

3 suicides at NIT raise alarm over students' mental health

Key measures announced to enhance students' well-being

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The recent spate of student suicides at the NIT Kurukshetra has sparked serious concerns over the mental health and mounting pressures faced by Gen Z students at one of the country's premier engineering institutions. Three students have taken the extreme step in the past two months, sending shockwaves through the academic community and raising urgent questions about the support systems available on campus.

The victims have been identified as Anagth Shiva (19) from Tehangana, who allegedly died by suicide on February 16; Pawan, a third-year BTech student from Nuh, who allegedly took his life on March 31; and Priyanshu Verma (22) from Sirsa, who died by hanging on April 8.

Sources indicated that financial distress, including suspected spending on online gambling applications, may have contributed to Pawan's death, while family and financial issues were suspected in Anagth Shiva's case. The exact cause behind Priyanshu Verma's death is yet to be ascertained.

The incidents have left parents worried. One parent said, "My son is a student of NIT Kurukshetra and we are very much concerned after the three suicides in two months.



STEPS TO STRENGTHEN SUPPORT

- **FACULTY MENTORSHIP:** Each teacher to mentor 20-25 students
- **COUNSELLING IDENTIFICATION:** Mentors to refer students needing professional counselling
- **ENHANCED INTERACTION:** Increased faculty-student engagement to address concerns
- **FACULTY COORDINATORS:** Section-wise coordinators for continuous monitoring
- **WELLNESS ACTIVITIES:** Hostel-wise stress management and sports programmes
- **CAMPUS SAFETY:** Additional CCTVs, protective grills, and closure of vulnerable spots

The students seem to be under a lot of pressure, and the institute must take some measures to provide a healthy environment to students."

SHO KUK Police Station Vishal Kumar said, "Three cases of suicide have been reported from NIT Kurukshetra in the past two months. In the case of Tehangana resident and Pawan, some financial issues have come to light. An FIR has also been lodged in the suicide case of Pawan. However, since it is a sensitive issue, we are working accordingly. In the case of Priyanshu, the exact reason is

yet to be ascertained."

Rattled by the incidents, the institute has initiated several measures to strengthen student support. Dr Tejraswini Ananth Kumar, chairperson of the Board of Governors, interacted with senior authorities, students, faculty and non-teaching staff to seek their views and suggestions.

NIT incharge Public Relations GnanBhushan said, "The Institute is concerned with well-being of all stake holders, particularly the students who are residing in hostels. The faculty has been directed to

increase interaction with the students to know about their feelings and resolve their issues. The teachers have been told to start the mentoring, and every teacher will be assigned a group of 20-25 students so that they can get to know more about them. They will identify the students who need counselling and further steps will be taken to help them accordingly."

Additional initiatives include appointing section-wise faculty coordinators, organising hostel-wise stress management and sports activities, enhancing surveillance through installation of CCTVs and grills, and closing vulnerable locations. Floor-level student committees have also been constituted to foster peer engagement. An alumnus has offered support by connecting students with expert counsellors and related agencies.

Akshay Mahla, state president of the Students' Federation of India, said, "Rising academic pressure, uncertainty over jobs and a lack of bonding between the students have become a major concern. The students are confined to their rooms and their mobiles are their only means of interaction and entertainment. The institutions must focus on ensuring participation of every student in different cultural and sports activities, and provide platforms to express their feelings."

Act against songs promoting gun culture: Women's panel to CM

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CHANDIGARH, APRIL 10

Haryana State Women Commission chairperson Renu Bhatia has written to Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini for taking action against songs promoting gun culture, violence, and abusive and objectionable language.

RAPPER BADSHAH TO RE-RELEASE 'TATERREE'

Badshah on Friday announced on Instagram that the song 'Taterree' will be re-released on April 14 after making changes in the track.

She said, "I am writing to draw your kind attention towards the growing concern of gun culture, violence, and use of abusive and objectionable language being promoted through songs by various singers. This trend is having a serious and negative impact on youngsters, particularly school-going students, who are highly impressionable."

Citing Badshah's 'Taterree' song, she said it sparked widespread concern across the state. "It has been observed that the portrayal and references in the song have tarnished the image and dignity of school-going girls, which is deeply disturbing and unacceptable in a civilised society. Such content not only disrespects women but also promotes unhealthy attitudes among the youth," she said.



Vice-Chancellor Dr HK Aggarwal inspects a branch at Health University in Rohtak on Friday.

