

Her only support gone, Manjit Kaur’s mother continues to fight lonely war

Hina Rohtaki
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THE MEMORIAL prayer service for her daughter’s death is yet to take place. However, with no other support, Kanta Devi has been forced to postpone her grief, compelled instead to piece together the final weeks of her daughter, Punjabi social media influencer Manjit Kaur.



Manjit Kaur

Manjit, who was allegedly kidnapped and assaulted before being set on fire in a forested area near Morinda on the night of July 3-4, died at a Chandigarh hospital on August 26. Her family has accused two acquaintances of kidnapping her and the police of failing to record her statement in time.

“I am all alone. No man is there to support me. My daughter’s bhog has not taken place. I am doing everything myself with a small child to care for,” Kanta Devi told *The Indian Express*.

Kanta Devi lives with her 11-year-old son in their home in Kharar. Manjit moved out of her family home about a year and a half ago, relocating to New Chandigarh to build an independent life. A divorced mother of a seven-year-old son who lives with his father, she started a beauty parlour business and regularly sent financial support to her mother.

Kanta Devi recalled that her daughter was planning to start an art gallery. “She told me she would marry soon. I didn’t know much about her personal plans, only that she was preparing to settle down again.”

The long gap between the alleged crime and Manjit’s death has made the investigation difficult. Police are trying to establish the vehicle allegedly used to take her away, while crucial CCTV footage is no longer available. According

Battle of jurisdiction as SSPs blame each other

A jurisdictional blame game has now emerged at the centre of the influencer’s murder case, with the SSPs of Chandigarh and Mohali offering contradictory accounts of the first information received by police — raising fresh questions over who was responsible for acting when the victim was still alive.

The sharp exchange comes amid questions over why Manjit’s statement was not recorded despite her insistence.

When *The Indian Express* asked Chandigarh SSP Kanwardeep Kaur, she said that the Chandigarh connection

emerged only later after the victim’s death.

“We were never reported about the incident having taken place in Chandigarh till the day of FIR. Earlier it was reported that the incident took place in Mohali,” she said.

“First information goes to the police station where the crime is reported to have happened. The version that she was taken from Chandigarh came only after her death.”

However, Mohali SSP Harmandeep Hans presented a starkly different version.

“The crime took place in Chandigarh. She was abducted from Sector 34. So it was their case and Chandigarh has registered the case,” Hans said.

The two versions did not answer a key question — at what point did the police establish the actual jurisdiction and what action was taken in the intervening period.

The question becomes even more significant as the victim died on August 26 — nearly two months after the incident occurred — and the delay led to deletion of crucial CCTV evidence and failure in recording Manjit’s statement, both of which could have led to the arrest of the accused.

The case has now finally been registered in Chandigarh, with the UT Police taking over the investigation. It is now trying to reconstruct the sequence of events, establish Manjit’s movements, and identify the links between the people and vehicles involved.

‘Have got significant clues now: DSP

DSP (South) Gurjit Kaur while speaking to *The Indian Express* said, “We have got some significant clues, but we cannot reveal them at this point as it may hamper the investiga-

tion. We have to maintain the confidentiality of certain details.”

On the delay in recording the statement, Kaur said, “Usually, the case belongs to the jurisdiction where the first information is received, which was Punjab in this case. However, we have registered the case and are carrying out the investigation.”

Amit Sharma, advocate, Punjab and Haryana High Court told *The Indian Express* that when the woman was admitted at the PGIMER, the police officer present at the PGI Police Post was “legally competent” to record her statement.

“Although recording the statement through a magistrate would ordinarily have been preferable, the law did not require the police to wait for a magistrate or for the Kharar investigating officer if delay could have resulted in the statement being lost,” Sharma added.

“The Chandigarh-Kharar territorial connection did not, by itself, prevent the officer present in Chandigarh from recording it. Information disclosing a cognizable offence could also be recorded at the police station where it was first reported, without making territorial jurisdiction a barrier to prompt action; this is commonly described as a Zero FIR. The statement would constitute a dying declaration only if the woman subsequently died and it related to the cause of her death or the circumstances of the transaction resulting in it. Its admissibility and evidentiary weight would then depend on whether the court found it voluntary, truthful, coherent, free from tutoring or prompting, and made while she was conscious and mentally fit,” the advocate further said.

Chandigarh to get 50-MW solar power with storage under 25-year PPA

Express News Service
Chandigarh, August 31

CHANDIGARH IS set to get its first solar power linked to the Inter-State Transmission System (ISTS), with Chandigarh Power Distribution Limited (CPDL) signing a 25-year Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) with the Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI) for procurement of 50 MW of solar power along with battery energy storage.

