

Farm unions stage joint stir, say Centre giving in to imperialism

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PATIALA, MARCH 28

Three farmer forums Samyukt Kisan Morcha (All-India), Kisan Mazdoor Morcha (KMM) and the Samyukt Kisan Morcha (Non-Political) participated in the statewide "Anti-Repression Day" demonstrations outside deputy administrative complexes on Friday. The joint protest is being seen as the first patch-up move after their five rounds of failed "Ekta" talks.



Elderly women participate in a farmers' protest in front of the DC office in Patiala on Friday. TRIBUNE PHOTO: RAJESH SACHAR

The farmers were protesting against the visit of a US trade delegation to finalise an Indo-US bilateral trade agreement, including reducing import duties on American agricultural products. Farmer groups fear this could worsen the agricultural crisis in India by increasing competition and lowering prices for local crops.

ers argue that such agreements could deepen farm debts and lead to more suicides by farmers.

BKU (Ekta-Ugrahan) chief Joginder Singh Ugrahan said in a statement that the Centre was kneeling before imperialism.

"It will have an unprecedented impact on Indian agriculture. Already, farmers are facing a crisis. Now,

if the Centre allows the import of US agriculture and dairy products without any barriers, the crisis will worsen. Any such step will be anti-national and anti-farmer. This government, which claims to be nationalist, should stop these negotiations if they are truly nationalist. Otherwise, we will be forced to call them pseudo-nationalists," Ugrah-

an said in a statement.

Farmers also lambasted the state government for arresting KMM and SKM (Non-Political) leaders and the crackdown at Khanauri and Shambhu on March 19. Hours after being released from the jail, KMM convenor Pandher also welcomed the move of a united protest. He said, "I am always in favour of unity among farm unions. Our enemy is same, our issues are same. Differences should be buried and a joint struggle launched against the government that is hell-bent to bring corporates into agriculture."

All India Kisan Federation president and SKM leader Prem Singh Bhanu said agriculture being the state subject, the Punjab Government could not run away from its responsibility of ensuring MSP and procurement of agricultural produce and farm debt waiver, besides providing clean canal water for drinking and irrigation.

Sahney seeks ₹5K cr for Punjab under special assistance plan

NEW DELHI, MARCH 28

Rajya Sabha member from Punjab Dr Vikramjit Sahney has urged the Centre to allocate Rs 5,000 crore to Punjab under the Scheme of Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment for 2025.

Appreciating Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman for releasing Rs 1,582 crore as interest-free 50-year loan to Punjab for 2024-25, Sahney emphasised that Punjab must receive a higher share based on its contribution to Central taxes.

Sahney said the GST contribution from states should be returned in proportion to their contribution, barring the north-eastern states. He cited Punjab as a classic case where the state's substantial GST contributions were not reflected in the financial grants it received from the Centre. "This imbalance must be rectified to ensure fair fiscal federalism," he said.

He demanded an increase in PM-Kisan funds from Rs 6,000 to Rs 10,000 annually, besides assured MSP procurement beyond wheat and rice. —TNS

HC raps state over FIR delay in Army officer assault case

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CHANDIGARH, MARCH 28

The state government's attempt to justify the delay in FIR registration in an Army officer assault case, citing farmers' protests among other reasons, backfired in the Punjab and Haryana High Court. The Bench questioned the police about the number of FIRs registered across Patiala district during that period.

The state's effort to establish the police's credibility as a fair investigative agency by citing action taken against officers also failed to convince the court. The Bench asked the state to categorically explain whether the action taken so far was adequate. "You are not obliging anyone by suspending cops," the Bench asserted.

In a detailed order, Justice Sandeep Moudgil also asked the state to file an affidavit specifying: "How many FIRs were registered in Patiala district during the period when the district police was on high alert on account of farmers' protests at

SIT HEAD REPLACED

The Mann government on Friday replaced the head of the SIT in the Colonel assault case. ADGP AS Rai has been appointed in place of ADGP SPS Parmar, who was posted as Chief Director, Vigilance Bureau, on Thursday. TNS

Khanauri and Shambhu from March 18 to 23."

The court also directed the state to explain why the officers were at the parking area, what their assigned duty was, and where they were coming from at that hour. The court also rejected the state's prayer for additional time to prove its bonafides by carrying out a fair investigation. "You are only buying time," Justice Moudgil asserted.