PGIMS tightens rules on generic medicines; two docs face action

Action follows Arti Singh Rao's surprise inspection

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Six days after Health Minister Arti Singh Rao conducted a surprise inspection at the PGIMS here, the institute has suspended one doctor from the Department of Medicine and issued a warning to a senior faculty member from the same department for failing to comply with directives related to the prescription of medicines and maintenance of sanitation standards.

In a separate action, a General Duty Medical Officer (GDMO) posted at the Trauma Centre has also been placed under suspension for allegedly uploading posts on social media critical of the PGIMS administration.

Confirming the development, PGIMS Director Dr SK Singhal said the measures were aimed at strengthening the system and improving the insti-

tute's functioning. He acknowledged that the action followed the Health Minister's recent visit, during which she flagged several concerns, including a shortage of medicines, inadequate manpower at blood sample collection centres, and insanitary conditions in toilets and other parts of the campus.

During the inspection, the Minister ordered the formation of a committee to investigate the shortage of medicines after a patient complained about the non-availability of prescribed drugs. Officials informed her that more than 200 varieties of medicines were available at the institute, but she expressed concern, noting that the government provides 540 varieties and questioned the limited availability at the premier institution.

Sources indicated that some doctors were prescribing medicines not available

in PGIMS stock, forcing patients to purchase them from private pharmacies. "Following the inspection, the Health Department too wrote to PGIMS authorities asking them to address the issues flagged during the visit. Subsequently, the institute administration initiated disciplinary action against those found responsible," sources said.

Meanwhile, the PGIMS Director issued a warning to all doctors against prescribing branded medicines. A communiqué to all Heads of Departments said: "It has been observed that doctors of various departments are prescribing branded medicines, which is contrary to instructions to prescribe generic medicines. Despite repeated circulars, some doctors continue to violate these directions. This issue was viewed seriously by the Health Minister during her recent visit to the OPD."

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CORRIGENDUM

This is with reference to E-Auction notice published in "THE TRIBUNE" and "JAGBANI" on dated 10-04-2026 for Sr. No. 02 Account of Mr. KAMALJEET SINGH, auction for the same is scheduled for dated 28-04-2026 further it is to inform you that please read the Reserve Price for the same as "Rs. 54.96 Lakhs" instead of "Rs. 54.94 Lakhs" and EMD amount "Rs. 546,800" instead of "Rs. 549,400", rest all remains the same. All concern please note.

DATE: 10.04.2026 PLACE: LUDHIANA Authorized Officer, BANK OF INDIA

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TRANSFER OF STRESSED LOAN EXPOSURE TO THE ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS (I.E. PERMITTED ARCs) UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF SARFAESI ACT, 2002 THROUGH AUCTION UNDER SWISS CHALLENGE METHOD

Notice is hereby given to all Asset Reconstruction Companies (ARCs) that UV Asset Reconstruction Company Limited ("UVARCL") intends to transfer its stressed loan exposures to eligible ARCs. The proposed transfer will be carried out in accordance with the terms and conditions set out in the web notice available on our official website.

Brief Details of Stressed Loan Exposure:

Total O/s as on 10.04.2026	Reserve Price
Rs. 140.45 Cr	Rs. 7.00 Crore

The Auction of the above account is under "Swiss Challenge Method", based on an existing offer in hand, the base bidder will have the right to match the highest bid.

The reserve price will be INR 7,00,00,000 (Indian Seven Crores only) and the earnest money deposit will be INR 70,00,000 (Indian Rupees Seventy Lakhs Only).

The detailed terms and conditions of the sale are accessible on the website of the Secured Creditor at www.uvarcl.com. For any clarification contact the Authorized Officer of UVARCL at 9619149024 (10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.), or write to uvarcl@gmail.com | pallavi@uvarcl.com

Date: 11.04.2026 Place: Chandigarh Sd/- Authorized Officer UV Asset Reconstruction Company Limited

CM slams Cong for misleading farmers

CHANDIGARH, APRIL 10

Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini on Friday slammed the Congress and other Opposition parties for misleading farmers over crop procurement, asserting that the present government has ensured a smooth, transparent and hassle-free process across all mandis.

Addressing the media, Saini said nodal officers had been appointed in every mandi, while Additional Chief Secretary-level officers were assigned district-wise responsibilities. Ministers, MLAs and senior officials were also monitoring the situation to ensure that farmers faced no inconvenience.

Taking a dig at the previous Congress government led by Bhupinder Singh Hooda, the Chief Minister said, "During its 10-year rule, government took a backseat and farmers were left to suffer." —TNS

Rampal out of jail after over 11 years

CHANDIGARH, APRIL 10

Engineer-turned-self-styled 'godman' Rampal on Friday walked out of the Central Jail No.2 here after over 11 years, following the granting of bail by the Punjab and Haryana High Court in a case on April 8.