According to a CPDL official, the arrangement is expected to provide Chandigarh around 135 million units (MUs) of electricity annually and help reduce carbon dioxide emissions by over 96 tonnes a year.

Under the agreement, solar power will primarily meet the city’s electricity demand during the daytime, while the battery energy storage system will

store surplus solar-generated electricity for supply during the night and other periods when solar generation is unavailable.

The storage component is also expected to help CPDL manage fluctuations in Chandigarh’s electricity demand and improve the reliability of renewable power supply.

The agreement has been signed under SECI’s ISTS Tranche XX for 25 years.

The ISTS enables electricity generated in one part of the country to be transmitted to another through the national power transmission network.

CPDL said the initiative would increase the share of clean and renewable energy in Chandigarh’s electricity mix while ensuring a reliable power supply to consumers.



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Day after 27-yr-old run over by Thar, accused continue to evade arrest

Express News Service
Chandigarh, August 31

A MURDER case has been registered in connection with the death of 27-year-old Pawan, who was allegedly run over by a Thar in Daria in the early hours of Sunday. On Monday, Pawan’s family members and local residents staged a protest at the Railway Light Point, alleging that the police had failed to arrest the accused.

According to police, the FIR was registered at the Industrial Area police station under Sections 190, 191(2), 191(3), 109 and 103(1) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) against Monu alias Kandu, Subhash, Suraj alias Jatwa, Govinda, Mahavir and Malkit alias Kaka. The case was registered on the complaint of Pawan’s brother, Suraj, a resident of New Indira Colony.

Police said the accused allegedly rammed a black Thar (HR-70F-0843) into the complainant’s Scorpio (CH-01CD-2228) in Daria around 12.30 am on August 30, allegedly with the intention of killing the brothers. Both sustained injuries and were taken to GMSH-16. Pawan was declared brought dead, while Suraj was referred to PGI, Chandigarh.

The family and supporters alleged that the police initially treated the incident as a road accident and that the delay in registering the FIR allowed the accused to flee. They also alleged that none of the accused had been arrested even two days after the incident. The protesters blocked the road at Railway Light Point for some time, affecting traffic movement. The family has also refused to allow Pawan’s postmortem, and his body remains at the mortuary of Government Multi-Specialty Hospital, Sector 16.

According to the police complaint and the family, Pawan and Suraj had gone to Daria with friends to attend a birthday party.



BRANCH OFFICE : BHAGAL CORRIGENDUM

Please refer to our E-Auction Sale Notice Published in Indian Express & Dainik Bhaskar on Dated 10.07.2026. The General Public & all the concerned Person/entities are informed that Punjab National Bank has withdrawn E-Auction Scheduled for 02.09.2026 for the account of 1. M/s Krisansh Faucets, 2. Sh. Sukam Chand & Smt. Sonia Devi, 3. Sh. Sukam Chand, Smt. Sonia Devi W/o Sh. Sukam Chand & Sh. Keshav Mangla S/o Sh. Sukam Chand.

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Notice is hereby given to the public in general & in particular to the Borrower (s) & Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive/physical/ symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of the Bank/ Secured Creditor, will be sold on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" and "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" and "WHATEVER THERE IS BASIS" on the date as mentioned in the table herein below, for recovery of its dues due to the Bank/Secured Creditor from the respective borrower (s). The reserve price and the earnest money deposit will be as mentioned in the table below against the respective property.

