

Priyanka's sis-in-law claim over farmhouse puts Vadra family link at centre of state land row

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Rudrapur: A dispute over a 4-hectare land parcel in Uttarakhand's Udham Singh Nagar has snowballed into a political row after Congress workers protested an alleged forcible takeover of the property. At the centre of the row are 90-year-old Nasreen Sanga, sister of the late landowner Kulsum Khan, and Saira Vadra, sister-in-law of Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra. Nasreen maintains that as Kulsum's sister, she is the rightful heir to the property. Saira claims Kulsum, who

was her aunt, died unmarried without direct heirs in December 2025, and bequeathed the land to her in a will.

While the civil court case is pending, tension flared earlier this week as Saira alleged that Nasreen forcibly entered the estate in her absence, evicted workers and seized possession.

The alleged takeover triggered intense protests led by Congress MLA from Kichha, Tlak Raj Behar, outside the farmhouse. Accusing the administration of facilitating an illegal takeover while the matter is sub-judice, Behar

demanding the land be sealed. A scuffle broke out when police blocked protesters at the gate, prompting the MLA to threaten self-immolation over alleged official bias.

Additional district magistrate Pankaj Upadhyay met legal counsels of both parties on Thursday. "The ownership dispute is already pending before the civil court," Upadhyay said.

Appearing for Saira Vadra, advocate Piyush Pant said, "We have submitted all documents supporting our client's ownership before the administration. The other si-

de could not produce any ownership records."

Counsel for Nasreen Sanga, Shubham Chhabra, disputed the claim, saying, "The land has never been mutated in Saira Vadra's name. We have challenged the alleged will."

While hearing the matter on Friday, Uttarakhand high court (HC) has ruled that issuance of a chargesheet cannot be treated as punitive action, observing that it is merely a preliminary step in disciplinary proceedings that gives an employee an opportunity to prove innocence before an inquiry officer.

Chargesheet not same as punitive action: HC

'Merely 1st Step For Petitioner To Present Defence'

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The observation came while hearing a petition filed by Rajeev Gupta, a retired employee of Power Transmission Corporation of Uttarakhand Ltd (PTCUL), who had challenged two chargesheets served on him by the corporation's managing director shortly before his retirement.

Gupta, who retired as chief engineer on May 31, argued that the chargesheets were invalid as they had been issued by the managing director who, according to him, was not the competent

HC asks Haridwar DM to decide on liquor shops

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authority. He contended that only the board of directors had the authority to initiate such proceedings.

Gupta had earlier challenged a govt order dated Sept 10, 2022, under which Prakash Chandra Dhyani was given additional charge as managing director despite allegedly lacking the qualifications required for the post. In Feb this year, HC had quashed Dhyani's appointment, hol-

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ding that it violated established rules.

However, a division bench of Justice Manoj Kumar Tiwari and Justice Pankaj Purohit rejected Gupta's arguments, noting that the managing director was exercising powers delegated by the board, which was necessary as the board functions as a collective administrative body.

HC orders release of PCS 2024 results in 8 days

Dehradun: Uttarakhand high court has directed the Uttarakhand Public Service Commission (UKPSC) to declare the results of the 2024 Uttarakhand Combined State Civil/Upper Subordinate Services Examination within eight days.

Justices Ravindra Maitani and Siddhartha Sah passed the order on Thursday while hearing a petition alleging that the results had not been prepared or published in accordance with the UKPSC (Examination Result Preparation Procedure) Regulations, 2022.

The petition, filed by Deepak Singh and others, contended that the commission had failed to strictly adhere to its procedural commitments and sought direc-

tions to the commission for publication of the merit list in sequential order, saying it was necessary to ensure transparency and fairness.

State counsel told the court that the results "would be released within the stipulated period in full compliance with procedural guidelines". Pankul Sharma

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44 roads closed across state; landslides block Badrinath highway

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Dehradun: Forty-four roads remained closed across Uttarakhand on Friday after heavy monsoon rain over the past two days, while repeated landslides at Paganbala in Chamoli district had disrupted traffic on the Badrinath national highway for several hours on Thursday.

According to the state govt's latest road status report, the closed roads include 19 Public Works Department (PWD) roads and 25 PMGSY/Rural Works Department (RWD) roads. While no national highway has been officially declared closed, landslides at Pagan Nala forced authorities to temporarily suspend traffic on the Badrinath highway.

Pauri Garhwal reported the highest number of blocked roads at nine, followed by Chamoli, Dehradun and Tehri with eight each. Pithoragarh with seven and Bageshwar with four. According to the State Emergency Operation Centre (SEOC), efforts were underway to reopen the blocked roads.



