07.2026 to 17.07.2026 between 01:00 P.M. to 04:00 P.M. with prior appointment with above mentioned branch (6)** Bid shall be submitted through online procedure only **(7) The Bid price to be submitted shall be above Reserve price and bidders shall improve their further offer in multiple as mentioned above (8)** Bidders are advised to go through the website for detailed terms & conditions of auction sale before submitting their bids and taking part in E-Auction sale proceedings **(9)** Bidders shall be deemed to have read & understood the terms & conditions of sale & be bound by them **(10)** It shall be the responsibility of the interested bidders to inspect and satisfy themselves about the property before submission of the bid **(11)** The Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) of the successful bidder shall be retained towards part sale consideration and the EMD of unsuccessful bidders shall be refunded **(12) The Earnest Money Deposit shall not bear any interest. The successful bidder shall have to deposit 25% of the sale price including EMD already paid immediately or not later than next working day and 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 bidder would entail forfeiture of the whole money, already deposited and property shall be put to re-auction and the defaulting bidder shall have no claim / right in respect of property / amount (13)** Neither the Authorized Officer/Bank nor e-Auction service provider will be held responsible for any Internet Network problem / Power failure / any other technical lapses / failure etc. In order to ward-off such contingent situation the interested bidders are requested to ensure that they are technically well equipped with adequate power back-up etc. for successfully participating in the e-Auction event **(14)** The purchaser shall bear the applicable stamp duties / Registration Fee / TDS on auction price/other charges, etc. and also all the statutory / non-statutory dues, taxes, assessment charges, etc. owing to anybody **(15)** The Authorized Officer/Bank is not bound to accept the highest offer and has the absolute right a discretion 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 for **(16)** The Sale Certificate will be issued in the name of the purchaser(s) / applicant (s) only and will not be issued in any other name(s) **(17)** The sale shall be subject to rules / conditions prescribed under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002. Further details/enquiries if any on the terms and conditions of sale can be obtained from the respective branches on the contact numbers given **(18)** For more detailed term and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in secured creditors website i.e. **https://www.bankofindia.co.in / https://baanknet.com.**

For further detail please contact - Mr. Rakesh Kumar (Assistant General Manager), Mobile No. 99870-48267

Date: 01.07.2026 **Place:** Chandigarh **AUTHORISED OFFICER**

Gurdwara razed in Pak's Punjab, MEA protests

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, JULY 1

A decades-old historic gurdwara was demolished by a local businessman in Pakistan's Punjab province.

According to an official of the Punjab government, the historic Gurdwara Singh Sabha in Farooqabad, 70 km from Lahore, was recently demolished by a local businessman.

"The businessman had demolished the gurdwara without obtaining the required no-objection certificate (NOC) from the department concerned," the official said.

Punjab Minorities Minister Ramesh Singh Arora visited the gurdwara and announced its immediate restoration.

MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said, "We have seen the deeply distressing reports regarding the demolition of the historic 125-year-old sacred Gurdwara Singh Sabha in Farooqabad, Pakistan. We strongly condemn this highly deplorable and targeted act of vandalism against a revered Sikh shrine."

India also called upon the government of Pakistan to "expeditiously investigate" the matter and "bring the perpetrators of this despicable act to justice".

A horse cart driver shields himself with a polythene sheet during the season's first rain in Zirakpur on Wednesday. TRIBUNE PHOTO: RAVI KUMAR

Monsoon hits region, heavy rainfall expected till July 7

VIJAY MOHAN
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, JULY 1

After a delay of several days, the southwest monsoon touched Punjab and Haryana on Wednesday, with many part of north-west India experiencing moderate to heavy rain. The monsoon normally enters eastern Himachal Pradesh on June 20 and moves into Punjab between June 25-30 and covers the entire state by July 5.

Fairly widespread heavy rain, along with thunderstorms and gusty winds have been have been predicted over Punjab and Haryana till July 7, for which the weather department has issued a yellow alert. A fall in maximum temperature by up to 5°C during next two days is also expected, with no large change thereafter.

In 2025, the monsoon, which was significantly above normal, had advanced through some parts of Punjab on June 22 and covered the entire state on June 26, while touched parts of Haryana on June 24 and covered the entire state on June 29.

Over the past 24 hours, moderate to heavy rain along with thunderstorms and gusty winds occurred at some places in Punjab, even though warm night conditions were reported at isolated places in the state.

On the other hand, light to moderate rain was experienced in some parts of Haryana while heatwave occurred at isolated places in the state, according to a bulletin issued by the India Meteorological Department (IMD) on July 1.

Several districts in Haryana, including Yamunanagar, Karnal, Panipat, Sonepat, Rohtak, Bhiwani, Gurugram and Nuh received varying amounts of rain over the past 24 hours. In Punjab, Pathankot, Gurdaspur, Hoshiarpur, Jalandhar and Ropar districts experienced rain. The seasonal rainfall, from June 1 till July 1, however, is deficient by 47 per cent in both the states, according to the IMD data.

State drafts rehabilitation policy with job quota for Agniveers

VIJAY MOHAN
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, JULY 1

With the four-year term of the first batch of Agniveers scheduled to conclude by the end of this year, the Punjab Government has drafted a policy for the post-release rehabilitation of soldiers belonging to the state, earmarking reservations in select government departments.

Sources in the government said the policy envisioned 20 per cent reservation in posts of guards in the Department of Mines and 10 per cent for constables in the Punjab Police, Home Guards and forest guards in the Department of Forests and Wildlife.

"The policy has been prepared by the Department of Personnel in association with the Department of Defence Services Welfare and sent to the Chief Secretary for concurrence," a state government official said. Once approved, it would be sent to the Cabinet for final clearance.

While Punjab is still in the process of finalising its rehabilitation policy for Agniveers, several other states have already announced such measures. Haryana has fixed 20 per cent horizontal reservation in direct recruitment for uniformed state organisations, including the police, forest guards, mining guards and jail warders.

Uttar Pradesh and Chandigarh have also announced similar 20 per cent quotas.

Punjab is the second-largest contributor of manpower to the armed forces after Uttar Pradesh and recruitment from the state often exceeds its prescribed quota. Vacancies allotted to other states that remain unutilised are frequently filled by candidates from Punjab.

Speaking at the Defence Skills Conclave organised by the Punjab Government in Chandigarh recently, Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh said Punjab, with its strong military tradition, could take the lead in tapping the skills of Agniveers by offering them institutional pathways to transition into the defence manufacturing ecosystem.

4 pilgrims killed in highway crash

BATHINDA, JULY 1

Four persons, including two couples from Balotra district in Rajasthan, died and eight others were injured when a Tempo Traveller collided with a stationary truck on the Amritsar-Jamnagar Highway between Bathinda and Dabwali towns this morning. The victims were on a pilgrimage to the Golden Temple, Vaishno Devi and Amarnath shrines.

The collision near Gurusar Sainewala and Jodhpur Romana villages was so severe that the vehicle was completely damaged, indicating it was travelling at high speed. The truck was reportedly parked on the roadside. The injured were taken to the AIIMS, Bathinda, for treatment.

The police have begun investigating the cause of the incident. — TNS

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