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AFTER MEETING WITH PSMSU

Mann announces 4% hike in DA for govt employees, says will push Centre on OPS

Move to cost exchequer Rs 1,100 crore per annum

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PUNJAB CHIEF Minister Bhagwant Mann Monday announced a 4 per cent hike in dearness allowance for government employees with effect from December 1. With this, the DA has increased from 34 per cent to 38 per cent.

The decision was taken following a meeting of the chief minister with the representatives of Punjab State Ministerial Services Union (PSMSU), where Mann discussed various demands of the employees.

"Had a meeting with the representatives of PSMSU and discussed their issues in detail...Sharing the good news that we are going to give a New Year's gift to the employees...DA is increased by 4% which will be con-

Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann at the meeting with PSMSU representatives and other officials in Chandigarh, Monday. Express

December 2023," Mann said on X.

After the meeting, PSMSU president Amrik Singh said the chief minister has assured that the remaining 8 per cent DA will also be given. The PSMSU on Sunday sus-

pended their over a month-long pen-down strike, which began on November 8, after they received the call for a meeting with the chief minister.

Aam Aadmi Party chief spokesperson Malvinder Singh Kang said the decision will cost Rs 1,100 crore per annum to the state exchequer. He said there 3.50 lakh pensioners in the state.

The Punjab Employees and Pensioners Joint Front, however, termed the hike as an "unpleasant joke" with the employees. In a statement, the front said that the employees and pensioners of Punjab will get 38% DA while the central government or employees of the governments in the neighbouring states of Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Chandigarh and Jammu Kashmir will get 46%.

It said that there is a complete silence on many other demands including reinstatement, payment of minimum wages to all deducted allowances including rural allowance and implementation of Punjab pay scale on employees recruited after July

Sukhchain Singh Khaira, president of Punjab Government Employees' Association, said that the employees had been demanding 12% pending DA. They have also been demanding implementation of old pension scheme (OPS) but the government hasn't made any headway in this regard, he added.

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Mann, however, said the state government will flag the sidered effective from 1st are 3.25 lakh employees and honorary workers, restoration of OPS issue with the Union gov- frontrunner in every field.

ernment. He said a meeting will be arranged with the Secretary, Finance, Government of India to further push up the case.

Mann also directed to prepare timescale for ensuring promotion channels in various departments for steno typists on the basis of seniority.

The chief minister also asked the officers to ensure that the process for filling vacant posts in ministerial services of all the departments through promotion was ensured within two months.

He also announced to set up a committee for resolution of various pending demands of the employees including restoration of ACP (assured career progression) scheme and others.

Mann assured the employees that the state government is fully committed to their well-being and concerted efforts will be made in this regard.

Mann said the state government is duty-bound to carve out a 'Rangla Punjab' (vibrant Punjab) for which support of every section of society is pivotal. He said the employees of the state government will also act as a catalyst for making Punjab a

Pak plans 'Darshan Resort' at Kartarpur

Lahore: Pakistan's Punjab province Secretary Tourism Raja Jahangir government will establish a "Darshan Resort" close to Gurdwara Darbar Sahib in Kartarpur to provide a view of the holy site to the Sikh pilgrims stay-

ing there. "The construction of a fivestorey Darshan Resort will start next month with an estimated

cost of PKR300 million," Punjab

Anwar said Monday.

He said it would be built just 500 meters away from the Gurdwara Darbar Sahib. "The ground breaking of the project will be held next month. And by the end of 2024, the resort will be completed," Anwar said, adding that the Punjab government will fund the whole project.