Justice Moudgil asserted the period before the FIR's registration was material. "It shows no faith in the investigating agency. What will you do in future is unknown... You may, or may not, do the needful," the court observed.

Alleging brutal assault by Punjab Police officers and subsequent manipulation of the investigation, Colonel Pushpinder Singh Bath had moved the HC, seeking transfer of the probe to the CBI or an independent agency.

The petitioner claimed the local police failed to take action despite the gravity of the offence. Distress calls to senior officials were ignored. Instead of registering an FIR on his complaint, the police lodged a bogus FIR under "affray" against unidentified persons based on a third-party complaint. The officer's family had to approach senior police officials and even the Governor before a subsequent FIR was registered—eight days later.

Col Bath referred to a clear conflict of interest, manipulation, and bias before contending that a fair and impartial investigation was impossible under the Punjab Police.

Given his position in a national security agency, he warned of a potential breach of classified information.

SGPC passes ₹1,386-cr annual budget

AMRITSAR, MARCH 28

Amid protests by Damdami Taksal and other Sikh organisations outside and in-house dissent by a section of Opposition members over the removal and appointment of Takht jathedars, allegedly in an

arbitrary manner, the Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC) on Friday tabled an annual budget of Rs 1,386.47 crore for the financial year 2025-26.

This is an increase of 9.95 per cent from the last year's

budget of Rs 1,260.97 crore. SGPC general secretary Sher Singh Mand presented the budget with the details of the income and expenditure, which was passed by the general house at Teja Singh Samundri Hall. —TNS

Pastor Bajinder Singh convicted in 2018 rape case

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MOHALI, MARCH 28

A Mohali court on Friday convicted pastor Bajinder Singh for the rape of a Zirakpur-based follower in 2018. The quantum of sentence would be pronounced on April 1.

Five co-accused in the case were acquitted by the court, while one died during the trial. Bajinder was taken into

custody immediately after the verdict. Victim's advocate Anil Sagar said, "Today's verdict against Bajinder Singh is a victory of justice. The rape victim (then 23-year-old) was threatened many times, but she remained steadfast. Accused Sucha Singh died during the trial. Others have been acquitted. After seeing the order, we may approach the high court."

In the morning, the victim told mediapersons that she "fought this battle for seven years and has belief in God that she will get justice".

Hundreds of police personnel from as far as Jalandhar, Kapurthala, Patiala and other neighbouring districts besides commandos manned the district courts complex here. Cops maintained a strict vigil on the persons

entering the complex.

The case pertains to rape charge against Bajinder by a Zirakpur-based victim, who alleged that the pastor established non-consensual relations with her on the pretext of taking her abroad. An FIR was registered at the Zirakpur police station on April 20, 2018, under various sections of the IPC and the IT Act. Bajinder (42), a native of

Haryana, oversees many churches at Tajpur (Jalandhar) and Mohali.

The controversial preacher, who has around 3 million followers on social media, was also booked by the Mohali police on Wednesday for allegedly assaulting a 40-year-old woman pastor in a church at Baroudi village, New Chandigarh, on February 14.

JUSTICE BALAKRISHNAN COMMISSION OF INQUIRY

WHEREAS certain groups of persons who have historically suffered social inequality, untouchability discrimination and the consequent backwardness resulting therefrom, have been declared to be Scheduled Castes by Presidential Orders issued from time to time under the Article 341 of the Constitution of India;

AND WHEREAS, certain groups have raised the question of revisiting the existing definition of Scheduled Castes by according the status to new persons who belong to other religions beyond those permitted through Presidential Orders, and in contrast, many other groups have also opposed the same;

AND WHEREAS, certain representatives of the existing Scheduled Castes have objected to such granting of Scheduled Caste status to new persons; And whereas, this is a seminal and historically complex sociological and constitutional question, and a definite matter of public importance;

AND WHEREAS, given its importance, sensitivity and potential impact, any change in definition in this regard should be on the basis of a detailed and definitive study and extensive consultation with all stakeholders and no Commission under the Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1952 (60 of 1952) has so far inquired into the matter.

