

RAISES CONCERNS OVER CITY’S HERITAGE ZONE STABILITY

Retaining wall collapses near Christ Church at Shimla Ridge

Saurabh Parashar
Shimla, July 7

THE COLLAPSE of a portion of the breast wall close to nearly 170-year-old Christ Church on the Ridge has raised concerns over the structural stability of Shimla's historic heritage precincts, including the Ridge, Mall Road, Christ Church, the U.S. Club, and several other colonial-era structures.

A nearly 12-foot-long and 14-foot-high section of the breast wall gave way on Monday morning, blocking the pedestrian pathway leading to Rani Jhansi Park below Christ Church. Tourists and locals travelling between the Ridge and the lower Mall Road are being diverted through the Mall Road near Sher-e-Punjab restaurant.

Although no casualties were reported, the incident has once again highlighted the vulnerability of ageing retaining structures in one of the city's most visited heritage areas.

A breast wall is a retaining structure constructed on the uphill side of roads or buildings to support cut slopes, loose soil, and weathered rock. Its primary function is to stabilise exposed terrain, prevent landslides, and stop soil or debris from falling onto roads and pedestrian pathways.

Shimla Municipal Corporation (MC) officials immediately began clearing debris and the restoration work, but said that “the collapse is not an isolated incident”.

Municipal Commissioner Bhupinder Kumar Attri said, “The preliminary assessment suggests the wall collapsed due to continuous heavy rainfall over the past several days. A similar incident had taken place in the



Breast wall restoration work underway near Christ Church at the Ridge in Shimla on Tuesday. EXPRESS

nearby area as well. This is certainly a serious matter.”

Attri said the entire stretch falls under Shimla's designated heritage zone, where conservation norms restrict any major alteration to the original British-era structures.

“Since this is a heritage area, we cannot replace the original character of these colonial structures. We are restoring the damaged portion by constructing a traditional stone retaining wall instead of a cement concrete wall to preserve the heritage aesthetics,” Attri said.

“The civic body has identified two more vulnerable locations along the Mall Road, where retaining walls have started bulging. One retaining wall near the Gainda Mal store and another close to the Lala Lajpat Rai statue have shown signs of distress. Restoration and strengthening work at both locations will commence shortly to prevent any untoward incident,” he added.

On the latest incident, Shimla historian Rajja Bhasin said repeated failures of retaining structures in the heritage

zone warrant detailed scientific investigation.

“Second time a wall has weakened and collapsed near the Christ Church heritage area. While there is no immediate threat to the church or surrounding heritage buildings, these incidents clearly indicate that the area requires careful and sensitive handling. There is an urgent need for a scientific study to ascertain the underlying reasons behind these repeated structural failures and to evolve a long-term conservation strategy,” Bhasin said.

Meanwhile, heavy rainfall on Tuesday triggered another flash flood in Samej Khad near Rampur in Shimla district, washing away a temporary bridge and disrupting connectivity for several villages. The bridge had been constructed after the devastating flash flood of August 1, 2024, which wreaked havoc in the area, claiming lives and leaving many families homeless.

Meanwhile, heavy rain also triggered a landslide on the Samej-Sarpara road, bringing vehicular movement to a complete halt.

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“A SOLDIER who survived the toughest military training and dangerous operations should not lose his life because of an unsafe road,” Pankaj Rana, elder sister of Shaurya Chakra awardee and elite Marine Commando (MARCOS) Amit Singh Rana, who was killed in a road accident in Himachal Pradesh, wrote to Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu, urging the government to

strengthen road safety measures on all vulnerable hilly roads across the state.

The 32-year-old soldier was killed after the car he was travelling in reportedly skidded off the Khundian-Lagdu road and plunged into a nearly 500 feet gorge in the Jawalamukhi area of Kangra district on June 2.

“Proper crash barriers and road safety measures could have saved my brother's life,” Pankaj wrote in the email she also shot off to Chief Secretary Kamlesh Kumar Pant and Public Works



MARCOS Amit Singh Rana, was killed after his car plunged into a gorge in Kangra district on June 2

Department officials, urging the chief minister and others to look into this grave matter. “The condition of roads, especially of link roads and those in rural areas, is not up to the mark. The Khundian-Lagdu road is one such road.” “We are not blaming anyone, but we lost a young soldier and a family member. We don't want this to happen to anyone else,” Pankaj said.

