Himalayan black bear cub sighted; Bijnor on alert

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Bijnor: The sighting of a Himalayan black bear cub in agricultural fields near Garavpur village in Bijnor's Nagina tehsil prompted the forest department to launch an intensive search operation on Wednesday, deploying drones and ground teams to trace the animal.

The cub was first spotted perched on a tree near the village in Kotwali Dehat area on Tuesday, following which a video of the animal was circulated widely on social media. Forest officials identified the animal as a Himalayan black bear cub and indicated that it might have strayed from the nearby Sahuwala forest range.

Divisional forest officer Jai Singh Kushwaha confirmed the ongoing efforts to track and safely capture the animal. "Local residents have been alerted, and the animal will be rescued and safely released into the forest once traced," Kushwaha said.

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Ground teams are actively combing the surrounding farmlands while officials have issued an alert advising local villagers to remain vigilant and avoid approaching or provoking the cub. Wildlife experts warn that bears can exhibit unpredictable behavior and may attack if they feel threatened.

Though a subspecies of the Asiatic black bear, Himalayan black bears possess longer, denser fur adapted to colder climates. The omnivorous species primarily feeds on fruits, honey, insects and larvae.

The search highlights ongoing human-wildlife encounters in Bijnor region, where big cats frequently stray into human habitations. In November last year, forest officials tranquilised and captured a tiger that had strayed out of Amangarh forest range into agricultural fields near Mohammadpur Rajouri village.

Agra man gets life term for killing wife, daughter

Convict Claimed 2 Died After Falling Down Staircase Trying To Escape Monkeys

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Muzaffarnagar: A sessions court in Agra has sentenced a 35-year-old man to life imprisonment for killing his wife and their one-year-old daughter in 2022, rejecting his claim that the two died after falling down a staircase while trying to escape monkeys. The conviction came despite the victim's father and brother turning hostile during the trial.

Additional district govt counsel (ADGC) Hemant Dixit said on Wednesday that the court of additional district and sessions judge Lokesh Kumar convicted Manmohan Singh under IPC section 302 for the murder of his wife, Mamta, and their infant daughter.

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The court held that the prosecution had proved the case beyond reasonable doubt and rejected the defence's claim that the deaths were "accidental".

The incident took place on the night of Oct 9, 2022, in Khandauli area of Agra. Mamta and her daughter were found dead inside their house, while the couple's five-year-old son survived. According to the FIR lodged by Mamta's father, Balveer Singh, a resident of Mathura, Manmohan suspected his wife's character and frequently quarrelled with her.

The defence argued that Manmohan was away working as a truck cleaner when the incident occurred. It claimed that Mamta had gone to the rooftop to collect clothes when suddenly a troop of monkeys appeared. While running downstairs with her daughter, she allegedly slipped on the staircase, sustained fatal injuries and the child also died after being trapped beneath her.

During the trial, Mamta's father and brother did not support the prosecution and were declared "hostile". They told the court that Mamta had never complained of harassment by her husband and said they had heard from villagers that the deaths resulted from a fall while escaping monkeys. They also denied earlier statements attributed to them during the investigation that Manmohan suspected Mamta's fidelity.

Despite their testimony, the court accepted the prosecution's medical, forensic and circumstantial evidence, held that the deaths were "homicidal", rejected the defence's version and convicted Manmohan on Monday.

The court also imposed a fine of Rs 1 lakh. It directed that 80% of the fine be paid to the couple's surviving son as compensation and ordered that the child be provided benefits under the Uttar Pradesh Mukhyamantri Bal Seva Yojana for his education, rehabilitation and welfare.

Life in jail for 5 who spiked liquor with urea during Covid

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Meerut: A court in Uttar Pradesh's Saharanpur district has sentenced five men to life imprisonment for adulterating country liquor with urea and selling it at higher prices during the Covid-19 pandemic in 2021.

Additional district and sessions judge Mirza Zeenat on Tuesday convicted Bholi, 50, and Badal, Suraj, Sachin and Dabbu Jaiswar—all in their mid-30s—under IPC sections 272 and 273 (adulteration of food or drink intended for sale). The court also slapped a fine of Rs 52,000 on each convict.