In view of the above, Government of India vide Gazette notification no. S.O. 4742(E) dated 06.10.2022 as published in the Official Gazette of India by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India (available on <https://socialjustice.gov.in>) has appointed a Commission of Inquiry under Section 3 of the Commission of Inquiry Act, 1952 (60 of 1952) consisting of following eminent persons, namely:

- I. Chairperson- Justice K. G. Balakrishnan, (Former Chief Justice of India)
- II. Member- Shri Ravinder Kumar Jain, IAS (Retd.) (HP- 1981)
- III. Member- Prof (Dr.) Sushma Yadav, (Former Member, UGC)

Hereinafter referred to as the 'Justice Balakrishnan Commission of Inquiry' or 'Commission'. The tenure of which has been extended vide Gazette notification no. S.O.4780(E) dated 30.10.2024.

2. Terms of Reference of the Commission:

- i. to examine the matter of according Scheduled Caste status to new persons, who claim to historically have belonged to the Scheduled Castes, but have converted to religion other than those mentioned in the Presidential Orders issued from time to time under the Article 341 of the Constitution;
- ii. to examine the implications on the existing Scheduled Castes, of adding such new persons as part of the existing list of Scheduled Castes;
- iii. to examine the changes Scheduled Caste persons go through on converting to other religions in terms of their Customs, traditions, social and other status discrimination and deprivation, and the implication of the same on the question of giving them Scheduled Caste status; and
- iv. To examine any other related questions that the Commission deems appropriate, in consultation with and with the consent of the Central Government.

3. Notice is hereby given that all persons having knowledge of the subject relating to the Terms of Reference (ToR) of the Commission and having interest in the proceedings before the Commission or wish to assist the Commission, should submit their statements of facts, submission or any other evidence/details relevant to the Commission. Every person furnishing a statement of facts, submission, etc. may also furnish to the Commission documents, if any, that he proposes to submit to the Commission. If any person or group of persons already has made submission during the Public hearing at Kerala, Karnataka, Gujarat and Bihar, they need not repeat the submission except in the case of sharing additional information. The statement of facts, submissions, documents and other details may be sent to the Office of the Chairman of the Commission, 3rd Floor, Dr. Ambedkar International Centre (DAIC), 15 Janpath, New Delhi – 110001 within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice either in person or through registered post/speed post or courier service with delivery receipt option. The scanned and signed statements of facts, submission, supporting documents or any other relevant material/detail may also be sent by email to jbcommission-sje@gov.in.

Justice Balakrishnan Commission of Inquiry
Dr. Ambedkar International Centre
15th Janpath, New Delhi – 110001

Date: 29.03.2025
Place: New Delhi

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POSSESSION NOTICE (As per Rule 8(2) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002)

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Authum Investment & Infrastructure Limited ("AIL") (Resulting Company pursuant to the demerger of lending business from Reliance Commercial Finance Limited ("RCFL") to AIL, vide NCLT order dated 10.05.2024), under the Securitization, 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/Co-borrowers mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrower/Co-borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower/Co-borrowers 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 Act read with Rule 6 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on the below-mentioned dates.

The Borrower/Co-borrowers 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 Authum Investment & Infrastructure Limited ("AIL"). The Borrower/Co-borrowers/Mortgagee's attention is invited to the provision of Sub-Section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Sr. No.	Loan Account No. / Name of Borrower / Co-borrower /	Date of Demand Notices	Date of Possession / Possession Status	Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.)
1.	Loan Account No. RLELHIS000382415 Sh. Bajjeet Singh & Jansvinder Kaur	27-11-2024	27-03-2025 Symbolic possession	Rs. 25,31,638/- (Rupees Twenty Five Lac, Thirty One Thousand, Six Hundred ThirtyEight Only)

Description Of The Mortgage Property: All That Piece And Parcel Of Property/House No. 1154, Ward No. 30, In Khasra No. 10689/234 Mouja Rohtak Adarsh Nagar Near Medical College And Mahila Asharam Rohtak. Measuring 107.44 Sq. Yards & Bounded As East- Plot Harbans Singh, West- Dairy, Kahn Singh, North- Gali, South- House Jagdish Hoodiya.

Dated : 29.03.2025

Place : Haryana

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Whereas the borrowers/co-borrowers/guarantors/mortgagees mentioned hereunder had availed the financial assistance from Authum Investment & Infrastructure Limited ("AIL") (Resulting Company pursuant to the demerger of lending business from Reliance Commercial Finance Limited ("RCFL") to AIL, vide NCLT order dated 10.05.2024). Vide Deed of Assignment dated June 26th, 2023 and as a part of Securitization transaction, certain financial assets/portfolio of Indian Receivable Trust-19 - Feb 2019 including the Borrowers Loan Accounts was transferred to RCFL. Subsequently the Collection & Servicing Agent was changed from SBFC Finance Limited to RCFL.