SCHEDULE OF THE SECURED ASSETS

Name of the Branch Name & addresses of the Borrower/ Guarantors Account	Description of the movable/ immovable properties Mortgaged/ Owner's Name (mortgagors of property/ies)	A) Dt. of Demand Notice u/s 13(2) of SARFAESI Act 2002 B) Outstanding Amount as on C) Possession Date u/s 13(4) of SARFAESI ACT 2002 D) Nature of Possession Symbolic/Physical/Constructive	A) Reserve Price B) EMD C) Bid increase amount	Date/ Time of E-Auction	Details of the encumbrances known to the secured creditors
STATUTORY 30 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER RULE 8(6) OF THE SARFAESI ACT, 2002					
BO: CHAKDANA (114610) Mob. No: 94647-13748 Email: bo114610@pnb.bank.in Sh. Husan Lal S/o Sh. Khushi Ram, Resident of VPO Sheikhpur Distt. SBS Nagar.	Equitable mortgage of property on land measuring 7 Marla being 7/89 share of land measuring 4k-9m bearing Khata No. 312/424 Khalsa No. 561/25/2 (4-9) Jamabandi for the year 2000-01, situated at Village Sheikhpur, Tehsil Nawanshahr, Distt. SBS Nagar, Vide Title Deed No. 3658 dated 30.10.2006 in the name of Sh. Husan Lal s/o Sh. Khushi Ram & Bounded as under:- East: Paragpur Wale, West: Khushi Ram, North: Raasta, South: Raasta.	A) 27.10.2023 B) Rs. 4,16,931.50 + interest w.e.f. NPA C) Rs. 61,300/- D) 18.12.2025 E) Symbolic Possession	A) Rs. 6,13,000/- B) Rs. 61,300/- C) Rs. 10,000/-	06.10.2026 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM	Not known
BO: LANGROYA (351500) Distt. SBS Nagar Mob. No: 90414-85087, Email: bo3515@pnb.bank.in Sh. Parvinder Kumar S/o Sh. Shiv Narain Batra AND Smt. Geeta Rani Batra W/o Sh. Parvinder Kumar Batra, Both R/o House No. 64, Street No. 3, Nayyar Vihar Kulam Road, Nawanshehar Distt. SBS Nagar, and Guarantor Sh. Narinder Kumar S/o Sh. Shiv Narain Batra R/o Kulam Road Nayyar Colony, Nawanshehar Distt. SBS Nagar.	Equitable mortgage of residential property on land measuring 0K-5M situated at Nayyar Vihar, Kulam Road, Nawanshehar Distt SBS Nagar which is 180/972 share of total land measuring 13k-12m comprised Khalsa no.6175/2267/(13-12) as per jamabandi 2003-04 situated in the area of Village Nawanshehar Tehsil Nawanshehar, Distt. SBS Nagar Hadbast No. 193 vide Title sale deed No. 1634 dated 28.06.2007 in the name of Sh. Parvinder Kumar Batra S/o Sh. Shiv Narain Batra, bounded as under:- East: Sital Singh, West: Darshan Kaur, North: Vendor, South: Street.	A) 06.05.2026 B) Rs. 6,43,789.04 plus interest w.e.f. NPA C) Possession Date u/s 13(4) of SARFAESI ACT 2002 D) 15.07.2026 E) Symbolic Possession	A) Rs. 21,61,000/- B) Rs. 2,16,100/- C) Rs. 20,000/-	06.10.2026 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM	Not known
BO: LANGROYA (351500) Distt. SBS Nagar Mob. No: 90414-85087, Email: bo3515@pnb.bank.in Sh. Gurnam Singh S/o Sh. Ram Parkash & Smt. Manjit Kaur W/o Sh. Gurnam Singh House No. 9, Bhaddi Road, Adarsh Nagar, Balachaur Tehsil Balachaur Distt. SBS Nagar, Punjab.	All that part and parcel of Equitable mortgage of Housing property on land measuring 0K-7M-4S which is 67/12978 share of total land measuring 72k-2m situated at House No. 9 Bhaddi Road, Adarsh Nagar Balachaur Tehsil Balachaur Distt SBS Nagar Hadbast No. 193, vide sale deed No. 4038 dated 07.03.2014 in the name of Ms. Manjit Kaur W/o Sh. Gurnam Singh, comprised in KhKh no 1584/2132, 1592/2140 Khalsa no. 22/23/2(3-6), 24(8-0), 25(8-0), 30/3(7-16), 4(8-0), 5(8-0) 31/11(5-0), 30/6(8-0), 7(8-0), 8(8-0) vide jamabandi 2005-06.	A) 06.05.2026 B) Rs. 29,37,518.33 plus interest w.e.f. NPA C) Possession Date u/s 13(4) of SARFAESI ACT 2002 D) 15.07.2026 E) Symbolic Possession	A) Rs. 48,93,000/- B) Rs. 4,89,300/- C) Rs. 50,000/-	06.10.2026 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM	Not known