On May 13, 2021, police raided a makeshift tin shed near Ashirwad Dairy at Pehalwan Pir following a tip-off. Bholi was nabbed on the spot, while four accomplices fled. Police seized 345 quarter-bottles of liquor, three litres of adulterated alcohol, 1kg urea and refilling equipment from the site.

During interrogation, Bholi admitted the gang routinely spiked cheap liquor with urea to increase its potency before selling it at higher prices during lockdown restrictions. The four absconding accomplices were arrested later.

During the course of the four-year trial, the prosecution examined four key witnesses and relied on forensic evidence that conclusively proved the chemical adulteration.

Additional district govt counsel Sandeep Singh said the severe sentence serves as a warning against illicit liquor syndicates. "What makes the offense even more egregious is that it was committed during the Covid-19 pandemic, when society was already facing an unprecedented health crisis. Such strict punishment will create fear among those involved in such illegal activities and will act as a strong deterrent against spurious liquor rackets," Singh said.

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Sl. No.	Branch Accounnt Name Name & Address of Borrower/Guarantor	Description of the Movable and Immovable Properties Hypothecated/ Charged/Mortgaged/ Owner's Name (mortgagers 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 SARFESI ACT 2002 C) Balance as on 30.06.2026 D) Possession Date u/s 13(4) of SARFESI ACT 2002/ E) Nature of Possession Symbolic/ Physical/Constructive	A) Reserve Price (Rs. in Lakhs) B) EMD C) Bid Increase Amount	Date /Time of E-Auction Date Visit of the site on Date	Details of the encumbrances known to the secured creditors
1	**Branch: Sardhana (085800)** Shri Dhanesh S/o Sh. Jagdish Prasad **(Borrower & Mortgager),** Add: Vill Loiya, Pargana Daurala, Tehsil Sardhana, Meerut-250342. Mrs. Suresh W/o Rishipal Singh **(Guarantor),** Add: Jay Bheem Nagar Ambedkar Bhavan, Meerut 250004. Sh. Satish Kumar S/o Sh. Bijender Singh **(Guarantor),** Add: Vill Loiya, Pargana Daurala, Tehsil Sardhana, Meerut- 250342.	All the part and parcel of residential property situated at village Loiya, Near Ambedkar Bhawan, Pargana Daurala Area 83.61 sqmtrs. i.e. 100 sq yards in the name of Sh Dhanesh s/o Jagdish Prasad Bounded as under: East: 31 feet 3 inch thereafter House of seller, West: 31 feet 3 inch thereafter Rasta 10.00 ft Wide, North: 28 feet 7 inch thereafter House of Seller, South: 29 feet thereafter House of Sh Mahaveer (Note Description of the above property is as per Sale deed registered with the office of Sub Registrar Sardhana, as Serial No 9405, Bahi No. 1, Zild No 7134 pages 1 to 20 on dated 19.07.2016).	A) 10.07.2025 B) Rs. 11,88,289.19 + further intt. w.e.f. 01.07.2025 + legal & other charges C) Rs. 13,00,953.18 + interest w.e.f. 01.07.2026 + Legal & other expenses since NPA D) 05.02.2026 E) Symbolic Possession	**Rs. 12.42 Lakh** **Rs. 1.242 Lakh** **Rs. 0.10 Lakh**	**24.08.2026** 11:00 AM to 04:00 PM **23.08.2026**	**Not Known any**