We state that despite having availed the financial assistance, the borrowers/ guarantors/ mortgagees have committed various defaults in repayment of interest and principal amounts as per due dates. The account has been classified as Non Performing Asset on the respective dates mentioned hereunder, in the books of AIL in accordance with the directives relating to asset classification issued by the National Housing Bank, consequent to the Authorized Officer of AIL under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 & in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notices on respective dates mentioned herein below under Section 13(2) of SARFAESI Act, 2002 calling upon the following borrowers/ guarantors/mortgagees to repay the amount mentioned in the notices together with further interest at the contractual rate on the amount mentioned in the notices and incidental expenses, cost, charges etc until the date of payment within 60 days from the date of receipt of notices. The notices issued to them on their last known addresses have returned unreserved and as such they are hereby informed by way of public notice.

Sr. No.	Loan Account No. / Name of Borrower / Co-borrower /	Date of Demand Notices	Date of Possession / Possession Status	Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.)
1.	Loan Account No. RLELHIS000382415 Mamtia Lalit Saini	22-10-2024	27-03-2025 Symbolic possession	Rs. 22,69,077/- (Rupees Twenty Two Lakh, Six Thousand, Seven Hundred and Seven Only)
2.	Loan Account No. RLELHIS000373522 Jai Singh, Babli Devi & Saini Bardana Store	22-10-2024	17-04-2025	Rs. 23,41,638/- (Rupees Twenty Three Lakh, Forty One Thousand, Six Hundred Thirty Eight Only)

All That Piece And Parcel Of Property/Plot Mc Unit No. D-867 Measuring 33 Sq. Yards Which Is Bounded As North- House Of Maman Chand & Het Ram; South- Street; East- Street; West- Panchayati Land; East- House Of Sadhu Ram & Hukmi & Street; West- Panchayati Land Situated At Between Mukti Dham To Railway Line, Bhiwani, Within Limits Of M. C. Bhiwani, Vide Regd. Sale Deed Bearing/Vaska No. 5806 Dated 19.12.2003.

Dated : 29.03.2025

Place : Haryana

Authorized Officer,
Authum Investment & Infrastructure Limited



Transport Minister Lajjit Singh Bhullar and others come out of Assembly after attending the Budget Session on Friday.

Assembly clears 3 key Bills in 10 mins

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CHANDIGARH, MARCH 28

The Punjab Assembly on Friday passed three key Bills without any discussion in flat 10 minutes. The Bills passed in the House were the Indian Stamp (Punjab Amendment) Bill, 2025; the Transfer of Prisoners (Punjab Amendment) Bill, 2025; and the Punjab Regulation of Crusher Units, and Stockists and Retailers Bill, 2025. A senior Congress MLA, in private, told The Tribune that hard copies of the Bills were not provided to them. The legislations were uploaded online.

"We are not so tech savvy that we could read these online," he added.

However, in the Vidhan Sabha, none of the Opposition MLAs raised the issue. During the zero hour, Independent MLA Rana

Inder Pratap Singh went to the extent of saying that when Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann asked him not to speak on the Budget discussion in the House, he felt bad because he had studied all documents. "But when the CM spoke, I felt as if I was speaking. It seems our roof (soul) is one," he said. Before ending his speech, he said the amount set aside for the health insurance scheme for all would cover just 0.12 per cent of the beneficiaries. Initially, he lauded the plan and asked the treasury benches to thump the table in appreciation. Later, he asked Congress MLAs to do the same.

Only his father, Congress MLA Rana Gurjit Singh, thumped the table, though Rana Inder Pratap's plea to his uncle Leader of Opposition Partap Bajwa went unheeded.

SAD legislator Manpreet Singh Ayali chose not to criticize the ruling party. Instead, he slammed the way the three Takht Jathedars were removed by the Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee in the past two months. He drew the attention of the House on the need for framing rules for the appointment of the Jathedars. On Friday too, when CM Mann had hit out at Bajwa, most of his party colleagues were seen laughing at the jibes targeting their own leader.