The provincial secretary further said that Darshan Resort will have at least 10 suite rooms on the top floor, mini theatre and gym. He said the resort will also offer a perfect aerial view of the Karatarpur Sahib. "Caretaker **Punjab Chief Minister Mohsin** Nagyi has already accorded approval to establish the 50-room Darshan Resort," he added. PTI

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> [See proviso to rule 8(6)] Notice for sale of immovable assets

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Symbolic Possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of ICICI Home Finance Company Ltd., will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is", as per the brief particulars given hereunder;

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower (s)/ Co Borrowers/ Guarantors/ Legal Heirs. Loan Account No.	Secured asset(s) with known	Amount Outstanding	Reserve Price Earnest Money Deposit	Date and Time of Property Inspection	Date & Time of Auction
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)
1.	(Borrower) Mohinder Kaur (Co-Borrower) Loan Account No.	Khasra No. 2920/374(6-8), 3050/375 (20-8), Khewat/ Khatoni No. 272/518, Situated Within The Revenue Limits of Sarawan, Tehsil Jaito, District Faridkot		Rs. 9,92,224/-	December 21, 2023 11:00 AM- 03:00 PM	January 05, 2024 02:00 PM- 03:00 PM
				Rs. 99,230/-		

agency Globe Tech. The Mortgagors/ notice are given a last chance to pay the total dues with further interest till January 04, 2024 before 05.00 PM else these secured assets will be sold as per above schedule

The Prospective Bidder(s) must submit the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) RTGS/ Demand Draft (DD) (Refer Column E) at ICICI Home Finance Company Limited, 2nd floor, Kakar Tower, Mall Road, Ferozpur-152002 on or before January 04, 2024 before 04:00 PM. The Prospective Bidder(s) must also submit signed copy of Registration Form & Bid Terms and Conditions form at ICICI Home Finance Company Limited, 2nd floor, Kakar Tower, Mall Road, Ferozpur-152002 on or before January 04, 2024 before 05.00 PM. Earnest Money Deposit Demand Draft (DD) should be from a Nationalized/Scheduled Bank in favorof "ICICI Home Finance Company Ltd.-Auction" payable at Faridkot For any further clarifications with regards to inspection, terms and conditions of the auction or submission of

tenders, kindly contact ICICI Home Finance Company Limited on 9920807300 or our Sales & Marketing Partner NexXen Solutions Private Limited. The Authorized Officer reserves the right to reject any or all the bids without furnishing any further reasons

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please visit https://www.icicihfc.com/

Date: December 19, 2023 Authorized Officer Place : Faridkot ICICI Home Finance Company Limited

UCO BANK

SCO 55-56-57, Bank Square, Sector 17-B Chandigarh-160017, Ph. 0172-5037339, 5037340, [RULE-8(1)] POSSESSION NOTICE (FOR MOVABLE PROPERTY/IES)

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the UCO Bank, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 (54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice calling upon the following borrowers to repay the amount mentioned in notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower/ Guarantor having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him / her under Sub Section 4 of Section 13 of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement Rule 2002.

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealing with property will be subject to the charge of UCO BANK, for the amount mentioned here in below against Account.

(The Borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets).

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Sr. Name of the Borrower/

Co-borrower/

Shukla (Guarantor)

dated 25.05.2017.

Date: 18.12.2023

All that part and parcel of 23.08.2023 | 15.12.2023 | Rs. 8,21,290/-Shukla S/o Shiv Parsad No. 10//8-9-11-12-13-18/1, as Shukla & Smt. Pinki per Jamabandi for the year Shukla W/o Shri Niwas 2006-2007 of Village Kulyewal H.B. No. 178 (Abadi Baba

Borrower: M/s Shiv Property House measuring 50 as on 21.08.2023 (inclusive of interest upto Trading Co. through its sq. yards comprised in khata 30.06.2023) in account 04240510003121 Proprietor Sh. Shri Niwas No. 71 Khatoni No. 73 Khasra Rs. 1,90,807/- as on 21.08.2023 (inclusive of interest upto 31.03.2023) in account 04240610007341, Rs. 5,80,000/- as on 21.08.2023 (inclusive of interest upto 31.03.2023) in account 04240610009178, Rs. 1,29,000/- as on 21.08.2023 (inclusive

Date of Demand

Chandigarh

Notice/ Amount

Darshan Singh 36'-0", North : Raju 12'-6", South : Street of interest upto 31.03.2023) in account Wide 20' 12'-6". Vide sale deed bearing Wasika No. 4049 04240610009215 plus interest & incidental Place: Chandigarh **AUTHORISED OFFICER**

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

Picici Home Finance Registered office: ICICI Bank II Bandra (East), Mumbai- 400051 Registered office: ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra-Kurla Complex.

