

# Liquor licence for clubs at all Gurgaon condos

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**GURGAON:** The Haryana excise department has introduced new liquor licence norms for residential condominiums that want to obtain liquor permits for their clubs. Condominiums with functional clubs can now apply for liquor licence and can even get multiple additional licences for separate residential towers.

A new licence in the form of L 12C for a residential condominium (a gated residential community having multiple units) has been proposed. The main bar will be equivalent to the pub/bar licence and any additional mini-club within the condominium will get a licence after paying 20% of the licence fees of the main bar, the policy says. But there is a rider. Only residents of condominium or their guests will be allowed to utilise the facility.

A few resident welfare association (RWA) members had written to state excise officials in January this year demanding separate licences for clubs in condominiums. A study was then conducted, after which the Gurgaon deputy and excise taxation commissioner submitted a detailed report. "We were asked to study the



The security deposit for the new liquor licence will be Rs 5 lakh annually. PARVEEN KUMAR/HT FILE

request of senior officials after which we visited various residential complexes. Many residential complexes in the city have clubs and liquor licences have already been issued to them. But that was only for the bigger complexes. Now, even a small complex can apply," said HC Dahiya, deputy excise and taxation commissioner, Gurgaon. The security deposit for the new liquor licence will be Rs 5 lakh annually. The licence fees has been set at Rs 15 lakh annually and each additional point will pay Rs 3 lakh, which is 20% of the total fee. "Each additional licence apart from the main liquor licence will cost Rs 3 lakh. Excise officials

will visit and submit the report of the residential complex who apply for such licences," said Sneha Lata Yadav, deputy excise and taxation commissioner (east). The new licence policy is likely to reduce the dependence of residents on restaurants and pubs in DLF Cyber Hub, Golf Course road and Sector 29 market. "If the condominiums have their own place, then people will prefer drinking in-house instead of going out. A resident can call guests at their condominium bars," said Amit Jindal, RWA president Vipul Greens, Sohna Road. These bars/pubs will not run for profit.

# Two ASIs shoot themselves in separate cases, probes launched

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**NEW DELHI:** Two assistant sub-inspectors of Delhi Police killed themselves with their service revolvers in two separate unrelated incidents on Friday. While one of the sub-inspectors was suffering from depression for the last few years, the reason for the other policeman's suicide remained unknown.

The first case was reported from Lutyens' Delhi. According to Madhur Verma, deputy commissioner of police (New Delhi), the 52-year-old policeman's body was found lying near a drain behind the police lines on Vinay Marg around 8am. The dead policeman, identified as TP Anirudhan, had joined Delhi Police in 1986 as a constable and was living in Mehram Nagar police colony with his wife and a son. He was posted with the third battalion of Delhi Police.

"Anirudhan appeared to have shot himself in his right temple. His loaded service revolver was lying near his body. His motorcycle and helmet were found nearby," said the DCP. The officer said evidence, such as a cocked weapon and the nature of the bullet wound, suggested it was a self-inflicted injury. He said a probe has been initiated to determine what compelled Anirudhan to take his life. The other incident was reported from north Delhi's Civil Lines around 4pm on Friday. ASI Hanuman Sahay, 54, who was posted in a PCR van, was found shot inside a PCR van. He was rushed to the trauma centre of Aiiims where he died later.

Harendra Singh, additional deputy commissioner of police (north), said the PCR van needed repairs and Sahay had taken the vehicle to Old Police Lines. "We found blood and a bullet shell inside the van. Probe has revealed that he was under depression for the past four-five years and was undergoing treatment," said Singh.

# Family in shock, loses two sons in four years

**TRAGEDY** Victim's brother had died in a car accident in UP in 2014; family rules out foul play, says they don't want to spoil the boy's future and career

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**NEW DELHI:** The death of 23-year-old Prashant Chauhan in a case of 'accidental' firing is the second tragedy in his family in the last four years.

Prashant was killed on Thursday evening after his cousin accidentally shot him with his father's gun in south Delhi's Sarita Vihar.

The incident took place when Prashant's cousin was posing with the licensed gun while the victim was trying to take his photograph. Prashant, a teacher in east Delhi's Shahdara, was visiting the boy and his family when the accidental firing took place at the second-floor flat around 5.30 pm.

The accused — a Class 11 student at a private school in Jasola near Sarita Vihar — was apprehended.

Prashant's relatives said his elder brother Amit Chauhan too had met with a tragic end when he died in a car crash in February 2014 in Meerut.

The deaths of their sons have left Prashant's parents devastated.

The relatives, who were present at the Aiiims mortuary to claim his body after autopsy, said his mother is grief-stricken and is not ready to believe that two of her three sons were dead.

On February 2, 2014, Prashant's brother Amit was returning home with two of his friends in a Honda Civic car after attending a friend's engagement ceremony in Meerut. They were travelling late on a foggy night.

"Amit's friend, who owned the car, was behind the wheel when the car crashed into a road divider while trying to avoid a collision with another vehicle.

## The photo 'shoot'

A 23-year-old teacher in Delhi's Shahdara was shot dead accidentally by his cousin in Sarita Vihar on Thursday evening.

Thursday, March 8, between 2 pm and 5:30 pm

Source: Details as shared by the family members and police



Prashant Chauhan, 23, visits his cousin's house in Sarita Vihar. His cousin, 17, asks him to click a photo on his mobile phone.



Holding the gun in his hand, the 17-year-old poses for a photo. He points the gun at his cousin, who is standing in front of him. During the photoshoot, the boy accidentally presses the trigger.



Prashant is hit in his right chest and collapses. The minor's mother and sister rush to the room. The boy rushes to inform policemen at a nearby outpost.

Prashant is loaded in a car and rushed to a hospital. He later succumbs to his injuries there.

Illustration: MOHIT SUNEJA

The three friends had died by the time they were rescued and taken to a hospital," said Veer Singh, Prashant's uncle.

Another relative Shivam Chauhan said Amit was the same age as Prashant when he died in the car crash. The local police had then informed the family about Amit's death.

Amit worked at a private hospital in Delhi. Prashant's father Rajkumar Chauhan is a farmer while his mother is a housewife. The couple is now left with one son, Sumit Chauhan, who is a government school teacher in Delhi and the only breadwinner in the family.

Asked if they suspected any

foul play, the relatives said, "We know the boy and his family members. It was just an accident. We don't want to spoil the boy's career by pursuing the matter further," added the uncle.

Police later said that they will book the juvenile's father under the Arms Act.

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