2	**Branch: Baseli, Baghpat** Sh. Anil Kumar S/o Sh. Madan Lal **(Borrower& Mortgagor),** Add 1: H. No.6/347, Valmiki Mohalla, Baraut- Baghpat-250611. Add 2: A Residential house no 34, ward no. 21, Nagarpalika Baraut, Pargana Tehsil Baraut, Distt-Baghpat. Sh. Rajendra Kumar S/o Sh. Bularam **(Guarantor),** Add: 178, Kotana Road, Baraut, Baghpat, UP-250611.	A Residential House no. 34, ward no-2, situated at kasba Baraut patti Chaudhran Circular Road, ward no.21, Nagarpalika Baraut, Pargana Tehsil Baraut Dist- Baghpat, measuring area 99 sq. yards or 82.78 sq. mtrs. In the name of Sh. Anil Kumar S/o Sh. Madan Lal.	A) 02.12.2024 B) Rs. 5,59,924.06 + intt. w.e.f. 01.12.2024 + legal & other expenses C) Rs. 5,05,050.06 as on 31.03.2026 + interest w.e.f. 01.04.2026 + Legal & other expenses since NPA D) 11.02.2025 E) Symbolic Possession	**Rs. 20.22 Lakh** **Rs. 2.022 Lakh** **Rs. 0.10 Lakh**	**24.08.2026** 11:00 AM to 04:00 PM **23.08.2026**	**Not Known any**
3	**Branch: Machhra (251900)** Shri. Mohd Danish S/o Shri Mohd. Iqram **(Borrower + Mortgagor),** Address- Mohalla Qureshiyan Sahajahanpur, Meerut UP-250104. Shri Nazish S/o Shri Mohd. Iqram **(Guarantor & Mortgagor),** Address - Mohalla Qureshiyan, Sahajahanpur, Meerut UP-250104.	Immovable property (Residential Building) Situated at house-MPL No- 130/08, ward no-08 (as per house tax receipt No-63 dt- 10.08.2023) Mohalla Ansariyan Kasba- Sahajanpur pargana- Kithore, Tehsil- Mawana, Distt- Meerut having and area 53.58 Sq Meters belonging to Mr. Mohd Danish and Mr. Mohd. Nazish, both S/o Mohd Iqram, Bounded as under: East: House of Mr. Sultan, West: House of Mr. Babu, North: House of Mr. Liyakat and Riyasat, South: Rasta 8' wide. (Note Description of the above property is as per correction Sale deed registered with the office of Sub Registrar Mawana, as Serial No 9341, Bahi No. 1, Zild No 9796 pages 335 to 352 on dated 27.06.2023).	A) 04.10.2025 B) Rs. 5,68,611.76 + intt. w.e.f. 17.09.2025 + legal & other expenses C) Rs. 6,18,713.76 + interest w.e.f. 17.07.2026 + Legal & other expenses since NPA D) 18.12.2025 E) Symbolic Possession	**Rs. 12.56 Lakh** **Rs. 1.256 Lakh** **Rs. 0.10 Lakh**	**24.08.2026** 11:00 AM to 04:00 PM **23.08.2026**	**Not Known any**
4	**Branch: Machhra, Meerut (251900)** Shri Saleem S/o Shri. Bhurey Khan **(Borrower),** Address- 195, Mohalla Mausam-khani Kithore Meerut-250104. Mrs. Janista W/o Shri Saleem **(Guarantor),** Address- 195, Mohalla Mausamkhani Kithore Meerut -250104.	A residential House situated at House Mohalla Salateen, Kasba- Kithore, Pargana- Kithore, Tehsil - Mawana, Meerut having and area 99.70 Sq Meters belonging to Mrs. Janista W/O Shri Saleem.	A) 28.07.2025 B) Rs. 9,68,690.05 + intt. w.e.f. 01.07.2025 + legal & other expenses C) Rs. 9,68,823.05 + interest w.e.f. 30.06.2026 + Legal & other expenses since NPA D) 14.10.2025 E) Symbolic Possession	**Rs. 25.34 Lakh** **Rs. 2.534 Lakh** **Rs. 0.10 Lakh**	**24.08.2026** 11:00 AM to 04:00 PM **23.08.2026**	**Not Known any**
5	**Branch: Abulane, Meerut** Krishanpal S/o Sh. Fateh Singh, Add1: Vill Idrishpur Pepla, Bhola Road, Tehsil, Meerut. Add2: B-21, Ganga Colony, Maliyana, Baghpat Road, Meerut.	All parts and parcel of Residential House without number two floor build on plot no B 21 Khasra number 930 Ganga Colony, Village Maliyana, Pargana, Tehsil and District Meerut, measuring 66.89 sq. mtr in the name of Sh. Krishanpal S/o Sh. Fateh Singh.	A) 05.06.2023 B) Rs. 15,20,241.50 C) Rs. 19,42,043.32 + interest w.e.f. 31.07.2026 + Legal & other expenses since NPA D) 04.11.2023 E) Symbolic Possession	**Rs. 18.01 Lakh** **Rs.1.801 Lakh** **Rs. 0.10 Lakh**	**24.08.2026** 11:00 AM to 04:00 PM **23.08.2026**	**Not Known any**