Pankaj also sought the government's attention to poor healthcare facilities. “Even in normal circumstances, patients

and injured have to be taken to Dr Rajendra Prasad Government Medical College & Hospital, Tanda, in Kangra,” Pankaj Rana adds.

Amit is survived by his parents, wife, three-year-old son, and two sisters.

His father, Kewal Singh Rana, lamented the state machinery and questioned officials over the poor road infrastructure in their area. “Villagers have repeatedly been urging the local administration about the poor road conditions,” Kewal Singh said.

OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL BOARD MERTA CITY (NAGAUR)

SR.NO. MBM/2026-27/1831DATE : 03.07.2026

NOTICE INVITING BID

1 Bids for 1 Service work (cost 245 lacs) are invited from interested bidders up to 6.00 PM (time) 27.07.2026 (date). Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal (<http://eproc.rajjasthan.gov.in> <http://sppp.raj.nic.in>) of the state.

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GLOBAL TENDER NOTICE

Tender No: NSL/SP-6301/CALCINED LIME/GTE/ET/13

MSTC Tender No: NSL/Nagarnar/Materials/3/26-27/ET/13Date: 08/07/2026

Description of Material	Qty (MT)	Display of Tender Document Period	Last Date & Time for Submission of offer	Earnest Money Deposit
CALCINED LIME	272000	08.07.2026 To 05.08.2026	05.08.2026 by 03:00 PM (IST)	Rs.50,00,000/-or \$5,000 US Dollars

Complete Tender document is available in website www.nmdc.co.in & <http://eprocure.gov.in> and <https://www.mstccommerce.com/eproc/>. Any corrigendum to the above tender will be uploaded only on our website www.nmdc.co.in & MSTC Portal. Prospective bidders should visit NMDC Limited website & MSTC Portal from time to time to take note of corrigendum, if any. For further details login to Tender Section of our website: www.nmdc.co.in

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Applications are invited for 03 posts of “Assistant Professor (Contractual)” in the Nabakrushna Choudhury Centre for Development Studies (NCDS), Bhubaneswar (an ICSSR institute in collaboration with Government of Odisha). Last Date of Submission of Application: Applications along with detailed curriculum vitae along with one passport size photograph superscribing the envelope ‘Application for the post of Assistant Professor’ must reach the Secretary, Nabakrushna Choudhury Centre for Development Studies, Bhubaneswar by speed post /hand on or before 5.30 p.m. of 07.08.2026. Application received after the due time will not be entertained. Details regarding the post and application form is available at our website: <https://neds.odisha.gov.in/andhttps://pc.odisha.gov.in/>

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Secretary

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E-AUCTION/SALE NOTICE

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6)/9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.
Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described movable/immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive/physical/ symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of the Bank/ Secured Creditor, will be sold on “As is where is”, “As is what is”, and “Whatever there is” on the date as mentioned in the table herein below, for recovery of its dues due to the Bank/ Secured Creditor from the respective borrower (s) and guarantor (s). The reserve price and the earnest money deposit will be as mentioned in the table below against the respective properties.

