

SIDELIGHTS



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Shavan, workers witness proceedings

Two sets of interesting guests in the Punjab Vidhan Sabha caught the attention of everyone. The ruling party MLAs managed to get some MGNREGA workers from different parts of the state to watch the proceedings. Shavan Singh (10), who received the Rashtriya Bal Puraskar, recently was also present when MLA's paid respects to the four Sahibzadas.

Khaira questions repeated special sessions

Congress MLA Sukhpal Singh Khaira raised the issue of the government resorting to the convening of special sessions, instead of convening regular sessions of the House. There are other pressing issues that need to be debated in the House, but the government is using its legislative tool to avoid discussion on other issues that plague the state, he said. This year, five special Vidhan Sabha sessions have been convened.

Tributes paid to Dharmendra, others

The Assembly paid tribute to Bollywood star Dharmendra, who died recently. The House also paid respects to former Governor Shivraj Patil, former ministers Jagtar Singh Mullan and Tara Singh Ladwa, former MLA Tarlochan Singh Bhandh; singer Shivraj Singh Awanda; internationally acclaimed painter Gurdip Singh; legendary Punjabi musician Sohal Puran Shahi; and Balbir Singh Grewal. The MLA Daljit Singh Bajwa also paid tribute to the late actor.

**SALE NOTICE UNDER INSOLVENCY AND BANKRUPTCY CODE, 2016 VENUS GARMENTS (INDIA) LIMITED - In Liquidation**  
Liquidator's office: 5203, DLF CITY PHASE-4, Gurgaon, Haryana, 122002.  
Date & Time of E-Auction: Saturday, 24th January, 2026 from 11:00 am to 03:00 pm

Notice is hereby given to the public at large for inviting bids for Sale of M/S VENUS GARMENTS (INDIA) LIMITED - In Liquidation having its registered office at Village Hussainpura, Opposite Hotel Amaltas, G T Road (West), Ludhiana, Punjab - 141008 by the Liquidator appointed by the Hon'ble NCLT, Chandigarh dated 22.07.2025 on "As is where is basis", "As is what is basis", "Whatever there is basis", and "No recourse basis".

Table with 5 columns: Sl No./Option No., Nature of Business/Asset and Description, Reserve Price (INR), Earnest Money Deposit (INR), Incremental Bid Amount (INR). Rows include land/building plots and securities/financial assets.

Last date of submission of Eligibility Documents: 21st January, 2026 in the manner mentioned in detail E-auction Process Document  
Inspection of Assets of Corporate Debtor: From 31st December, 2025 to 21st January, 2026  
Last Date for submission of Earnest Money Deposit: 21st January, 2026  
Date and time of E-Auction for qualified bidders: 24th January, 2026 at 11:00 AM to 03:00 PM

Terms and Conditions of the E-Auction:

- 1. E-Auction will be conducted on "AS IS WHERE IS", "AS IS WHAT IS", "WHATEVER THERE IS BASIS" through e-auction platform https://baananket.com with unlimited extension of 5 min each.
- 2. Prospective bidders need to register on Baananket auction platform. (https://baananket.com, https://ibi.baananket.com/eauction-ibbi/home) and should carefully submit the requisite documents, including a declaration of eligibility under Section 29A of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code through the electronic auction platform.
- 3. Kindly note that the prospective bidders shall submit an undertaking that they do not suffer from any ineligibility under section 29A of the Code to the extent applicable and that if found ineligible at any stage, the earnest money deposited shall be forfeited.
- 4. Prospective bidders shall deposit the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) through the Baananket auction platform. It is also specified that if the bidder is found ineligible under any criteria, EMD shall be forfeited as per IBBI, vide Circular No. IBI/LI/04/2025 dated 28th March, 2025.
- 5. Kindly note that EMD payment must be made through the BAANKNET portal by adding funds to the eWallet and clicking "Participate" for the respective auction. Name of Eligible Bidders will be identified and conveyed by Liquidator to participate in online e-auction on the portal www.baananket.com. The interested bidders should create their User ID & Password in the auction portal and deposit their EMD amount in the E Wallet of the portal. For any query regarding the e-auction portal, reach out to BAANKNET (Bank Asset Auction Network), Email ID: support.baananket@pebaliance.com, Mobile no: +91 8291220220.
- 6. All the auction process documents are uploaded on the Baananket Portal and the participants must download the same and submit all the documents on the portal.
- 7. The Bidders, prior to submitting their Bid, should make their independent enquiries, regarding the Company, Assets, incidental costs, if any, at their own expense and satisfy themselves.
- 8. The Successful Bidder will be responsible for the applicable stamp duties, legal fees, transfer charges and fees, GST and other taxes related to the sale unit under this E-Auction and for completing the documentation. The Successful Bidder shall bear the applicable stamp duties/transfer charge, fees etc. and all the statutory/non-statutory dues, taxes, rates, assessment charges, fees etc. in respect of the property/asset put on auction. Any statutory and other dues payable and due on property/asset shall be borne by purchaser as per the provisions of applicable law.
- 9. As per the Paragraph 12 of Schedule I of IBBI (Liquidation Process), Regulations, 2019, on the close of the auction, the highest bidder shall be invited to provide balance sale consideration within 90 days of the date of such demand. Provided that payments made after thirty days shall attract interest at the rate of 12%. Provided further that the sale shall be cancelled if the payment is not received within 90 days. As per the Schedule I of IBBI (Liquidation Process), Regulations, within three days of declaring the highest bidder, the liquidator shall conduct due diligence and verify the eligibility of the highest bidder. The liquidator shall present the auction results, details of highest bidder, and the due diligence conducted on it to the consultation committee under regulation 31A. The liquidator shall declare the highest bidder as the successful bidder or reject such bid, after consultation with the consultation committee under regulation 31A. If a bidder is found ineligible, the earnest money deposited by him shall be forfeited. In case the highest bidder is found ineligible, the liquidator may, in consultation with the consultation committee, declare the next highest bidder as the successful bidder after following the same process as provided under clause (12A) to clause (12E) of the Schedule I of IBBI (Liquidation Process), Regulations. On payment of the full amount, the sale shall stand completed. The liquidator shall execute certificate of sale or sale deed to transfer such assets and the assets shall be delivered to him in the manner specified in the terms of sale.
- 10. It is clarified that this invitation purports to invite prospective bidders and does not create any kind of binding obligation on the part of the Liquidator or the Company to effectuate the sale. The Liquidator reserves the right to cancel or modify the e-auction process and / or not to accept and / or disqualify any interested party / potential investor / bidder without assigning any reason and without any liability.
- 11. The documents regarding the above assets can be inspected by the prospective bidders with a prior appointment in accordance with the terms of the E-Auction Process Document, by contacting Mr. Pramod Kumar Misra at +91 9810702519.
- 12. PLEASE REFER THE COMPLETE E-AUCTION PROCESS DOCUMENT/ E-AUCTION PROCESS MEMORANDUM FOR THE DETAILS/ TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE AUCTION.
- 13. Sale shall be subject to the provisions of Insolvency and Bankruptcy code, 2016 and Regulations.

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# Observing Veer Bal Diwas attempt to distort Sikh history, alleges Congress



ASSEMBLY IN SESSION

SANJEEV SINGH BARIANA

CHANDIGARH, DECEMBER 30

The state's main Opposition Congress on Tuesday objected to the naming of the martyrdom day of Guru Gobind's younger sons as Veer Bal Diwas and sought a resolution against "attempts to distort Sikh history".

The issue was raised by senior Congress leader Rana Gurjit Singh, who said it was wrong to observe the day as Veer Bal Diwas as "they were not children but heroes (revered elders) for the Sikh Community".

The martyrdom day of Guru Gobind's younger sons Baba Zorawar Singh and Baba Fateh Singh — who were bricked alive in Sirhind — was named as Veer Bal Diwas in 2022 by the Centre.

The observance of the day on December 26 had stoked a controversy, with the demand for renaming the day gaining steam.

Earlier, the officiating Jathedar of the Akal Takht, Giani Kuldeep Singh



Labour Minister Tarunpreet Singh Sond highlights a Tribune report while addressing mediapersons over the VB-G RAM G Act at the Assembly in Chandigarh. PHOTO: RAVI KUMAR

Gargaj, had sought that the martyrdom day be renamed as "Sahibzade Shahadat Diwas".

The Congress raised the issue as the Assembly paid tributes to the Guru's four Sahibzadas — Baba Ajit Singh, Baba Jujhar Singh, Baba Zorawar Singh and Baba Fateh Singh.

The House also paid rich tributes to Mata Gujri, Baba Jivan Singh, Baba Sangat Singh and Diwan Todar Mal.

Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann said the sacrifice by the Sahibzadas held a

unique place in the history of humanity. "Martyred at a very young age, their sacrifice is an inspiration for the entire humanity."

