PUNJAB DA CROREPATI

Guidelines

1. Short Title and Applicability

1.1 These Guidelines shall be called the Punjab Da Crorepati Guidelines, 2026.

1.2 These Guidelines shall apply to all persons registering for and participating in Punjab Da Crorepati.

1.3 Participation in the Competition shall be deemed to constitute acceptance of these Guidelines and any instructions, guidelines, clarifications or directions issued by the Working Group from time to time.

1.4 The Working Group may issue such additional instructions, advisories and operational Guidelines as may be necessary for the conduct of the Competition, and the same shall form part of these Guidelines.

1.5 For the purposes of these Guidelines, the "Working Group" shall mean the group constituted by the Government of Punjab for overseeing and coordinating the planning, implementation and operational management of Punjab Da Crorepati. The Working Group shall be responsible for taking necessary operational decisions for the smooth and effective conduct of the Competition.

1.6 The Syllabus and Prize Structure forming part of these Guidelines shall be specified in Annexure-I and Annexure-II, respectively, and shall be read as integral parts of these Guidelines.

2. Eligibility

2.1 To be eligible to participate in the Competition, a person shall satisfy **all** the following conditions:

a) Be a citizen of India;

b) Be aged between 15 and 30 years (both inclusive) as on 01.01.2027; i.e., be born on or after 01.01.1997 and on or before 01.01.2012; and

c) Satisfy one of the following:

(i) Be a resident of Punjab, as per the address recorded in the participant's Aadhaar; or

(ii) Where the address recorded in the participant's Aadhaar is outside Punjab, be enrolled in a school, college, university or other recognised educational institution located in Punjab, subject to verification of such enrolment in the manner provided in Clause 2.5.

2.2 Enrolment in an educational institution is not a condition of eligibility for participants who are residents of Punjab as per Aadhaar. Youth from Punjab who are not enrolled in any educational institution, including those who are working, self-employed or otherwise

engaged, are equally eligible to participate.

2.3 Residents of Punjab, as per Aadhaar, who are pursuing studies outside Punjab may also participate. No verification of their enrolment shall be required.

2.4 Aadhaar authentication shall be used to establish the age and State of residence of every participant, and no separate proof of age or residence shall be required. Proof of enrolment shall be required only from participants covered under Clause 2.1(c)(ii).

2.5 For participants covered under Clause 2.1(c)(ii), a valid identity card issued by the educational institution that shows the period for which it is valid shall be sufficient proof of enrolment. Only where the identity card does not show its period of validity, the participant may instead submit a letter issued by the university, college or institution, signed by a faculty member not below the rank of Head of the Department, certifying the participant's enrolment.

3. Persons Not Eligible to Participate

3.1 The following persons shall not be eligible to participate in Punjab Da Crorepati:

a) Persons involved in the setting, preparation, review, moderation, translation, validation or approval of questions for the Competition.

b) Employees, consultants, agencies, vendors or service providers directly associated with the conduct, administration or evaluation of the Competition, where a conflict of interest exists.

c) Immediate family members of persons referred to in clauses (a) and (b), where such participation may create an actual or perceived conflict of interest.

d) Persons who furnish false, inaccurate, incomplete or misleading information during registration, verification or participation.

e) Persons who have been disqualified by the Working Group for violation of these Guidelines or for use of unfair means in any stage of the Competition.

3.2 The Working Group reserves the right to determine the eligibility of any participant and its decision in this regard shall be final and binding.

4. Registration

4.1 Registration for Punjab Da Crorepati shall be undertaken through the official digital platform, mobile application or any other mode notified by the Working Group.

4.2 Registration shall be open only during the period notified by the Working Group.

4.3 Every participant shall register by completing Aadhaar authentication and verifying a valid mobile number through OTP. Aadhaar authentication shall be used to establish the participant's identity, age and State of residence. Aadhaar-based e-KYC shall not be required, and the mobile number used for OTP verification need not be the mobile number linked to

the participant's Aadhaar. The participant's name, date of birth and address, as recorded in the Aadhaar authentication record, shall be treated as final and shall not be editable for the purposes of determining eligibility under these Guidelines.