Sr. No.	Name of the Branch Name & addresses of the Account Borrower/ Guarantors Account	Description of the Immovable Properties Mortgaged/Owner's Name(Mortgagors of Property)(ies)	A) Dt. of Demand Notice u/s 13(2) of SARFESI ACT 2002 B)Outstanding Amount as on C)Possession Date u/s 13(2) of SARFESI ACT 2002 D)Nature of Possession Symbolic/Physical/Constructive	Date/Time of E-Auction Details of the encumbrances known to the secured creditors	A)Reserve Price B) EMD C)Bid Increase Amount	QR Code for Property
1.	B/o Aliwal Batala M / s H o n e y Communication Prop. Kulwant Singh S/o Buta Singh R/o Vill Bajpur PO AliwalTehsilBatalaGurdaspur-143507.	EM of land with shop measuring 10 M under title deed No 1791 dated 08.07.2003 Khasra No. 90R/1(6-11) situated at Bajpur, Aliwal Batala favouring Sh. Kulwant Singh S/o Buta Singh. (Auction Ref No - PUNB829500P9)	A) 29.09.2022 B) Rs. 10,18,981.16/- as on 31.08.2022 + further interest w.e.f. 01/09/2022 C) 17-12-2022 D) Symbolic Possession	04/08/2026 From 11 AM to 4 PM Equitable Mortgage to PNB-Aliwal Batala	A) Rs 35,13,000/- B) Rs 3,51,300/- C) Rs 20,000/-	
2.	B/o RR Bawa College, Batala (470300) 1) Mrs. Anu Aggarwal (Borrower/Mortgagor) W/o Anish Aggarwal, H.No B4 266/267 W. No. 20 Mohalla Khanda Khoula Tehsil Batala, Distt. Gurdaspur, Pb-143505, 2) Mr. Anish Aggarwal (Guarantor) S/o Sudarshan Kumar Aggarwal R/o H No. B4 266/267 W No. 20 Mohalla Khanda, Khoula, Teh-Batala Dist-Gurdaspur, Batala, Punjab- 143505	All that part and parcel of land and building Comprising of land measuring 2½ marla bearing khasra No 53R/26 (31-9), 26/1(13-4) situated at Batala Shariki vide Title Deed No. 2435, dated 01-10-2014 in the name of Mrs. Anu Aggarwal W/o Paramjeet Kumar vide Document bearing Sale Deed No. 698 dated 16.10.2015 in the Office of Joint Sub-Registrar Dharawal, Bounded as North: House of Balwant Masih, South: House of Joginder Pal, East: Street, West: Smt. Asha (Auction Ref No - PUNB829500P13)	A) 30-08-2025 B) Rs.10,95,878.21 C) 11-11-2022 D) Symbolic Possession	04/08/2026 From 11 AM to 4 PM Equitable Mortgage to Batala, R R Bawa (470300)	A) Rs 14,37,300/- B) Rs 1,43,730/- C) Rs 10,000/-	
3.	B/o Narot Mehra (983800) Jaggdish Raj S/o Bhan Singh Aima Muglan Teh and Distt Pathankot, Bhoja,Punjab-145025 Bounded as: East- Street, West- Property of Mr. Lochan, North- Kartar, Chand, South- Property of owner. (Auction Ref No - PUNB829500P33)	All that part and parcel of land and building on EM of residential house land measuring 4 marla bearing Khasra no. 51(0-4) vaskia no. 4032 HB no. 207 Situated at Village Aima Muglan with in Panchayat area Tehsil and Distt. Pathankot in the name of Sh. Jaggdish Raj S/o Bhan Singh	A) 07.07.2018 B) Rs. 05,67,388/- as on 30.06.2018 with interest applied upto 30.06.2018 + further interest w.e.f. 01/07/2018 C) 06-11-2018 D) Symbolic Possession	04/08/2026 From 11 AM to 4 PM Equitable Mortgage to NAROT MEHRA 983800	A) Rs 4,67,000/- B) Rs 46,700/- C) Rs 10,000/-	
4.	B/o Dharawal Gurdaspur Road (348100) Smt. Neeraj Sharma W/o Late Sh. Paramjit Kumar, 5), 358 (0-15), 359 (0-3), HB no. 387 situated in Mill Quarters Dharawal, Gurdaspur, Pb (143519)	EM of Property consisting of House in an area measuring 2 M 1½ Sarsai out of 3K 6M in Khewat no. 110, Khasra no. 350 (0-1), 351 (0-3), 352 (0-6), 353 (0-9), 354 (0-9), 355 (0-2), 356 (0-13), 357 (0-Ward No. 3, Line No. 25-B, Village Fateh Nangal, Tehsil Gurdaspur as per Jamabandi for the year 2016-17 registered in the name of Smt. Neeraj Sharma W/o Late Sh. Paramjeet Kumar vide Document bearing Sale Deed No. 698 dated 16.10.2015 in the Office of Joint Sub-Registrar Dharawal, Bounded as North: House of Balwant Masih, South: House of Joginder Pal, East: Street, West: Smt. Asha (Auction Ref No PUNB829500P13)	A) 30.08.2022 B) Rs. 9,71,727/- as on 31.07.2022 + further interest W.e.f. 01-08-2022 C) 02-12-2022 D) SYMBOLIC POSSESSION	04/08/2026 From 11 AM to 4 PM Equitable Mortgage to Dharawal Gurdaspur Road (348100)	A) Rs 12,68,000/- B) Rs 1,26,800/- C) Rs 10,000/-	
5.	B/o Batala, Dainik Prathna Sabha 1) Sh. Sukhdev Raj Sharma S/o Charan Dass Sharma H.No B-25, Qilla Mandi B/s PNB Batala Distt Gurdaspur 143505, 2) Sh Rakesh Kumar S/o Jagdish Chander Qilla Mandi Batala Distt Gurdaspur. 143505	EM of land & Building on land with area of 2 Marlas with present no 32/170 situated at Takki Mohalla, Rajrian Gali Batala, Comprised vide Vaskia No 1185, Jild No 4591, Bahi no 1 dated 26.06.2015 in the revenue estate of village Gali (Auction Ref No PUNB8295000235)	A) 10.02.2020 B) Rs. 9,20,713.84/- as on 31-03-2019 + further interest shop W.e.f. 01.04.2019 C) 03-05-2023 D) PHYSICAL POSSESSION	04/08/2026 From 11 AM to 4 PM Equitable Mortgage to PNB -DPS Batala	A) Rs 3,35,000/- B) Rs 33,500/- C) Rs 10,000/-	
6.	B/o SSC Pathankot 1. Sh. Sukhdev Singh S/o Balwinder Singh, 2. Smt. Sandeep Kaur W/o Sh. Sukhdev Singh, Both No-85/65, Khatauni No-136 situated in the R/o Vill Lahri Naushehra Nal Banda. Tehsil and Distt Pathankot. 145025.	All that part and parcel of land and building Measuring 10 marlas comprising of Khasra No. 12R/5/1/2(2-15) having 10/55 share to extent of land measuring 10 Marlas HB No. 318, Khewat No-85/65, Khatauni No-136 situated in the Revenue Estate of village Lahri Teshil and Distt-Pathankot. Belonging to Shri Sukhdev Singh S/o Balwinder Singh registered with sub-registrar Pathankot vide RTD No-1781 dated 30.06.2015. Bounded as North: Road, East: Owner property, South: Owner property, West: Dajit kaur (Auction Ref No - PUNB8295000222)	A) 31.05.2023 B) Rs. 16,49,040/- as on 30.05.2023 + further interest w.e.f. 01/06/2023 C) 09-08-2023 D) Symbolic Possession	04/08/2026 From 11 AM to 4 PM Equitable Mortgage to SSC Pathankot	A) Rs 11,17,000/- B) Rs 1,11,700/- C) Rs 10,000/-	