MONSOON FURY

Dhami marks 5yrs in office; second state CM to do so

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Dehradun: Chief minister Pushkar Singh Dhami is set to complete five years in office on Saturday, becoming only the second Uttarakhand CM after ND Tiwari to achieve the feat. Tiwari remains the state's longest-serving CM, with a tenure of five years and five days.

During his tenure, Dhami implemented the Uniform Civil Code, making Uttarakhand the first state after Independence to do so. His govt also brought in stringent laws against rioting and cheating in competitive exams. However, some of his govt's actions—including demolition of illegal mazzars and other structures—triggered controversy, while some international think tanks have accused him of making hate speeches and targeting minorities.

In the fifth year of his term, one of the highlights for the Dhami govt was overseeing opening of the Delhi-Dehradun expressway, which was inaugurated by PM Narendra Modi in April. The govt also abolished the



Madrasa Board and replaced it with the Uttarakhand State Minority Education Authority. Officials said 452 madrasas in state are being brought under the ambit of the state education board, a move expected to benefit around 50,000 students.

Dhami's tenure also saw the introduction of 30% horizontal reservation for state women in govt jobs and also the approval of 10% horizontal reservation for ex-Agniveers from Uttarakhand in Group C govt posts. Dhami said there has been a major improvement in air, rail and road connectivity. "Be it major projects like the Delhi-Dehradun expressway, the all-weather road on the Char Dham route or connectivity between cities, we have made significant progress," he said.

He added that the state's per capita income had improved and infrastructure works were being carried out. "We have remained committed to good governance and public welfare," the CM said.

'Targeted online attacks on Indians in China'

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His rags to riches story earned him a chapter in the textbook of local school syllabus in 2023, which was first highlighted by TOI the same year. He then started getting roles in Chinese films.

"There have been targeted attacks on the Indian community in China, including on me and my business, with AI-generated videos posted on local social media. This has been going on for the last 30 days with many asking Indians to leave

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China while accusing them of harming their tourist places with completely unverified claims," Raturi added.

He claimed that those running the "racist campaign" made certain false allegations against him including "em-

ploying only Indian staff in his restaurants, importing all ingredients from India and evading taxes".

Refuting the allegations, he said, "All of these are false. I presently run a chain of eight Indian restaurants—three in Xi'an and one each in Kunming, Hangzhou, Wuxi, Wuhan and Zhangzhou. Each restaurant has a staff of around 8-10 people of which 60% are local Chinese. Some of them have been working with us for over a decade. I have been following local rules and regulations

with all due diligence while paying the applicable taxes." One of his Chinese staff members, Zhang Dan, who has been working with him as an accountant since 2013, termed the online attacks "completely wrong". "Dev has been working in our country, following all rules and contributing to the Chinese economy and the society," Dan told TOI.

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**E-AUCTION
SALE NOTICE**

Whereas under section 13(2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of financial assets and Enforcement of Security interest Act 2002, the Authorised officer has issued demand notice for recovery from Borrowers/guarantors/mortgagors (herein referred to as Borrowers). Further in exercise of powers conferred in the "Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security interest Act, 2002" the Authorised officer has taken the possession of the under mentioned assets which held as securities in respect of loan/credits facilities granted. Whereas sale of the secured assets is to be made through Public E-auction for recovery of the secured debts due to Punjab National Bank, the General Public is invited to bid either personally or by duly authorised agent.