4.4 Participants shall provide accurate and complete information during registration, including district, place of residence, educational institution (if applicable) and such other information as may be prescribed. Participation in the Competition is not restricted to students. Eligible persons who are not enrolled in any educational institution may also register for and participate in the Competition.

4.5 A participant shall be permitted to maintain only one registration account.

4.6 Registrations shall remain open until the closure of Round 4.

4.7 Every participant, irrespective of the date of registration, shall complete the Mock Practice Round and shall then begin the Competition from Round 1 and shall attempt the rounds in sequence. A participant shall not be permitted to attempt any round without first completing all preceding rounds. A participant who registers after Round 1, Round 2 or Round 3 has opened shall complete the Mock Practice Round and each pending round, in order, before the closure of Round 4.

4.8 Joining the Competition late shall not entitle a participant to any extension of time, relaxation of qualifying criteria or re-attempt of any round. A participant who has not completed Rounds 1 to 4 by the closure of Round 4 shall not be considered for qualification to Round 5.

4.9 No fresh registrations shall be permitted after closure of Round 4.

4.10 Successful registration shall not by itself confer any right to participate in subsequent rounds and shall remain subject to verification of eligibility and compliance with these Guidelines.

5. Competition Format

5.1 Punjab Da Crorepati shall be conducted through app-based qualifying rounds, district-level competitions and State-level competitions, culminating in the selection of the Punjab Da Crorepati winner.

5.2 Every participant shall be required to complete a Mock Practice Round before attempting Round 1. The purpose of the Mock Practice Round is to help participants familiarise themselves with the platform, the quiz format, question types, the response timer and these Guidelines. Scores obtained in the Mock Practice Round shall not count towards qualification or ranking.

5.3 The Competition shall ordinarily be conducted through the following stages:

Stage	Format	Progression
Mock Practice Round	App-based	Mandatory for all registered participants. The Mock Practice Round enables participants to familiarise themselves with the platform, question format, response timer and competition process before attempting Round 1.
Round 1	App-based	Open to participants who have completed the Mock Practice Round
Round 2	App-based	Open to participants who have completed Round 1
Round 3	App-based	Open to participants who have completed Round 2
Round 4	App-based	Top 10,000* eligible participants qualify for Round 5
Round 5	App-based	10,000 participants compete; top 5,000 participants qualify for Round 6
Round 6	App-based	5,000 participants compete; top 2,500 participants qualify for Round 7
Round 7	App-based	2,500 participants compete; top 1,250 participants qualify for Round 8
Round 8	App-based	1,250 participants compete; top 625 participants qualify for Round 9
Round 9	App-based	Participants qualifying in accordance with the prescribed round criteria shall advance to the District Finale (Round 10)
Round 10	District Finale	A. 230 participants (10 from each district) compete in the preliminary district stage B. District-level elimination stage conducted in accordance with the prescribed format. C. One winner from each district qualifies for Round 11
Round 11	State Finale	A. 23 district winners compete; top 13 participants qualify for Round 11B B. 13 participants compete; top 5 participants qualify for Round 11C C. Grand Finale: 5 finalists compete in the final hot-

Stage	Format	Progression
		seat competition for the title of Punjab Da Crorepati

**The number of qualifying participants in Round 4 is indicative and subject to district-wise cut-offs under Clause 7.2. All participants scoring at or above the notified cut-off shall qualify for the next round, and the number may therefore exceed the figure shown.*

5.4 The format, conduct, participant progression criteria and qualification requirements for any round may be revised by the Working Group if required, for administrative, operational, technical or other valid reasons.

6. Question Format and Scoring

6.1 Questions in the Competition shall be based on the syllabus specified in Annexure-I to these Guidelines.

6.2 The Competition shall primarily consist of Multiple-Choice Questions (MCQs). Questions may be text-based, image-based, audio-visual or of such other format as may be determined by the Working Group for a particular round.

6.3 Each question shall have one correct answer.

6.4 During app-based rounds, participants shall be allowed a maximum of twenty (20) seconds to answer each question, unless a different time limit is specified for a particular question.

6.5 Once the prescribed response time for a question expires, no answer shall be accepted, and the platform shall automatically proceed in accordance with the configured round settings.