Terms and Conditions: (1) The sale shall be subject to the Terms & Conditions prescribed in the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 and to the following further conditions. (2) The properties are being sold on, “AS IS WHERE IS BASIS” and “AS IS WHAT IS BASIS” and “WHATEVER THERE IS BASIS”. (3) The particulars of the Secured Assets specified in the Schedule herein above have been stated to the best of the information of the Authorised Officer, but the Authorised Officer shall not be answerable for any error, misstatement or omission in this proclamation. (4) Any encumbrances over the property/ies is not known to the Bank / Secured Creditor. The Authorised officer or Bank shall not be responsible for any charge, lien, encumbrances or any other dues to the Government or anyone else in respect of properties Auctioned (5) The intending Bidder is advised to make their independent inquiries regarding the encumbrances on the property including Statutory liabilities arrears, of property Tax, Electricity Dues, NOC “form any department etc. Outstanding Charges /bill for electricity, house tax etc. shall be borne by auction purchaser. (6) The Secured Creditor does not any way warrant the, fitness or Quality or liability of the property/ies being sold. (7) The Sale will be done by the undersigned through the E-auction platform provided at the Website <https://baanknet.com> on 04-08-2026 @ 11:00 AM to 04:00 PM as per time given above. For detailed terms and conditions of the Sale, please refer Website <https://baanknet.com> and <https://pnb.bank.in/>. (8) Over and above reserve price, Minimum One Bid Amount is Mandatory