Sl. No.	Name of Branch/ A/c/Borrower/Guarantor	Description of Properties	A) Dt. of Demand Notice u/s 13(2) of Sarfesi Act 2002 B) Outstanding Amount as per Demand Notice U/s 13(2) of SARFAESI Act 2002 C) Present Outstanding as on 30.06.2026 D) Possession Date u/s 13(4) of SARFAESI Act 2002 E) Nature of Possession Symbolic/Physical/Constructive	A) Reserve Price B) Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) C) Bid Increase Amount	Date/Time of E-Auction	Details of the encumbrances known to the secured creditors
1	BO: ARMB, Bijnor Borrower: M/s Shiv Traders through its Proprietor (Proprietor's Firm), Sh. Sumit Kumar S/o Sh. Geeta Ram (Proprietor/ Mortgagor) and Guarantors/ Mortgagors- Sh. Sohli Kumar S/o Sh. Geeta Ram, Sh. Shashi Kumar S/o Sh. Geeta Ram, Smt. Abha Devi W/o Sh. Geeta Ram and Sh. Bheesham Singh S/o Sh. Harkesh Singh.	Registered Mortgage of Property Situated at Vill. Auranpur Phatta, Pargana Kiratpur, Tehsil Najibabad, Distt. Bijnor (In the name of Sh. Sumit Kumar, Sh. Sohli Kumar, Sh. Shashi Kumar, all sons of Sh. Geeta Ram, Smt. Abha Devi W/o Sh. Geeta Ram & Sh. Bheesham Singh S/o Sh. Harkesh), Total Area 0.415 Hect. Or 4150 sq. mtr. Recorded in Bahi No. 01, Zild. No. 9943, Pages No 321 to 334, Sr. No. 3562, Dated 06.05.2020, at Sub. Reg. office Najibabad, Distt. Bijnor (UP). Bounded: East- Land of Sumit Kumar etc. & Land of Bhisam Singh, West- Rasta, North- Rasta & Sumit Kumar etc. Land & Land of Umesh Kumar, South- Rasta Sumit Kumar & Land of Devendra Kumar.	A) 18.09.2023 B) 46,94,444.98/- Intt. rate and other Charges w.e.f. 01.09.2023 C) Rs. 62,22,358.98 + further intt. w.e.f. 31.10.2025 D) 28.11.2023 E) Symbolic Possession	(A) Rs. 50,52,600/- (B) Rs. 5,05,260/- (D) Rs. 1,00,000/-	04.08.2026 From 11.00 AM to 04.00 PM	Not known any
2	Branch: ARMB, Bijnor Borrower Firm: M/s Om Khadi Sewa Sansthan, Proprietor/ Borrower/Mortgagor: Sh. Mohd Dilshad S/o Sh. Yusuf, Borrower: 1. Sh. Muskan Rabiya W/o Sh. Naseem Ahmad, 2. Smt. Najma Khatun W/o Sh. Mehmood Hasan. Guarantor/Mortgagor: Moh. Ali S/o Sh. Chutlu Khan.	Equitable Mortgage of Property Situated at Mohalla Islam Nagar, Near Roadways Bus stand, Noorpur, Distt- Bijnor(UP) Total Area 187.20 Sq. Mtr. Registered title deed dated on 28.04.1980 recorded in Bahi no. 1 pages No- 1418 to 1423 at Sr. no. 1855 (In the name of Sh. Mohd Ali s/o Chutlan Khan) registered with sub registrar office Chandpur, Distt- Bijnor (UP). Boundary: East- Rasta, West- Aaraji of Hari Singh, North- Property of Seller, South- Aaraji of Choudhary Hari Singh.	A) 18.09.2021 B) 22,41,448.96 + Intt. rate and other Charges w.e.f. 01.09.2021 C) Rs. 21,17,226.96 + further intt. w.e.f. 01.10.2025 D) 08.12.2021 E) Symbolic Possession	(A) Rs. 30,61,800/- (B) Rs. 3,06,180/- (D) Rs. 1,50,000/-	04.08.2026 From 11.00 AM to 04.00 PM	Not known any
3	Branch: ARMB, Bijnor Amit Kumar s/o Sh. Rajendra Singh (Borrower / Mortgagor) and Jitendra Kumar s/o Sh. Natthu Singh (Guarantor).	Property Situated at Mohalla - Char Bagh, Najibabad, Bijnor, (UP), Area 117.09 sq. mtrs., (In the name of Sh. Amit Kumar s/o Sh. Rajendra Singh), Registered in Bahi No- 1, Zild No: 7417, Pages: 223-246, Serial No: 15043, Dated 19.10.2015. Bounded: North by: Rasta 8 Feet Wide, South by: Property of Shafeeq Ahmad, East by: Property of Farida Begum & Naim Ahmad, West by: Property of Sajid Ali.	A) 07.03.2019 B) 23,42,059/- + Intt. and other Charges w.e.f. 31.12.2017 C) Rs. 43,20,949/- + further intt. w.e.f. 31.12.2025 D) 18.10.2019 E) Physical Possession	(A) Rs. 12,22,000/- (B) Rs. 1,22,200/- (D) Rs. 50,000/-	04.08.2026 From 11.00 AM to 04.00 PM	Not known any
4	Branch: ARMB, Bijnor Sh. Anil Kumar S/o Sh. Bharat Singh (Borrower/ Mortgagor) Smt. Saraswati W/o Anil Kumar (Co-Borrower) and Sh. Sunil Pal S/o Sh. Phool Singh Pal (Guarantor).	Residential Property in the name Sh. Anil Kumar s/o Sh. Bharat Singh Situated at Adarsh Nagar Vill- Tatarpur Lal, Najibabad, Bijnor (UP) Area- 100.65 sq.mtrs. Bahi No-1, Zild No- 7480, Pages: 157-178, Serial No-16894, Dated 08.12.2015 at SRO Najibabad. Bounded: North: House of Giriraj ji, South: 12 feet wide road, East: Plot of other, West: Plot of vendor.	A) 02.01.2020 B) 22,69,228/- + Intt. and other Charges w.e.f. 31.12.2019 C) Rs. 38,24,742/- + further intt. w.e.f. 30.12.2025 D) 29.07.2021 E) Physical Possession	(A) Rs. 12,26,700/- (B) Rs. 1,22,670/- (D) Rs. 25,000/-	04.08.2026 From 11.00 AM to 04.00 PM	Not known any