6.6 The timer displayed on the official platform shall be treated as final for the purpose of determining response time.

6.7 The number of questions, marks assigned to each question, scoring methodology and round-wise evaluation criteria shall be as notified by the Working Group.

6.8 Questions, answer options, marks, difficulty levels and scoring patterns may vary across different rounds of the Competition.

6.9 In the event of any ambiguity, discrepancy or dispute regarding a question, answer option or answer key, the decision of the Working Group shall be final and binding.

7. Qualification, Elimination and Tie-Breaking

7.1 Progression from one round to the next shall be based on the qualification criteria prescribed for the respective round.

7.2 Participants shall be ranked based on the scores obtained by them. Ties may be broken based on the time taken by the participants, and a participant who has taken less time,

cumulatively across all questions, shall be ranked higher. For the purposes of qualification to subsequent rounds, participants shall be ranked district-wise based on the district of participation selected at the time of registration. The Working Group shall notify district-wise cut-offs to ensure representation from every district.

7.3 During app-based rounds, participants meeting the prescribed qualifying criteria shall progress to the next round.

7.4 A participant may be eliminated from the Competition if:

a) The prescribed qualifying criteria are not met; or

b) The participant fails to complete a round within the prescribed period.

7.5 During app-based rounds, ties shall be resolved only in the manner provided in Clause 7.2, and no separate tie-breaker round or question shall be conducted.

7.6 During district-level and State-level competitions, participants shall be ranked in the manner provided in Clause 7.2. Where a tie persists even after applying cumulative time taken, it shall be resolved in the following order:

a) Higher cumulative score across all previous rounds; and

b) Tie-breaker question(s).

7.7 The Working Group shall have the sole authority to determine qualification, elimination, ranking and tie-breaking, and its decision shall be final and binding on all participants.

8. Participant Conduct and Prevention of Unfair Means

8.1 Participants shall participate in the Competition only in their own name and through their own registered account.

8.2 Participants shall be responsible for maintaining the confidentiality of their login credentials, OTPs and other account-related information.

8.3 Participants shall not share, transfer or permit use of their account by any other person.

8.4 The following activities shall be considered use of unfair means:

a) Impersonation or participation using another person's identity;

b) Creation or use of multiple accounts by the same participant;

c) Sharing of login credentials, OTPs or account access with any other person;

d) Collusion or coordinated participation with other participants;

e) Seeking or obtaining assistance from another person during any round of the Competition;

f) Use of unauthorised devices, software, applications, scripts, bots or other technological means to gain an unfair advantage;

g) Attempting to access, obtain, disclose or distribute questions, answers or confidential Competition-related information through unauthorised means;

h) Any act intended to manipulate scores, rankings, qualification status or the outcome of the Competition.

8.5 Participants shall comply with all instructions issued by the Working Group in relation to verification, monitoring and anti-cheating measures.

9. Verification, Questions, Answers and Objections

9.1 The Working Group may undertake verification of a participant's identity and, where applicable, educational enrolment, at any stage of the Competition.

9.2 Participants shall furnish such documents, information or clarifications as may be required for verification purposes.

9.3 The Working Group shall have the sole authority to determine the correctness of any question, answer option or answer key used in the Competition.

9.4 Any objection relating to a question, answer option or answer key shall be submitted through the prescribed mechanism within the timeline notified by the Working Group.

9.5 Objections received after the prescribed timeline or through any mode other than the prescribed mechanism may not be considered.

9.6 The Working Group may seek the opinion of subject matter experts or any other competent authority while examining objections. Where an objection is found to be valid, the Working Group may take such corrective action as it considers appropriate, including revision of scores, modification of answer keys or any other remedial measure.

9.7 The decision of the Working Group regarding verification, questions, answer keys, objections and corrective measures shall be final and binding on all participants.

10. Cash Prizes and Rewards

10.1 Participants may be awarded cash prizes, rewards, certificates, recognition or such other benefits as may be notified by the Working Group.

10.2 The prize structure, including round-wise rewards, shall be as specified in Annexure-II to these Guidelines.

10.3 Eligibility for any cash prize, reward or recognition shall be subject to successful completion of all applicable verification requirements.