APPENDIX I-VA E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY (IES)

Financing Limited 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(2) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Registered Office: 9th Floor, Anirban Bhawan, 22, Kasturba Gandhi Marg, New Delhi-110001, Phone:-011-23357171, 23357172, 23357174, Web:- www.pnbhousing.com
PNB Housing Finance Ltd., 30/32-3/34, 2nd Floor, Sector-35B, Chandigarh-160022, also at 2nd Floor, Sector-35B, SICO and 10, Sector-44, Mohali, Punjab-140306

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the borrower(s) & guarantor(s) indicated in Column no-A that the below described immovable property (ies) described in Column no-D mortgagee/guarantor to the Secured Creditor, the constructive/Physical Possession of which has been taken (as described in Column no-C) by the authorized Officer of PNB Housing Finance Limited (P) as per the details mentioned below. Notice is hereby given to the borrower(s)/mortgagee(s)/Legal Heirs, Legal Representative, (whether known or unknown), executor(s), administrator(s), successor(s), assignee(s) of the respective borrowers/ mortgagee(s) (since deceased) as the case may be indicated in Column no-A under Rule-8(2) & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 amended as on date. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in M/s PNB Housing Finance Limited's secured creditor's website i.e. www.pnbhousing.com.

Loan No. Name of the Borrower/Co-Borrower/ Legal Heirs (A)	Demand Amount & Date (B)	Nature of Possession (C)	Description of the Properties Mortgagee (D)	Reserve Price (RP) (E)	EMD (10% of Bid) (F)	Last Date of Submission of Bid (G)	Bid Incremental Rate (H)	Inspection Date & Time (I)	Date of Auction & Time (J)	Known Encumbrances/ Court Cases if any (K)
HOU/CHD/0119637347, B.O. Chandigarh, Ravi Kumar, Mrs. Anamjeet	Rs.28,84,845.69 as on 15-12-2022	Physical Possession	House No.53, M0105000TK100176, Village Taran Kangan, Kalika District Panchkula, Haryana-124118, India	Rs. 861000	86100	17-04-2025	10,000	10.04.2025 10.00 AM to 3.30 PM	18.04.2025 02.00 PM to 03.00 PM	Case filed at Panchukhula, Application No. 1338 MDDH/28.03.2025, by Mr. Ravi Kumar

*Together with the further interest @18% p.a. as applicable, incidental expenses, cost, charges etc. incurred up to the date of payment and/or realization thereof. ** To the best knowledge and information of the Authorized Officer of PNB Housing Finance Limited, there are no other encumbrances/claims in respect of above mentioned immovable/secured assets except what is disclosed in the column no-K. Further such encumbrances to be catered by the successful purchaser/bidder as per the terms and conditions of the sale. The prospective purchaser/bidder is requested to independently ascertain the veracity of the mentioned encumbrances. 1. As on date, there is no order restraining and/or court injunction PNBHFL the authorized Officer of PNBHFL from selling, alienating and/or disposing of the above immovable properties/secured assets. 2. The prospective purchaser/bidder and interested parties may independently take the inspection of the pleading in the proceedings/orders passed etc. if any, stated in column no-K. Including but not limited to the title of the documents of the title pertaining thereto available with the PNBHFL, and satisfy themselves in all respects prior to submitting tender/bid application form or making Offers. The bidder(s) has to sign the terms and conditions of this auction along with the Bid Form 3. Please note that in terms of Rule 9(3) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, the bidder(s) the purchaser is legally bound to deposit 25% of the amount of sale price, (inclusive of earnest money, if any, deposited) on the same day or not later than next working day. The sale may be confirmed in favour of bidder(s) only after receipt of 25% of the sale price by the secured creditor in accordance with Rule 9(2) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. The remaining 75% of the sale consideration amount has to be deposited by the purchaser within 15 days from the date of acknowledgment of sale confirmation letter and in default of such deposit, the property/secured asset shall be resold. 4. C1 INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED would be assisting the Authorized Officer in conducting sale through an Auction having its corporate office at Plot No.68, 3rd Floor, Sector 44, Gurgaon, Haryana 122003 Website- www.bankauctions.com. For any assistance related to inspection of the property or obtaining the Bid Documents and for any other query or for registration, you have to co-ordinate with Tarseem Kumar, Contact Number 1800120 8800, is authorised person of PNBHFL or refer to www.pnbhousing.com.

Place: Haryana, Dated: 29.03.2025

Authorized Officer, M/s PNB Housing Finance Limited