

FM to head panel on pay commission arrears

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CHANDIGARH, APRIL 8

The state government has reconstituted the Cabinet subcommittee to discuss the issues of payment of pay commission arrears to employees...

and pensioners. It will be headed by Finance Minister Harpal Cheema, while Aman Arora and Dr Baljit Kaur will be its members. A notification issued on Wednesday said the panel would examine pay revision for various categories in 2011 and the relatively higher emoluments being drawn by such categories even after the implementation of the 6th Punjab Pay Commission vis-à-vis similarly placed employees in the Central Government.

Roof collapses, close shave for Abohar family

OUR CORRESPONDENT

ABOHAR, APRIL 8

A family had a narrow escape after roof of their house collapsed at Sant Nagari in Abohar due to incessant rain and hailstorm.

Sharing details of the horrific incident, Veena Rani said her mother-in-law and children were sleeping in separate rooms. "Around 12 am, a portion of ceiling fell in the room of my mother-in-law, who alerted the kids. As soon as they stepped outside, roof came crashing down," Rani said. She said their beds, storage chests, TV and refrigerator got buried under the debris. The aggrieved family has appealed to the administration to provide them compensation for repairing their house.

Abohar has witnessed rain and hailstorm for six days in the past week, which has caused large scale damage to wheat and mustard crops and orchards. Lightning, too, has damaged several houses in Indira Nagar and Nai Abadi of Abohar.

Hailstorm, rain hit wheat crop on 1 lakh acres in Fazilka dist

PRAFUL CHANDER NAGPAL

FAZILKA, APRIL 8

An overnight thunderstorm accompanied by incessant rain caused extensive damage to standing crops in several villages in the district. Crops on 40,474 hectares (1,00,013 acres) had been affected so far, sources said. In all, 89 villages have been affected due to hailstorm and rain in Fazilka district.

Chief Agriculture Officer (CAO) Harpreet Pal Kaur said as per preliminary report, out of the total affected area, crops on nearly 26,000 hectares have suffered damage of up to 25 per cent, while the remaining area has reported losses ranging between 25 per cent and 80 per cent over the past 10 days. Sources said the worst-affected areas are seepage-prone villages, including Alamgarh, Khui Sarvar, Gidderan Wali, Dalmeera...



Villagers show damaged crops to officials in a Fazilka village. TRIBUNE PHOTO

Khera and Patti Billa, among others. Most of these villages have already been grappling with persistent seepage issues. Villagers said the actual loss was likely to be much higher. The true picture...

would become clear after about a week. Farmer Rachhpal Singh said plant stems had been damaged, causing ripe grains to fall to the ground, thereby leading to significant losses. According to sources,

nearly 30 mm rainfall was recorded in some parts of the district last night. As per the Indian Meteorological Department, there is a high likelihood of rain and thunderstorms over the next couple of days.

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Tirath Yatra to Varanasi proposed

CHANDIGARH, APRIL 8

In view of the upcoming 650th Parkash Purab of Guru Kavadas, the Punjab Government has proposed the launch of pilgrimage from Punjab to Varanasi by train under the CM Tirath Yatra Scheme.

Culture and Tourism Department Adviser Deepak Bali said the state had approached the IRCTC to take up the project on turnkey basis.

Spring rainfall turns surplus after widespread showers

VIJAY MOHAN

CHANDIGARH, APRIL 8

Spring rainfall in Punjab has turned significantly surplus following widespread showers in many parts of the state this week. Till the beginning of April, rain was noticeably deficit.

From April 1 till the morning of April 8, the state received 23.9 mm rainfall against the long-period average of 3.4 mm, accounting for a surplus of 603 per cent. The seasonal rainfall since March 1 was 41.2 mm against the normal of 25.9 mm, marking a surplus of 59 per cent. Rainfall in March was deficient by 25 per cent.

41.2 mm seasonal rainfall witnessed since March 1

The lowest rainfall (2.3 mm) was reported in Hoshiarpur. The highest seasonal departure in the state was in Fazilka, Ferozepur and Barnala, where rainfall has been above normal by 250 per cent, 241 per cent and 237 per cent, respectively. Rain has been deficient in four districts, Hoshiarpur (64 per cent), Ludhiana (28 per cent), Jalandhar (26 per cent) and Patiala (25 per cent).

Over the past 24 hours, Punjab recorded an average of 13.5 mm rainfall across all districts. With 40 mm rainfall, Moga was the wettest district in the state, followed by Ropar (34.8 mm), Mohali (23.8 mm) and Fazilka (21 mm).

Ambedkar's posters torn in Fazilka

OUR CORRESPONDENT

FAZILKA, APRIL 8

Tension prevailed in Fazilka town after some miscreants allegedly damaged posters of Dr Bhim Rao Ambedkar on Wednesday. The incident occurred eight days after the vandalism of an Ambedkar statue in Hoshiarpur district on March 31.

The posters were put up at Ambedkar Chowk near the District Administrative Complex. Fazilka SSP Gurmeet Singh said the police were investigating the incident and trying to ascertain the motive behind the act.

Former BJP minister Surjit Kumar Jyani also condemned the act and demanded a strict action against those responsible.

More trouble for ex-minister Bhullar

SUICIDE CASE Cops add destruction of evidence charge to FIR

PAWAN K JAISWAR

AMRITSAR, APRIL 8

The police have added the destruction of evidence in the suicide case of Punjab Warehousing Corporation (PWC) official Gagandeep Randhawa. The development is likely to add to troubles of former Punjab Minister Laljit Singh Bhullar, arrested for abetting the suicide.