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The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of ICICI Home Finance Company Limited under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002, issued demand notices upon the borrowers mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

As the borrower failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/ her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of ICICI Home Finance Company Limited.

Description of property/

Date of Possession

No.	Loan Account Number	Date of Possession	in Demand Notice (Rs.)	Branch
1.	Pardeep Singh (Borrower), Sukhdeep Kaur (Co-Borrower), LHBTN00001299305.	Khasra No 438 Min 9 11 Khewat 165 Khatoni 293 Wakiya Ramgarh Tehsil Jaito Vpo Ramgarh Adjoining Dharmshala Faridkot-151202. Bounded By- North: Jeevan Kumar, South: Dharamshala, East: Street, West: Jeevan Kumar./ Date of Possession- 16-Dec-23	27-04-2022 Rs. 10,92,115/-	Bhatinda- B
2.	Pardeep Singh (Borrower), Sukhdeep Kaur (Co-Borrower), LHBTN00001299306.	Khasra No 438 Min 9 11 Khewat 165 Khatoni 293 Wakiya Ramgarh Tehsil Jaito Vpo Ramgarh Adjoining Dharmshala Faridkot-151202. Bounded By- North: Jeevan Kumar, South: Dharamshala, East: Street, West: Jeevan Kumar/ Date of Possession- 16-Dec-23	27-04-2022 Rs. 2,94,321/-	Bhatinda- B
3.	Mukhtiar. (Borrower), Mamta. (Co- Borrower), LHFER00001391047. Hadbast No 108 Khewat No 231 232 233 Khasra No 56 57 Vakya Rakba Ali Ke Road Ferozepur 152002 (Ref LAN No. LHFER00001391047). Bounded By- North: Vacant Plot 22.5 Ft, South: Street 22.5 Ft, East: Harjit Kuar 30ft, West: Harpreet Singh 30 Ft./ Date of Possession- 16-Dec-23		11-07-2023 Rs. 4,63,087.02/-	Ferozpur- B
4.	Mukhtiar. (Borrower), Mamta. (Co- Borrower), LHFER00001391421. Hadbast No 108 Khewat No 231 232 233 Khasra No 56 57 Vakya Rakba Ali Ke Road Ferozepur 152002 (Ref LAN No. LHFER00001391421). Bounded By- North: Vacant Plot 22.5 Ft, South: Street 22.5 Ft, East: Harjit Kuar 30ft, West: Harpreet Singh 30 Ft./ Date of Possession- 16-Dec-23		11-07-2023 Rs. 2,35,467/-	Ferozpur- B
5.	Mukhtiar. (Borrower), Mamta. (Co- Borrower), LHFER00001391422. Hadbast No 108 Khewat No 231 232 233 Khasra No 56 57 Vakya Rakba Ali Ke Road Ferozepur 152002 (Ref LAN No. LHFER00001391422). Bounded By- North: Vacant Plot 22.5 Ft, South: Street 22.5 Ft, East: Harjit Kuar 30ft, West: Harpreet Singh 30 Ft./ Date of Possession- 16-Dec-23		11-07-2023 Rs. 35,352.64/-	Ferozpur- B

The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/ guarantors(s) are hereby given a 30 day notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold on the expiry of 30 days from the date of publication of this Notice, as per the provisions under the Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

Place: Faridkot, Ferozepur

Date: December 19, 2023 Authorized Officer ICICI Home Finance Company Limited

BRIEFLY

CM Mann releases biography of eminent artist Sobha Singh

Chandigarh: Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann on Monday released the biography 'Sobha Singh Artist: Life & Legacy', at Punjab Bhawan in Chandigarh. The biography has been penned by Hirday Pal Singh, the grandson of Sobha Singh. The CM complimented the author for detailing Sobha Singh's multidimensional personality. He said that Singh brought glory not only to Punjab and Himachal Pradesh but and the entire nation through his paintings on religious themes, freedom fighters and national heroes, brides and tribes, landscapes and portraits. He expressed hope that the book will be of much use to researchers, art students, and art connoisseurs. Singh, born on November 29, 1901 at Hargobindpur in Gurdaspur, spent four decades from 1947 to 1986 at art village Andretta in Kangra valley in Himachal Pradesh.