The statutory notice under Rule 8(6) of the SARFAESI Act 2002 is a 15 days Notice

Last Date of EMD: Before Auction Time

E-auction is being on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" and "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" and will be conducted "Online". The auction will be conducted through the Bank's approved web portal, <https://baanknet.com>, <https://baanknet.com/support.baanknet@psbfinance.com>, E-Auction web portal containing online e-auction, Declaration, General Terms and Condition of online auction sale are available on <https://baanknet.com>. To the best of knowledge and information of the authorized officer, there is no encumbrance on the Properties. However, the intending bidders should make their own independent inquiries regarding the encumbrances, title of properties put on auction and claim/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 third party claim/rights/dues, the sale shall be subject to rules/condition prescribed under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security interest Act, 2002, the other terms and condition of e-auction are published in the website: <https://baanknet.com>, <https://baanknet.com/support.baanknet@psbfinance.com>. The Borrower/Guarantor is hereby notified to return the above mentioned amount along with updated interest and ancillary charge to the Bank before the date of e-auction. Otherwise the property will be auctioned/sold and the balance dues, if any, will be recovered along with interest and cost. The highest bidder will have to deposit 15% of the bid/sale amount in the respective EMD Account immediately. If 15% of the amount is not deposited within the stipulated time, the earnest money will be forfeited and the property will be resold. The successful participant will have to deposit the balance 75% within 30 days from the date of confirmation of sale. If 75% of the amount is not deposited within the stipulated time, 25% will also be forfeited and no claim of the participant on the property will be admissible. For more details contact Circle Office- Shri Abhinav Kumar, Mob. 98731 00792 & Shaheen, Mob. 98973 42327.

Date: 03.07.2026

Place: Bijnor

Authorised Officer, Punjab National Bank

Days after Ayodhya row, theft of donations and offerings alleged at Badrinath temple

Dehradun: A social organisation has alleged theft of donations and offerings at Badrinath temple, prompting the Badri Kedar Temple Committee (BKTC), which administers the shrine, to order a probe into the matter. The allegation comes days after a controversy over alleged theft of donations at the Ram temple in Ayodhya and a day after BKTC directed officials to ensure stricter monitoring and transparency in the handling of offerings at temples under its jurisdiction. In a letter to BKTC CEO Sohan Singh Rangar on Friday, an NGO, Bhairav Sena Sangathan, alleged that a BKTC employee, described by the organisation as the personal secretary to BKTC chairman Hemant Dwivedi, was involved in the theft. Kantilya Singh

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PUBLICATION NOTICE IN O.A. No. 579 OF 2025

SUMMONS UNDER SUB-SECTION (4) OF SECTION 19 OF THE RECOVERY OF DEBTS AND BANKRUPTCY ACT, 1993, READ WITH SUB-RULE (2A) OF RULE 5 OF THE DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993 AS AMENDED FROM TIME TO TIME)

Dy. No. 499/2026 Date : 13.05.2026
Bank of India V/s Smt. Surja Devi & Ors.

To,
1. Shri Bheem Singh S/o Sh. Jagannath Prasad, R/o Karghata, Biji, Bijeti Pattia, Udham Singh Nagar - 262405.
Whereas the above named Applicant Bank has instituted OA No. 579 of 2025 against you for recovery of debts of Rs. 24,54,290.82/- in which Hon'ble Tribunal was pleased to issue Summons/Notice U/s 19(4) of the Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act, 1993 and was listed before the Hon'ble Presiding Officer on 29.04.2026.

Whereas, it has been shown to the satisfaction of the Tribunal that it is not possible to serve you in ordinary way. Therefore, this notice is given by way of this publication directing you to appear in person or through your duly authorized agent or legal practitioner before the Tribunal on 10.07.2026 at 10:30 A.M. Further, you are required to show cause as to why the relief(s) prayed for in OA should not be granted and to file reply, if any, in your defence in a paper book form in sets and produce all the documents and affidavits under which your defence or claim for set off, counter claim, in this Tribunal personally or through your duly authorized agent or legal practitioner within 30 days from the date of the publication of this notice.

Take notice that in case of default of your appearance on the specified day and time before the Tribunal, the case shall be heard and decided in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this the 13th day of May, 2026.

By order of Tribunal
Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal, Dehradun