6	**Branch: Baraut Baghpat (004200)** Shri Karan Kumar S/o Shri Bijendra Singh **(Borrower + Mortgagor),** Add1: House No. 3/427 Gali No. 07, Gurana Road Baraut, District Baghpat (UP) -250611. Add2: House No. 11/748 Mohalla Vijay Nagar, Patti Baru, Gali No. 07, Gurana Road, Baraut District-Baghpat (UP). Shri Manoj Kumar S/o Shri Bijendra Singh **(Co-Borrower + Mortgagor),** Add1: House No. 3/427 Gali No. 07, Gurana Road Baraut. District Baghpat (UP) -250611. Add2: House No. 11/748 Mohalla Vijay Nagar, Patti Baru, Gali No. 07. Gurana Road, Baraut District-Baghpat (UP). Mrs Poonam W/o Vinod Kumar **(Guarantor),** Add: 11/748 Gali No. 01 Gurana Road Baraut District Baghpat (UP)-250611.	A residential house, having municipal no. 11/748, measuring area 44.31 Sq Mtrs, situated at Qusba Baraut Mohalla Vijay Nagar Gurana Road under limits of Nagar Palika Parishad Baraut Tehsil Baraut District Baghpat. The property is in the name of Shri Manoj Kumar and Shri Karan Kumar. Boundaries of property areas under: - East-Rasta 9 Feet Wide, West-House of Kamdar, North-House of Ajeet, South-House of Vahid Thekedar.	A) 13.05.2024 B) Rs. 10,47,527.00 + intt. + legal & other expenses C) Rs. 12,74,728 + interest w.e.f. 30.06.2026 + Legal & other expenses since NPA D) 08.08.2024 E) Symbolic Possession	**Rs. 10.13 Lakh** **Rs. 1.013 Lakh** **Rs. 0.10 Lakh**	**24.08.2026** 11:00 AM to 04:00 PM **23.08.2026**	**Not Known any**
7	**Branch: Kithore, Meerut (405400)** Sh. Chanchal Kumar S/o Sh. Arvind Kumar **(Borrower & Mortgager),** Add: Mahalwala Road, Shahjahanpur, Meerut UP 250104. Prashant Kumar S/o Sh. Arvind Kumar **(Guarantor),** Add: Mahalwala Road, Shahjahanpur, Meerut.	A Residential House situated at Mohalla Harijanowala, Kasba Shahjahanpur, Pargana Kithore, Tehsil-Mawana, Distt- Meerut, Pin code-250104, measuring area 41.66 sq. mtrs. in the name of Sh. Chanchal Kumar S/o Sh. Arvind Kumar,	A) 28.07.2025 B) Rs. 2,67,769.49 C) Rs. 2,97,304.49 + interest w.e.f. 01-07-2026 + Legal & other expenses since NPA D) 14.10.2025 E) Symbolic Possession	**Rs. 4.86 Lakh** **Rs. 0.486 Lakh** **Rs. 0.10 Lakh**	**24.08.2026** 11:00 AM to 04:00 PM **23.08.2026**	**Not Known any**
8	**Branch: Sardhana (085800)** Sh. Amit Kumar S/o Sh. Nand Kishor **(Borrower & Mortgagor),** Add1: Nai Basti, Arya Colony, Pargana Daurala Tehsil Sardhana, Distt. Meerut, U.P-250221. Add 2: H. no. 706, Village Daurala, Mill Bazar, Pargana Daurala, Tehsil Sardhana, distt. Meerut, U.P-250221. Add 3: H.no. 627, Village Daurala, Mill Bazar, Pargana Daurala, Tehsil Sardhana, Distt. Meerut, U.P-250221. Smt. Kamlesh W/o Sh. Nand Kishor **(Co-Borrower & Mortgagor),** Add: Nai Basti, Arya Colony, Pargana Daurala Tehsil Sardhana, Distt. Meerut, U.P-250221. Sh. Ompal S/o Sh. Narayan **(Guarantor),** Add: Ward-1, Raidaspuri, Daurala, Meerut-250221.	Residential House at Plot No. 64A, Part of Khasra No. 88, measuring 83.61 Sq. Mtr. i.e. 100.00 Sq Yard, at Village Daurala, Mill Bazar, Pargana Daurala, Tehsil Sardhana, Distt. Meerut, UP-250221 in the name of Smt. Kamlesh W/o Sh. Nand Kishor. Properties Dimension & Boundaries: East: Property of Others, West: Plot No. 64B, North: Rasta, South: Plot No. 65, (The description of the property is mentioned at Bahi No. I, Volume No. 2970 on pages 351/362 at Serial No. 11248 registered in the office of Sub Registrar Office Sardhana, Meerut).	A) 03.11.2023 B) Rs. 8,81,130.10 C) Rs. 11,85,460.10 + interest w.e.f. 31.07.2026 + Legal & other expenses since NPA D) 14.05.2024 E) Symbolic Possession	**Rs. 16.02 Lakh** **Rs. 1.602 Lakh** **Rs. 0.10 Lakh**	**24.08.2026** 11:00 AM to 04:00 PM **23.08.2026**	**Not Known any**