TERMS AND CONDITIONS:
The Sale shall be subject to the Terms & Conditions prescribed in the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 and to the following further conditions:
1. The properties are being sold on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" and "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" and "WHATEVER THERE IS BASIS"
2. The particulars of Secured Assets specified in the Schedule here in above have been stated to the best of the information of the Authorised Officer, but the Authorised Officer shall not be answerable for any error, misstatement or omission in this proclamation.
3. The Sale will be done by the undersigned through e-auction platform provided at the Website <https://baanknet.com> on dates as given above.
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Date: 31.08.2026
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E - AUCTION SALE NOTICE
on 21.09.2026
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PUBLIC NOTICE FOR E-AUCTION FOR SALE OF MOVABLE/ IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES on 21.09.2026 From 11.00 HRS TO 16.00 HRS.
LAST DATE AND TIME OF SUBMISSION FOR EMD & DOCUMENTS ON OR BEFORE CLOSE OF E-AUCTION, BY BIDDERS THROUGH THEIR OWN WALLET REGISTERED WITH M/s PSB Alliance Pvt Ltd ON ITS E-AUCTION SITE : <https://baanknet.com> BY MEANS OF RTGS/NEFT
E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable/Movable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provision to Rule 8(6) & 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the borrowers and guarantors that the below described immovable properties Mortgaged/Charged to State Bank of India (Secured Creditor), the constructive/physical possession of these properties has been taken by the Authorised Officers of State Bank of India (Secured Creditor), will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 21.09.2026 for recovery of bank dues + interest (as mentioned below against the properties) due to the State Bank of India (Secured Creditor) from below mentioned borrowers/guarantors. The Reserve Price and Earnest Money Deposit will be as mentioned below against the properties. "The payment of all Statutory/ Non-Statutory dues, Taxes, Rates, Assessments, Charges, Fee etc. Owing to anybody shall be the sole responsibility of the successful Bidder only, Failure in payment of any amount of the sale price by the successful bidder shall result in forfeiture of amount deposited by him.
Detailed terms and conditions of the sale are mentioned below/refer to Website:(a) <https://sbi.co.in/> (b) <https://baanknet.com>.

Sr. No.	NAME OF BORROWER(S)/ GUARANTOR(S)	AMOUNT OUTSTANDING	DETAILS OF PROPERTY/IES		Reserve Price	Date & Time of Inspection of Property	Authorised Officer & Contact No.
					EMD		
					Bid Increase Amt.		
1.	Borrower: 1. M/s Nicor Green Board And Papers Pvt. Ltd., Village Golewala, District Faridkot, Punjab. 2. Sh. Pipal Singh (Director) S/o Sh. Balbir Singh, R/o House No. 23, Sardar Colony, Near Raj Rattan School, Sode Wala Road, Ferozpur City, Punjab. 3. Smt. Surinder Kaur (Director) W/o Sh. Pipal Singh, R/o House No. 23, Sardar Colony, Near Raj Rattan School, Sode Wala Road, Ferozpur City, Punjab. 4. Sh. Balbir Singh (Guarantor) S/o Sh. Balbir Singh, R/o House No. 23, Sardar Colony, Near Raj Rattan School, Sode Wala Road, Ferozpur City, Punjab. 5. Sh. Ranjit Singh (Guarantor) S/o Sh. Balbir Singh, R/o House No. 23, Sardar Colony, Near Raj Rattan School, Sode Wala Road, Ferozpur City, Punjab.	Rs. 18,00,65,414/- (Rupees Eighteen Crore Sixty Five Thousand Four Hundred Fourteen Only) as on 04.11.2025 + Interest and expenses thereon.	Factory Land and building constructed on land measuring 63 Kanal 10 marla being 1270/1678 share of 83 Kanal 8 Marla comprised in Khawat No. 568/549, Khatouni no. 968, Khalsa No. 1578(9-12), 1579(1(6-10), 1579/2(8-17), 1580(1(11-10), 1581(1(13-11), 1582(15-7), 1583(2(9-12), 1584(1(8-9), Situated at Village Golewala, Tehsil and Distt. Faridkot in the name of M/s Nicor Green Board and paper Pvt. Ltd. vide sale deed no. 3281 dated 27. 12. 2002. CERSAI: 200010006190. Type of Possession : Physical. Note: Charges/Attachments on properties known are as under:- 1. Mutation No. 689 dated 13.08.2013 and Mutation No. 407 dated 16.03.2023 in view of provisionally attached by the Directorate of Enforcement, Jalandhar under Section 5(5) of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002, vide Order/OC No. 1925/2023 in PAO No. 04/2023 dated 24.02.2023 arising out of ECIR/JLZO/01/2019. Stay vacated through Appeal dated 6647/2023 in this matter MP-PMLA-2981/JL/2025 (Substitution) MPPMLA-13435/JL/2023 (Exem.) MP-PMLA-13433/JL/2023 (Stay) FPA-PMLA-6647/JL/2023 vide order dated 05.05.2026. 2. Mutation no. 499 : Punjab State Power Corp. Ltd vs Nicor Green Board & Paper Pvt Ltd of Rs. 30,54,435/- dated 04.05.2023. 3. Mutation no. 161: Office of Assistant Commissioner of State Tax, Punjab Value Added Tax VAT Number 035511448667- Rs. 27,52,769/- for FY 2013-14 and Rs 3387571/- for the year 2014-2015 dated 06.09.2018.		Rs. 3,45,00,000/- Rs. 34,50,000/- Rs. 1,00,000/-	15.09.2026 12:00 hrs to 13:00 hrs	Mr. Jaibir Singh (CLO) Contact No. 99881 92220 AAKASH YADAV (CCO) Contact No. 9899588381

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DATE: 31.08.2026

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