Pakistan issues 62 visas to Indians to visit Shree Katas Raj temples

New Delhi: The Pakistan High Commission on Monday said it has issued 62 visas to Hindu pilgrims from India to facilitate their travel to Shree Katas Raj temples in Punjab province's Chakwal district. "Pakistan High Commission in New Delhi has issued 62 visas to a group of Indian Hindu pilgrims for their visit to Shree Katas Raj Temples, also known as Qila Katas, in Chakwal district of Punjab from December 19-25," the Pakistan mission said in a statement. On the occasion, Charge d' Affaires Aizaz Khan wished the pilgrims a safe journey and a memorable stay in Pakistan.

On way to hospital, pregnant woman killed in road accident

Ambala: A pregnant woman was killed while her father-inlaw and mother-in-law suffered injuries after a car hit their bike near Begna river bridge, police Monday said. The accident took place Sunday evening when the woman's in-laws were taking her on a motorbike to the Nohni primary health care centre for check-up, they said. The woman identified as Aanchal was a resident of Badhauli village, said police.

Man held with 2 kg heroin in Punjab's SBS Nagar

Nawanshahr: A man was arrested after two kg heroin was recovered from his possession in Punjab's SBS Nagar, said police on Monday. SSP SBS Nagar, Akhil Chaudhary, said that the man named Jaskarnjit Singh was held after heroin was recov-

2021 NDPS CASE

SIT questions Majithia for 7 hrs; he says outcome of his stand against CM Mann

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SHIROMANI AKALI Dal leader Bikram Singh Majithia was Monday questioned for more than seven hours by a special investigation team of the Punjab Police in connection with a drugs case registered against him in 2021. Majithia, who reached the SIT office in Patiala with his counsel around 11:45 am and left around 7 pm, termed the case as "false", borne out of "political vengeance". The SIT is led by Additional Director General of Police (Patiala range) Mukhwinder Singh Chhina.

A former minister, Majithia claimed that he was summoned in the two-year-old case as he spoke against 'tanashah (dictator) Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann'.

"Facts will not change. All this is vindictiveness and political vengeance. Whosoever raises voice against this government or 'tanashahi' Mann, a false case is registered against him. It is your (Mann) misconception that you can weaken Majithia this way. I will fight with full force against you. I am not scared of going to jail. If you think that I will stop raising the voice of people out of fear of going to jail, it is not going to happen," Majithia said.

The former minister was earlier booked under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act on December 20, 2021, during the Charanjit Singh Channi-led Congress government. The action was taken based on a 2018 report of the anti-drug Special



Akali Dal leader Bikram Singh Majithia on his way to the ADGP office for questioning in connection with a drug case, in Patiala, Monday. Harmeet Sodhi

Task Force. The FIR was registered by the state Crime Branch at its Mohali police station. Majithia had later surrendered on February 20 and came out of the Patiala jail in August 2022 after the Punjab and Haryana High Court granted him bail.

Majithia also targeted former director general of police S Chattopadhyaya for the registration of case against him in 2021. He said Chattopadhayaya faces a major penalty in the matter of security breach during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to the state in January last year.