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Date: 05.08.2026 **Place: Meerut** **Authorised Officer / Secured Creditor**

New method to grow barnyard millet in U'khand

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Dehradun: Uttarakhand has introduced a new farming method for barnyard millet that aims to increase yields while reducing cultivation costs, with the programme launched in Uttarkashi district for the ongoing Kharif season last week, agriculture department officials said.

Known as the System of Millet Intensification (SMI), the method uses fewer seeds unlike traditional methods. Seedlings are raised in nurseries for 15 to 21 days before being transplanted at a spacing of 10x12 inches, officials said. The method requires around 150 grams of seed per acre.

Uttarakhand is the country's largest producer of barnyard millet, with an annual output of around 40,200 metric tonnes from 28,250 hectares, claimed agriculture officials.

Agriculture director Dinesh Kumar said, "The technique can potentially increase millet yields two to three times per acre while lowering cultivation costs." It also prioritises the use of farmyard manure instead of chemical fertilisers and mechanical weeders to improve soil aeration, root growth and drought resistance.

Kumar said the state govt is also planning to introduce barnyard millet-based recipes in school meals to help tackle childhood anaemia.

Shweta Bandhani, a farmer known as the "Millet Woman of Uttarakhand", said the crop is rich in dietary fibre, protein and antioxidants and is linked to better blood sugar control, digestive health and a lower risk of obesity, hypertension and high cholesterol.

Unlike finger millet and several other millet varieties, barnyard millet does not have a Minimum Support Price (MSP). Kumar said the agriculture department is in talks with the finance department to bring the crop under MSP of at least Rs 52.5/quintals, which would provide farmers with price support and encourage wider cultivation.

IIT-R develops nanomaterial to recover uranium

Roorkee: Researchers at IIT Roorkee have developed an acid-resistant magnetic nanocomposite capable of extracting uranium and rare earth elements (REEs) from highly acidic wastewater, including acid mine drainage and nuclear effluent.

The innovation—published in the Journal of Environmental Chemical Engineering—solves a longstanding industry hurdle where conventional nanomaterials rapidly corrode and lose efficiency in low-pH environments.

To overcome this, researchers encapsulated active magnetic nanoparticles within a porous silica protective shell. This design functions like a "raincoat," shielding the magnetic core from acid corrosion while allowing it to chemically capture target elements.

"Most advanced metallic nanomaterials face a trade-off between reactivity and stability in acidic environments. By developing an acid-resistant porous silica shell around the active nanoparticle core, we created a material that remains effective even under harsh acidic conditions," said prof Nitin Khandelwal of the department of hydrology.

Laboratory studies showed that the material can recover up to 370 gms of uranium and REEs per kg of nanomaterial while maintaining high extraction efficiency across five consecutive adsorption-desorption cycles. **Tapan Susheel**