

Mann gives in-principle nod to Gaurav Yadav as regular DGP

State to get permanent police chief after more than four years

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CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 8 Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann is learnt to have given in-principle approval for the appointment of Gaurav Yadav as the regular Director General of Police (DGP) of Punjab, paving the way for the state to finally have a permanent police chief after over four years of an additional-charge arrangement.

The Department of Home had put up the file relating to the appointment before the Chief Minister. Mann has given his in-principle nod,



Gaurav Yadav

though the file had not been returned to the department till Thursday evening.

A senior government source said the formal announcement could be made before the October 13 deadline set by

the Punjab and Haryana High Court for the state to submit its compliance report.

Yadav, a 1992-batch IPS officer, has been functioning as the officiating DGP since July 2022. His name is among the three officers empanelled by the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) for appointment as the head of the Punjab Police. The other two officers on the panel are Sharad Satya Chauhan and Harpreet Singh Sidhu.

The appointment remained pending since the UPSC panel was received by the Punjab Government in July. The

issue subsequently came under the scrutiny of the High Court following a PIL filed by advocate Nikhil Thamman, who challenged the prolonged continuation of an additional-charge arrangement for the state police chief.

On October 1, a Division Bench of Chief Justice Ashwani Kumar Mishra and Justice Rohit Kapoor directed the state to take an appropriate decision on appointing a regular DGP. The court also asked Chief Secretary KAP Sinha to place a compliance affidavit before it by the next hearing on October 13.

Pastor stabbed to death at his house in Batala

CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 8

A 45-year-old pastor was stabbed to death at his residence in Batala, the police said on Thursday. A man named Naresh Kumar has been booked in connection with the killing, they said.

Pastor Balwinder Pal, who ran a church at his home, sustained serious injuries when the assailant attacked him at Gandhi Camp in Batala of Gurdaspur district, the police said. He was rushed to the Civil Hospital, where he succumbed to his injuries.

Based on a complaint filed by the pastor's brother, a case has been registered against Naresh Kumar. Sunny, nephew of the slain pastor, said his uncle had no enmity with anyone. The police said a probe was on. — PTI

SC seeks state proposal on land for compensatory afforestation

NHAI PROJECTS

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NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 8

Expressing concern over the decline in forest cover in Punjab, the Supreme Court on Thursday asked the state government to submit a proposal by November 27 for providing adequate land for compensatory afforestation in areas where land is needed by the NHAI for the construction of roads.

A Bench led by Chief Justice of India Surya Kant also issued notice on the NHAI's plea challenging the Punjab and Haryana High Court's orders that placed restrictions on felling of trees by the authority.

The HC order had come

on a PIL against the felling of nearly 5,000 trees for the Zirakpur bypass project of the NHAI, connecting Zirakpur in Punjab to a toll plaza on the Chandigarh-Shimla highway in Haryana.

On behalf of the NHAI, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta submitted that the HC had issued continuing mandamus restraining the felling of trees in Punjab, which created problems for the construction of public roads.

"There cannot be a continuing mandamus. We are bound by a statutory requirement for compensatory afforestation. It is mandatory for the felling of trees. Punjab is a border state and some roads are required to be constructed

for strategic purposes," Mehta told the Bench.

The Bench sought to know if land was allocated for compensatory afforestation within 5 km of the area where trees were felled.

Mehta said sometimes the land was allocated, sometimes it was not and sometimes it could not be allocated within a 5-km radius, but trees were being planted.

As Mehta said that due to the HC's direction, public projects were being stalled, the Bench directed the state government to submit a proposal for providing adequate land for compensatory afforestation.

It directed the NHAI to serve the copy of the petition to the state government and sought the state's response.

QR code, money trail lead cops to influencer Mad Sandhu's shooter

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AMRITSAR, OCTOBER 8

The Punjab Police claim to have cracked the murder case of social media influencer Madhusudan Singh, popularly known as Mad Sandhu, with the arrest of six accused, including the alleged main shooter.

The police said the accused were traced after investigators followed a CCTV trail spanning nearly 125 km, tracked a money trail and used a QR code to locate the alleged shooter in Ahmedabad. The investigation was carried out with the help of the Gujarat Police.

Police Commissioner Harmanbir Singh Gill said investigators were probing the role of gangster Goldy Dhillon and other gang members in the conspiracy behind the killing.

He said the alleged shooter, Parminder Singh, alias Kaka of Lohian Khas, Jalandhar



Mad Sandhu

Rural, was traced to Ahmedabad after investigators established a money trail involving his brother Amandeep Singh.

According to the police, Rs 16,000 was transferred online to Amandeep's account by persons allegedly linked to foreign-based criminals. Of this, Rs 11,000 was transferred by Amandeep to Parminder, while Rs 5,000 was allegedly transferred to Paramvir Singh of Lohian Khas.

Gill said Amandeep was already under investigation when Parminder contacted him for money. The police

asked Amandeep to send a QR code to Parminder on the pretext of making a payment. When Parminder scanned the code, his location was traced and the Ahmedabad Crime Branch was alerted.

A police team then reached Ahmedabad and arrested Parminder. The police said Parminder initially denied his involvement, but investigators confronted him with CCTV footage, video clips and other evidence.

The police said six persons have been arrested in the case. Besides Parminder and Amandeep, the others arrested are Paramvir Singh, Baljinder Singh, alias Lali of Dalawarpur, Tarn Taran, and Balraj Singh, alias Bunty, and Vikas Singh, both of Khalchian, Amritsar Rural.

According to the Commissioner, Balraj and Vikas allegedly conducted a reconnaissance of Sandhu's movements for two to three days from a tea stall to Starbucks.