STATUTORY SALE NOTICE UNDER RULE 9(1) OF THE SARFAESI ACT, 2002

DATE : 07.07.2026
PLACE : PATHANKOT

NARENDRA KUMAR SRIVASTAVA, Authorized Officer
Punjab National Bank Secured Creditor

Odisha State Medical Corporation Limited (OSMCL)

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10001/343/2627

Bid Ref. No.: OSMCL/2026-27/DRUGS-DHS-GEN-GR-1/01Date: 07/07/2026

NOTICE INVITING BID

Online Bids through e-Tender portal (<https://tendersodisha.gov.in>) are invited from eligible bidders for Procurement and Supply of Drugs & Medical Consumables (Group-I) for the year 2026-27 as per the particulars mentioned below:

Sl. No.	Particulars	Date and time
1.	Date & time of release of bid	07/07/2026, 3.00 PM
2.	Date & time for submission of queries by E-Mail to Id drugs-osmcl@od.gov.in	10/07/2026, up to 5:00 PM
3.	Date & time of Online bid submission	Start Date & Time 15/07/2026, 3.00 PM End Date & Time 05/08/2026, 6.00 PM
4.	Date & time for submission of Tender Documents, Tender Document Fee and EMD amount as per section-IV of tender document	Start Date & Time 06/08/2026, 10.00 AM End Date & Time 13/08/2026, 11.00 AM
5.	Date & time of online Technical bid opening	13/08/2026, 11:30 AM
6.	Date of opening of Price Bid	To be informed to the qualified bidders

The bid document with all information relating to the bidding process including cost of bid document, EMDs, Prequalification criteria and terms & conditions are available in the websites: <https://osmcl.odisha.gov.in> and <https://tendersodisha.gov.in> The Authority reserves the right to accept / reject any part thereof or all the bids without assigning any reason thereof. All notices will be published in the OSMCL website <https://osmcl.odisha.gov.in>. Hence, the bidders are requested to visit OSMCL website <https://osmcl.odisha.gov.in> time to time for any published notice against the tender.

Sd/-
Managing Director
OSMCL Ltd., Odisha

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Influencer booked on complaint of Nihangs’ group

Ludhiana: The Ludhiana Police have booked a woman social media influencer and her husband on the complaint of an organization led by Nihang Sikhs. The couple has been booked after Nihangs alleged that the couple was “posting obscene content online leading to a band influence on youngsters.” The confrontation between Instagram influencer Ranjit Kaur and Nihangs was ongoing for many days, after a Nihang Manpreet Singh Khalsa had also reached the couple's house to warn them to stop posting obscene content or face consequences. Khalsa has alleged that Kaur, who is known on Instagram as “Bhabhi Chumme-wali”, was posting objectionable content. Kaur and her husband had also filed a police complaint against Khalsa alleging that he was “threatening to kill them”. ENS

GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA

TENDER NOTICE

S. R. N.	NAME OF BOARD/ CORP./ AUTH	NAME OF WORK NOTICE TENDER	OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE (TIME)	AMOUNT / EMD (APPROX.) IN RUPEES	WEBSITE OF THE BOARD CORP./ AUTH	NODAL OFFICER/ CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL
1.	HARYANA MEDICAL SERVICES CORPORATION LIMITED PANCHKULA	NOTICE INVITING TENDER FOR THE SUPPLY, INSTALLATION AND COMMISSIONING OF MOVEMENT THERAPY MACHINE ON 2 YEARS RATE CONTRACT AS MENTIONED AGAINST ITEM IN SCHEDULE OF REQUIREMENT	07.07.2026 28.07.2026	1,56,00,000/-	www.hmscd.org.in	0922989829 equipmentdpmc2020@gmail.com

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT : www.haryanaeaprocurement.gov.in or www.etenders.hry.nic.in No. 46936/HRY

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