On January 5, 2022, Modi's convoy was stranded on a flyover due to a blockade by protesters in Ferozepur after which he returned from Punjab without attending any event, including a

Earlier, before reaching the SIT office, Majithia had said he is a law-abiding citizen and has this is just "politicisation". "It is only politics and it has be-

complete trust in law. He said there is no merit in the case and

come the habit of Bhagwant Mann to play politics. They have been sleeping for two years. It's my request, if you have any proof then present it in court," Majithia said. "My fight is against the state

machinery and against the state

government which lodges an FIR against anyone who utters a word against it," he told reporters in Patiala. "This is the same case in which [Delhi Chief Minister] Arvind Kejriwal tendered an apology to

me. Now, I have learnt that ED has summoned Kejriwal December 21. I can accompany him and tell him not to worry, and face the law," he added.

AAP spokesperson Malwinder Singh Kang, meanwhile, said, "There are very serious allegations against Majithia in the 2013 drugs case ... those associated with him remain absconding. The case was registered during Congress rule and Majithia, instead of crying political vendetta, should face the law so that wheat gets separated from chaff".

2015 SACRILEGE CASES

Eight years of probe, an apology and much politics Inspector General (IG) and now an in Punjab after the apology. While CM Bhagwant Mann

NAVJEEVAN GOPAL

CHANDIGARH, DECEMBER 18

EIGHT YEARS after three incidents of sacrilege in Faridkot district, Akali Dal president Sukhbir Singh Badal tendered an apology to the Sikh community before the Akal Takht, the highest temporal seat of the Sikhs. He apologised for failing to put behind bars perpetrators of the act during the SAD-BJP alliance government in Punjab in 2015. His apology came when the party was celebrating its 103rd Foundation Day in Amritsar on Thursday. However, it was dismissed by the ruling AAP government in Punjab, the main opposition Congress, and the Punjab BJP. The Indian Express explains the

cases in question, their current

status and how politics played out

The three sacrilege cases that took place in 2015

A bir (copy) of Guru Granth Sahib was stolen on June 1, 2015, from a gurdwara in Burj Jawahar Singh Wala, and an FIR was registered the next day. Nearly four months later, another such case was registered on September 25, 2015 after sacrilegious handwritten posts were found in Burj Jawahar Singh Wala and Bargari villages. On October 12, torn pages of Guru Granth Sahib were found strewn and another FIR was lodged. All the three FIRs were registered in Bajakhana police sta-

The status of the three cases The Special Investigation

Team (SIT) headed by then

Additional Director General of

Police(ADGP) in its final report last year concluded that the three sacrilege incidents were the handiwork of Dera Sacha Sauda followers. The 467-page report has no mention of former CM Parkash Singh Badal and his son

Sukhbir Badal. Currently, the three cases are being heard in the court of Chief Judicial Magistrate (CJM), Chandigarh. The Supreme Court had earlier this year directed

that the cases be shifted from a trial court in Faridkot to Chandigarh after the accused Dera followers moved the apex court seeking transfer of cases.

Political reaction after the

said, "Muafi galtian di hundi hai, gunaha di nahi (apology is tendered for mistakes, not for crimes), "Vidhan Sabha SpeakerKultar Singh Sandhwan dubbed the apology as "a desperate act necessitated by near-extinct SAD's political compul-

> sions." Sandhwan has also asked "when will he (Sukhbir) apologise for Behbal Kalan and Kotkapura police firing". Senior Congress leader

Partap Singh Bajwa had said that the move is nothing but a futile attempt to reclaim the lost ground. "Badal wants to form an alliance with BJP through this apology. He doesn't care about the Sikh Sangat at all," Bajwa had said. State BJP chief Sunil Jakhar had said that "though late, it was a step in the right direction".

Status of other cases

On October 14, 2015, two protesters died in an "unprovoked" police firing in Behbal Kalan. Police is also alleged to have opened "unprovoked" fire on protesters in Kotkapura same day, causing injuries. The people had gathered in two places to protest against the sacrilege of Guru Granth Sahib. The charge-sheet into the Kotkapura firing incident submitted by the SIT headed by ADGP L K Yadav had named Sukhbir Singh Badal, who got anticipatory bail from Punjab and Haryana High Court in September this year. Investigation into the Behbal Kalan firing case is underway by another SIT headed by ADGP Naunihal Singh.