Cabinet Minister Aman Arora said people first needed to know who christened Shaheed Diwas as "Veer Bal Diwas".

Responding to the controversy, Punjab BJP working president Ashwani Sharma said, "Let us not politicise the discussion."

He said the supreme sacrifice of the Sahibzadas was being remembered across

the country and he "did not want to delve into who recommended the name."

Earlier, while participating in a discussion on the martyrdom of the four Sahibzadas, BSP legislator Nachattar Pal covered his head. Right after him, when Ashwani Sharma got up to speak, Speaker Kultar Singh Sandhwan asked him to cover his head, to which Sharma obliged.

Assembly passes three Bills The Punjab Vidhan Sabha on Tuesday unani-

mously passed the Indian Stamp (Punjab Second Amendment) Bill, 2025, Punjab Abadi Deh (Record of Rights) Amendment Bill, 2025 and Punjab Land Revenue (Amendment) Bill here today.

The Bills were moved by the Revenue, Rehabilitation and Disaster Management Minister Hard-eep Singh Mundian.

The stamp Bill rationalises stamp duty related to deposit of title deeds, hypothecation and equitable mortgage by removing duplication of levy for the same loan transaction.

The Punjab Abadi Deh (Record of Rights) Bill reduced timeline for objections and appeals while speeding up implementation of the "Mera Ghar, Mere Naam" Scheme, ensuring timely ownership rights to residents of abadi deh areas.

The amendments to the Punjab Land Revenue Act will expedite disposal of cases before revenue authorities, prevent unnecessary summoning of non-litigants and accord legal sanctity to digital records and digital signatures.

## Ruling AAP misleading Punjabis: SAD

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, DECEMBER 30 The Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) on Tuesday accused state's ruling AAP of telling "lies" during the passage of a resolution over the now-replaced MGNREGA scheme.

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In a press release, the party said, "The Aam Aadmi Party is trying to mislead Punjabis by saying that the Shiromani Akali Dal is silent on this issue, whereas the truth is completely opposite."

"The Shiromani Akali Dal has repeatedly exposed the major corruption committed by both the Congress and Aam Aadmi Party governments in the scheme," he added.

"The reality is that the Bhagwant Mann government had not been able to contribute its own 10 per cent share MGNREGA scheme. The SAD demands impartial investigation into this corruption, which the Aam Aadmi Party government is trying to suppress," the release added.

## FIR lodged without probe, says Dhami

### "MISSING SAROOPS"

AMRITSAR, DECEMBER 30

A day after CM Bhagwant Mann asked the SGPC to desist from using the Panth as shield to evade action on missing "saroops" of the Guru Granth Sahib, gurdwara body president Harjinder Singh Dhami accused the government of lodging an FIR without



SGPC president Harjinder Singh Dhami addresses media in Amritsar on Tuesday. PHOTO: VISHAL KUMAR

### सार्वजनिक सूचना

इस सार्वजनिक सूचना के माध्यम से सार्वजनिक को सूचित किया जाता है कि प्रो. सतीश चंद्र शर्मा जी का नाम पंजाब विश्वविद्यालय में सहायक प्राध्यापक के रूप में नियुक्त किया गया है। यह नियुक्ति पंजाब विश्वविद्यालय के प्राध्यापक के रूप में प्रो. सतीश चंद्र शर्मा जी के द्वारा की गई है। प्रो. सतीश चंद्र शर्मा जी का पता 17 B अन्वय संस्थान कानूनी कलेज रोड काशीबाग है।

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conducting a probe.

He alleged that the SGPC was being attacked to deflect the attention of people from the government performance in the forthcoming election year.

Dhmi said in accordance with the directions of the Akal Takht, the govern-

ment will not be allowed to interfere in the affairs of Sikh institutions. He, however, refused to disclose the next plan of action.

Over the missing "saroops", he said these never went missing and only some black sheep, in order to pocket extra sum, fudged the figures.

Slamming the AAP government for registering the FIR and then forming an SIT in the matter, he said

this way the government also challenging the authority of the highest temporal seat for the Sikhs, which had ordered a probe into the issue by a panel led by advocate Ishar Singh.

He said, implementing the recommendations of panel report, the SGPC took action against every employee, from the lowest to the highest rank, after which there was no justification for interference.