Shopkeepers to get ownership rights under new scheme

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CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 8

In an early Diwali bonanza for lakhs of shopkeepers and small traders across Punjab, the state government on Thursday launched the "Meri Dukan, Mere Naam" scheme, paving the way for shopkeepers running shops on rent or lease in municipal corporations, councils and nagar panchayats for over 12 years to become owners.

Local Government Minister Harjot Singh Bains said the scheme would allow eligible shopkeepers to get ownership rights of shops. He said any shopkeeper who could prove legal possession for 12 years prior to April 1, 2020, would be eligible to apply.

Applications can be submitted at municipal council and municipal corporation offices till November 6. An SDM-level committee will scrutinise the applications, while price fixation will be done by a DC-level committee.

Guru's birth anniv to be observed on 2 dates amid Nanakshahi calendar row

Pakistan Sikhs to celebrate Gurburb today; SGPC, DSGMC on Oct 27

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CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 8

The birth anniversary of the fourth Sikh Guru and founder of Amritsar, Guru Ram Das, will be observed twice this year due to the continuing controversy surrounding the Nanakshahi calendar, leading to different Gurburb dates.

The Pakistan Sikh Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee, which follows the original Nanakshahi calendar based on the solar year, will celebrate the Gurburb on October 9 at Gurdwara Janam

Asthan Guru Ram Das Ji in Lahore's Chuna Mandi area.

In contrast, the Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC) and the Delhi Sikh Gurdwara Management Committee (DSGMC) will commemorate the occasion on October 27 according to the amended Nanakshahi calendar, which incorporates lunar calculations and is endorsed by the Akal Takht.

DSGMC president Harmeet Singh Kalka said, "We go by the calendar endorsed by the Akal Takht. Accordingly, Guru Ram Das Ji's birth anniversary will be

celebrated on October 27."

The differing dates have once again highlighted the long-standing divide in the Sikh community over the Nanakshahi calendar.

Several Sikh organisations in India and abroad, including Panthic Talmel Sangathan, Akal Purakh Ki Fauj and Shabad Kirtani Jatha, have aligned with Sikhs in Pakistan and will observe the Gurburb on October 9.

Jaswinder Singh Advocate, head of Akal Purakh Ki Fauj, blamed the SGPC for the confusion, alleging that amendments to the original

Nanakshahi calendar had altered its character. "The original calendar was modified for political reasons. As a result, confusion persists over the dates of Gurburbs and other significant Sikh occasions," he said.

Disputes over the calendar have resurfaced repeatedly since the amendments were introduced in 2010. Critics often describe the amended version as a return to the Bikrami calendar system under the Nanakshahi nomenclature because it incorporates lunar calculations.

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TENDER NOTICE

1. Sealed Tenders are invited for running a "Wet Canteen" in Army Public School, Bathinda Cantt for a strength of approx 3600 students/staff. Those interested may submit their bids by 18 October 2026, along with a non-refundable Demand Draft of Rs. 1000/- in favour of Principal, Army Public School, Bathinda Cantt. For format of submission and detailed terms and conditions, kindly visit School website: <https://apsbathinda.org>

2. The School Management reserves the right to cancel the tender at any time without assigning any reasons.

Principal

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TENDER NOTICE 09 OCT 2026

1. Army Public School Chandimandir invites Tender/Quotations in Two bid system (Technical and Commercial bid) from experienced vendors having GST Number in a sealed envelope by or before 1500 hrs on 23 October 2026 for "Installation of Split Air Conditioners in Porta Cabins (Classrooms) at APS, Chandimandir Cantt. Tri-city (Chandigarh, Panchkula & Mohali) vendors/contractors will be preferred.

2. Technical specification and bid format will be filled separately and can be seen/downloaded from school website www.apschandimandir.in under Head 'Work with Us'.

-sd- Principal

GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB

Tender Reference No. E-tender No. MCJ/(B&R) 2026-27/28

The Department of : MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, JALANDHAR LOCAL GOVT. DEPTT. PUNJAB NOTICE INVITING E-TENDERS (CIVIL WORKS).

Type of Work : Construction or Maintenance of Roads/Parks/Building

Closing Date & Time : Date and Time Schedule for Contractors. (For S.No. 1-27) 19.10.2026 Up to 16.00 hrs. (For S.No. 28-29) 23.10.2026 Up to 16.00 hrs.

For Details login to : www.eproc.punjab.gov.in

NOTE: Any Corrigendum(s) to the Tender notice shall be published on the above website only.

Sd/- Corporation Engineer, Municipal Corporation Jalandhar.

DPR/PB/3234/12/2026-27/15984

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

DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL CHANDIGARH (DRT 3)

Ground Floor SCO 33-34-35 Sector-17 A, Chandigarh-160017

Case No.: OA/998/2024 Ex. No.: 34251

Summons under section 4 of section 19 of the Act, read with sub-rule (2A) of rule 5 of the Debt Recovery Tribunal (Procedure) Rules, 1993.

Hdfc Bank Limited Vs Messers Perfect Windows Solution And Others To, (1) M/s Perfect Windows Solutions, Partnership Firm, Through its Partners, Having Place of Business At Plot No. 10, Chanolan, Near Focal Point Kurli, Distt. S.A.S. Nagar-140103

2. Sh. Ramesh Singh S/o. Murari Singh, R/o. Rajeev Nagar, Ward No. 31, Nagar Nigam Dehradun, Aajpur Kalan, P.O. Nehru Gram, Dehradun (Uttarakhand)-248001

SUMMONS

WHEREAS, OA/998/2024 was listed before Hon'ble Presiding Officer/Registrar on 29/09/2026.

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. 53,79,844.15/- 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 of 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 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 realised 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 the Registrar on 13/11/2026 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: 30/09/2026

Signature of the Officer Authorised to issue summons- DRT-3

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