Two of his aides, Manoj and Babita, were also released on bail. Manoj was granted bail in 2016 while Babita got bail in 2021. However, they did not avail of the bail, reportedly to be in Rampal's company. They also furnished the bail bonds, along with Rampal, to pave the way for their exit from the jail.

Rampal's family and lawyers arrived at the jail to receive him this afternoon, and left for Dhanaana

in Sonapat district. The police made elaborate arrangements and put up barricades to maintain law and order.

Rampal's lawyer submitted bail bonds of Rs 1 lakh each for the three of them. The High Court had granted bail to Rampal on April 8 and the copy of the court order was received on April 9.

Rampal was arrested in 2014 from Satlok Ashram in Barwala following violence at the ashram. He faced five FIRs in connection with violence and was lodged in jail.

He was awarded life imprisonment in a murder case in FIR, but the High Court stayed the punishment. He was also convicted in another case, and later got acquitted.

CM defends suspension of IAS officers in bank scams

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CHANDIGARH, APRIL 10

Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini on Friday invoked Prime Minister Narendra Modi while defending the suspension of two IAS officers in connection with two major banking frauds — the Rs 590-crore IDFC First and AU Small Finance Bank scam, and the Rs 150-crore Kotak Mahindra Bank scam.

Saini reiterated the state government's commitment to accountability and transparency, asserting that strict action had been taken in line with its anti-corruption stance.

"The state government has a zero tolerance against corruption," he said. "We are answerable towards people of the state. It is the hard-earned money of the Haryana people."



Emphasising the government's governance approach, he said, "We keep informing people about the steps taken for the state. This government runs on the tradition set up by PM Modi. This state has to be taken forward."

Addressing the media, the Chief Minister said a major fraud had occurred involving IDFC First Bank and AU Small Finance Bank. "But we got our money in 24 hours. Then scan in Kotak Mahindra Bank took place. They have also returned the

money," he claimed. However, in the Kotak Mahindra Bank case, the bank has so far reimbursed only Rs 127 crore, representing the principal amount. To probe the lapses, the state government constituted a committee under the Principal Secretary to the Chief Minister and Additional Chief Secretary (Finance), Arun Kumar Gupta. The committee has since submitted its report to the government.

During Wednesday's administrative reshuffle, the government withdrew key departmental responsibilities from several IAS officers who had previously headed the departments where the irregularities occurred. However, only two officers — Pardeep Kumar and Ram Kumar Singh — were placed under suspension.

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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 (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to all interested parties 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 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.

(A) Name of Borrower/s or Guarantor/s with known legal Heirs, if any	(B) Details of the Secured asset(s)	(C) Outstanding Amount	(D) Price/Estimate	(E) Date and Time of Property Inspection	(F) Date and Time of Auction	(G) One Day Before Auction	(H) SARRFAESI Stage
1. Vikram Guru (Borrower) Mill Guru, (Co-Borrower) Lakshman Guru (Co-Borrower) Loan No. LHUID0001552839 & LHUID0001552840	Khasra No. 27/118/7, 27/119/1/1 Khata No. 12/22 (Jamabandi Sool 2014-15) Vokta Pind Chuhar Pur Hadbast No 104 Sant Enclave Near Maan Palace Tehsil and Dist Ludhiana Punjab- 141001	Rs. 21.20, 20.86, 4766, 937/ April 06, 2026	Rs. 20.86, 2444, 208, 634/ April 09, 2026	May 06, 2026 11:00 AM To 03:00 PM	May 13, 2026 02:00 PM To 05:00 PM	May 12, 2026 05:00 PM	Symbolic Possession
2. Mangal Singh (Borrower) Gurmeet Kaur, (Co-Borrower) Nirmal Singh (Co-Borrower) Loan No. LHAMT00013232161 & LHAMT0001632162	Housse Build Having Area Of 4 Marla Of Land 5 Marla 4 Sarsai Da 225/6/16 Hissa Bakkar Jaga Rakba 2 Marla Khata Khatori 198/644 Khasra No. 251 (0-5-4-28) And Land 5 Marla 6 Sarsai Da 15/43 Hissa Bakkar Jaga Rakba 2 Marla Khata Khatori 213/661 Khasra 256/6-6/60 Jaidad No 7/848, Hadbast No 172, Vokta Rakba Abadi Mahanpura 10m Taran 143401 Vide Document No 2923 Dated 13.02.2024.	Rs. 13.20, 14.49, 937/ April 06, 2026	Rs. 14.49, 937/ April 09, 2026	May 06, 2026 11:00 AM To 03:00 PM	May 13, 2026 02:00 PM To 05:00 PM	May 12, 2026 05:00 PM	Symbolic Possession
3. Kuljit Kaur (Borrower) Gurkirat Singh Arora, (Co-Borrower) Sawarn Singh (Co-Borrower) Loan No. LHAMT0001586268	Khata Khatori No. 282/770, 371, Khasra No. 485 (0-12-136), 484 (3-4-80) And Khata Khatori No. 282/371 Khasra No. 484 (0-3-4-80) Jamabandi Year 2015-2016 situated Wakoa Rakba Abadi Station Walk Taran Tehsil and Dist. Tarn Taran	Rs. 4.13, 40, 405/ April 07, 2026	Rs. 44,07, 899/ April 09, 2026	April 20, 2026 11:00 AM To 03:00 PM	April 27, 2026 11:00 AM To 12:00 PM	April 26, 2026 05:00 PM	Physical Possession
	Khasra No. 482 81m and Khasra No. 482/7m Sited Wakoa Rakba Abadi Station Walk Taran Tehsil and Dist. Tarn Taran	Rs. 07, 2026	Rs. 790/ April 09, 2026	April 20, 2026 11:00 AM To 03:00 PM	April 27, 2026 12:00 PM	April 26, 2026 05:00 PM	Physical Possession