The Ranjit Avenue police here had lodged the FIR on March 21 under Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) sections...

dealing with criminal intimidation and abetment to suicide. Bhullar's father Sukhdev Singh Bhullar and personal assistant Dilbagh Singh had also been named in the case. Both are yet to be arrested. Bhullar was held from Mandi Gagandeep Randhawa.

The fresh charge stems from Bhullar's failure to produce his mobile phone and the hard disk of the digital video recorder (DVR) of the CCTV cameras installed at his residence, despite remaining in police custody for eight days. According to the police, the...

missing mobile phone and DVR hard disk are crucial pieces of evidence. Before taking the extreme step, Randhawa had recorded a short video message accusing Bhullar of harassment and humiliation that allegedly drove him to suicide.

Investigators believe the mobile phone and DVR hard disk could corroborate the claims of sustained pressure and threats made by Bhullar and his aides. Digital records, including call logs, WhatsApp and SMS conversations, are expected to establish the...

sequence of events leading to the suicide. Bhullar had also allegedly forwarded a video of Randhawa — purportedly confessing to accepting money from a rival group for issuing tenders — to PWC Managing Director Gautam Jain from his mobile phone. Call details could also ascertain that he had made numerous calls to the deceased in the period preceding the incident.

The DVR hard disk is considered vital as it could confirm Randhawa's presence at Bhullar's house on March 13.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Cancellation of allotment of residential plots in MET City District Jhajjar, Haryana. Notice is hereby given to public at large that we, Model Economic Township Limited ("Company"), had executed agreements for sale in favour of the below mentioned persons...

Table with 5 columns: Sr. No., Description of Plot, Erstwhile Allottees, Date of Agreement for Sale, Date of Cancellation of allotment.

That allotment of the above mentioned plots have been cancelled due to continued default of the terms and conditions of the respective agreements for sale, including non-payment of due instalments even after several reminders & notices to cure such continued defaults.

As per terms of the respective agreements for sale, after cancellation of the allotment and termination of the said Agreement for Sale, Erstwhile Allottees have been left with no right, title or interest in the said Plot and/or the Agreement for Sale, whatsoever and Company is entitled to deal with, to sell, allot, transfer, create third party rights and/or dispose of the said Plot in any other manner to any other person as may be deemed fit and proper.

Through this public notice, public at large is informed and advised not to deal with the said Erstwhile Allottees in respect of the above-mentioned plots in any manner and if done, the same shall not be binding on the Company.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Subject: Issuance of re-allotment letter in respect of Plot No. 1005P, Sector 34, HSNV, Ambala Cantt. consequent upon sale of property. Smt. Rekha Rani who was the allottee of the subject cited property as per record has sold the property vide sale deed registration no. 2587 dated 21.06.2019 to Smt. Usha Kohli.

Smt. Usha Kohli W/o Sh. V.L. Kohli R/o Chandernagore, P.O. Kulddeep Nagar, Ambala intends to apply for re-allotment, letter. If any person is having any objection against the re-allotment of bid plot, he/she can submit objections in writing to the Estate Officer, HSNV, Ambala, along with supporting documents within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice.

Usha Kohli On behalf of Estate Officer, HSNV Ambala. DI-592

PUBLIC NOTICE

Subject: Transfer of ownership in respect of Plot/House No.121, Sector-56, Urban Estate, Gurugram, Haryana consequent upon the death of Co-Allottee Smt. Sulaxana Mahajan w/o Late Shri Ravinder Kumar Mahajan. Late Smt. Sulaxana Mahajan w/o Late Shri Ravinder Kumar Mahajan who was co-Allottee of the subject cited property as per record, has died on 07/02/2026 and she has Registered Will, leaving behind following legal heirs:

1. Ajay Kumar Mahajan (Son) 2. Anita Mahajan (Daughter) 3. Anju Mahajan (Daughter) Now Mrs. Anita Mahajan wife of Mr. Shashi Kant resident of 214, Sector-37A Chandigarh - 160036, intends to apply for the transfer of the said property in her favor being the legal heirs and request for the Re-Allotment of the said property bearing Plot/House No. 121, Sector-56, Urban Estate, Gurugram, Haryana in the name of Mrs. Anita Mahajan wife of Mr. Shashi Kant along with the existing Co-Allottee Mrs. Anju Mahajan and Mr. Ajay Kumar Mahajan.

Police draw red line on arresting youth sans proof

SAURABH MALIK

CHANDIGARH, APRIL 8

Rapped by the Punjab and Haryana High Court for "colonial-era policing" and registering serious criminal cases against youngsters solely on the basis of unverified "secret information", the Punjab Police have directed that "coercive action" against youth with clean antecedent will be taken only on the basis of clear and unambiguous evidence.

The police have also made it clear their identity will ordinarily not be disclosed to the media. Besides, their educational institutions and employers will also not be informed of the investigation unless necessary. The police have, in fact, directed that young individuals — particularly in the 18-20 age group — will be protected

SHIVINDER KAUR SIDHU. In fond memory of the departed soul Kirtan & Antim Ardas will be held at Gurdwara Singh Sabha, Sector 69, Mohali on 10th April, 2026. BHOG SRI AKHAND PAATH. BHOG & ANTIM ARDAS. With profound grief & heavy hearts, we inform you of the Bhog Ceremony in memory of SARDAR LAAL SINGH JI Ex. Cabinet Minister, Govt. of Punjab.