## AAP to aid of rebel SAD MLA amid Cong salvo

### RUCHIKA M KHANNA

CHANDIGARH, DECEMBER 30

The rebel SAD MLA from Banga, Sukhwinder Kumar Sukhi, found himself at the centre of a slugfest between AAP and the Congress.

He was taken by surprise during a discussion on the G RAM G Act, when he got up to speak. He was interrupted by Leader of Opposition Partap Bajwa, who sought to know to which party the rebel MLA belonged to.

"He should clarify if he belongs to a government corporation, the House should be told if he is getting the time to speak from the time allotted to the Opposition or if he is an AAP candidate," said Bajwa. Deputy Speaker Jai Krishan Singh Rouri, who was presiding over the session in the absence of Speaker Kultar Singh Sandhwan, asked Bajwa to let Sukhi speak. But Bajwa refused to relent till he was told how the MLA was getting time allotted to the Opposition party members. At this, Cabinet Minister Aman Arora rose

### TO WHICH PARTY DOES HE BELONG: BAJWA

Dr Sukhwinder Kumar Sukhi, the soft-spoken doctor, was taken by surprise during the discussion on the VB G RAM G Act, when he got up to speak. He was interrupted by Leader of Opposition Partap Bajwa, who sought to know which party the rebel MLA belonged to

and retorted that Sukhi was to AAP what rebel Congress MLA Sandeep Jakhar was to the Congress. Bajwa, not to be cowed down, said the Congress Legislature Party did not give Jakhar any time to speak. It was then that Aman Arora, who also the state AAP chief, owned Sukhi as being their party leader.

Sukhi, a two-time SAD MLA, defected to AAP in August last year. A petition has been filed against him by advocate HC Arora before the Punjab Vidhan Sabha Speaker, seeking his disqualification. The decision on this petition is pending.

## State saw renewed railway push



### UJWAL JALALI

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 30

After years of delay and incomplete surveys, 2025 emerged as a turning point for the Railways in Punjab, with several long-stalled projects finally moving forward.

Among the most significant developments was the revival of the 40-km Qadian-Beas rail line, a historic project that had remained frozen for years. Its revival is expected to improve rail access in parts of Majha and reconnect areas that had remained off the railway map.

Another major step was the sanctioning of the 25.72-km Ferozepur-Patti rail link at an estimated cost of Rs 764 crore. Land acquisition funds have already been deposited with the district administra-

tions in Tarn Taran and Ferozepur. Once completed, the line is expected to improve connectivity between the Malwa and Majha regions and substantially reduce travel time between Ferozepur and Amritsar.

The Railways also cleared the 18-km Rajpura-Mohali rail line, estimated to cost Rs 443 crore. The project is aimed at easing congestion and providing a direct rail link between the Malwa region and Chandigarh, long seen as a critical missing link in Punjab's rail network.

In northern Punjab, a final location survey was approved for the proposed Gurdaspur-Mukerian rail link, a project considered strategically important for both passenger movement and freight operations, particularly given its proximity to key industrial and border areas.

Capacity augmentation featured prominently in 2025, with surveys taken up for doubling the Chandigarh-Morinda-Ludhiana section and for adding a



third line between Ambala and Pathankot. These proposals form part of a broader effort to strengthen heavily used corridors that have struggled to cope with rising passenger and freight traffic.

Passenger services also saw selective upgrades. The introduction of the Vande Bharat Express through the Malwa region, connecting Ferozepur with Delhi and including a stoppage at Barnala, marked a significant enhancement in inter-city rail travel. Temporary stoppages for 12 trains at the Sirhind junction were also announced during the year to facilitate pilgrims attending the annual Shahidi Jor Mela.

On the infrastructure front, station redevelopment gathered pace, with work initiated at all 30 stations across Punjab. The Rs 462-crore redevel-

opment of the Chandigarh railway station was reviewed during the year, with plans to transform it into a modern, integrated transit hub.

Safety works, long flagged as a concern, also moved ahead. Of the 51 identified locations, 25 road overbridges and underbridges were sanctioned, including the long-delayed Doraha road overbridge, which was finally tendered after years of pendency.

Underpinning these initiatives was a sharp increase in the budgetary support. Punjab's railway outlay rose from an average of about Rs 225 crore annually during 2009-14 to Rs 5,421 crore in 2025-26 — more than a 24-fold increase, laying the groundwork for sustained execution in the years ahead.

While many projects are still at early or preparatory stages, 2025 stood out as a year when plans on paper began translating into movement on the ground, signalling a renewed push to put Punjab's railway expansion back on track.