The online auction will be conducted on website (URL: Link/BidDetail) of our auction agency ValueTrust Capital Services Private Limited. The Mortgagee notice are given in last chance to pay the total dues with further interests till May 12, 2026/ April 24, 2026 before 05:00 PM else these secured assets will be sold as per above schedule.

The Prospective Bidders must submit the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) / Demand Draft (DD) (Refer Column E) at ICICI Home Finance Company Limited Branch Office Address mentioned on top of the article or on or before May 12, 2026/ April 24, 2026 before 04:00 PM. The Prospective Bidders must also submit signed copy of Registration Form & Bid Terms and Conditions form at ICICI Home Finance Company Limited Branch Office Address mentioned on top of the article or on or before May 12, 2026/ April 24, 2026 before 05:00 PM. Earnest Money Deposit Demand Draft (DD) should be from a Nationalized/Scheduled Bank in favor of ICICI Home Finance Company Ltd. - Auction, payable at the branch office address mentioned on top of the article.

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 9929807300.

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 <http://www.icicifin.com>.

Date: April 11, 2026 Place: Ludhiana, Tarn Taran Authorized Officer, "ICICI Home Finance Company Limited", CIN Number: U65922MH1989PLC120106

G'gram occupation certificate scam: Architects under lens for certifying incomplete buildings

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The Haryana Government's self-certification policy, introduced to streamline the property ownership process, has come under scrutiny following the detection of widespread irregularities in Gurugram. Investigations have revealed that several incomplete and under-construction buildings were granted Occupation Certificates (OCs) by empanelled architects, enabling developers to bypass mandatory safety and completion norms.

The revelations have triggered a major crackdown by the Chief Minister's Flying Squad and the Department of Town and Country Planning (DTCP), which are working to identify and penalise those responsible for the illegal approvals. The scam surfaced dur-

Over 100 cases identified; 1,500 certificates issued since mid-2025 under scrutiny

ing a surprise joint raid conducted on Thursday afternoon in Sector 70A. Officials from the CM Flying Squad, along with teams from the District Town Planner (Planning and Enforcement), inspected 22 residential sites within the BPTP Astaire Gardens, Imperial and Green Oaks colonies.

The findings were alarming. Of the 22 buildings inspected, 14 were found to be still under construction despite having been issued OCs. In several cases, the structures were merely bare brick frameworks lacking essential features such as plaster, flooring, and functional kitchens or bathrooms, rendering them unfit for habitation.

— where the department conducts random audits of only about 10% of the certificates — appears to have created a loophole that was exploited by some architects in collusion with developers.

Authorities have taken a firm stand against these violations, terming them a breach of Haryana Government regulations. The DTCP is currently compiling a comprehensive list of erring architects, who may face stringent action, including blacklisting and permanent revocation of their licences.

Going forward, the department plans to significantly tighten monitoring mechanisms to ensure that the self-certification policy serves its intended purpose of facilitating legitimate construction while safeguarding public safety and regulatory compliance.