10.4 Prize winners shall furnish such documents, declarations, bank account details and other information as may be required by the Working Group for processing of prizes and rewards.

10.5 Cash prizes shall be disbursed only after completion of all prescribed verification and approval processes.

10.6 In the case of participants who are minors, prize amounts may be released through the parent or legal guardian or in such manner as may be prescribed by the Working Group.

10.7 Any taxes, duties or statutory deductions applicable to prizes or rewards shall be governed by prevailing laws and shall be borne or deducted as applicable.

10.8 The Working Group reserves the right to withhold, suspend, cancel or recover any prize, reward, certificate or recognition from a participant who is disqualified under Clause 14, including where the disqualification takes place after the prize has been awarded.

10.9 Acceptance of any prize or reward shall constitute acceptance of these Guidelines and any conditions applicable to such prize or reward.

10.10 Decisions of the Working Group relating to eligibility for prizes, verification of winners and disbursement of rewards shall be final and binding.

11. Travel, Boarding and Lodging

11.1 Participants qualifying for district-level, State-level or any other in-person rounds of the Competition shall be required to report at the venue, date and time notified by the Working Group.

11.2 Participants below eighteen (18) years of age may be accompanied by one parent or legal guardian during in-person rounds, at their own arrangement and expense, subject to the venue instructions issued by the Working Group.

11.3 Participants shall make their own arrangements for transportation, accommodation, meals and all other requirements relating to their participation in the Competition. No participant shall be entitled to any reimbursement of expenses, allowance, financial assistance, hospitality or logistical support in connection with participation in the Competition.

11.4 Participants shall comply with all instructions relating to reporting, venue access, security, verification and conduct issued by the Working Group and shall carry such identity documents and other documents as may be required for verification.

11.5 The Working Group shall not be responsible for any loss, damage or theft of personal belongings during travel or participation in the Competition.

11.6 Failure to report at the designated venue within the prescribed time or to comply with applicable instructions may result in forfeiture of participation rights for the concerned round, unless otherwise permitted by the Working Group.

11.7 The decision of the Working Group regarding venue, reporting schedule and related arrangements for in-person rounds shall be final and binding.

12. Media, Recording and Publicity Rights

12.1 By registering for and participating in the Competition, participants consent to being

photographed, audio-recorded and video-recorded during any stage of the Competition.

12.2 The Working Group shall have the right to record, reproduce, publish, broadcast, webcast, livestream and otherwise use photographs, audio recordings, video recordings and other Competition-related content for promotional, educational, archival, publicity and other lawful purposes connected with the Competition.

12.3 The Working Group may use a participant's name, photograph, image, voice, district, educational institution (if applicable), performance, ranking, prize details and other information relating to participation in the Competition for purposes associated with the promotion, reporting and documentation of the Competition.

12.4 No separate compensation, royalty, fee or other consideration shall be payable to any participant for such use.

12.5 Participants selected for district-level, State-level or other advanced rounds may be required to participate in interviews, media interactions, publicity activities or other promotional events associated with the Competition.

12.6 The Working Group may retain and archive photographs, recordings and other Competition-related material for official purposes, and its decision regarding the use of such material shall be final and binding.

12.7 Photographs captured through the App during registration and online rounds for identity verification shall be used only for verification and shall not be published or used for publicity.

13. Technical Issues

13.1 Participants shall be responsible for ensuring a compatible device, a stable internet connection and sufficient battery for each round. Neither the Working Group nor the Technical Partner (DGGIT) shall be held liable for any data loss, submission failure, or disconnection caused by local ISP throttling, mobile network fluctuations, browser compatibility issues, or device-level interruptions.

13.2 Where a round is disrupted due to a verified, system-wide server outage or official platform failure based on sufficient technical evidence, the Working Group may, after assessing the reported issues and supporting evidence and being satisfied that such disruption occurred, schedule a re-attempt.

13.3 All technical grievances and dispute tickets must be logged through the designated grievance reporting system with complete supporting evidence. Timelines for the operational resolution of specific grievance categories shall be governed by the Working Group.

13.4 The platform's operational reliability during high-concurrency rounds is contingent upon the uninterrupted uptime of external services, including the external APIs, and

Gateways. DGGIT shall not be held responsible for delivery failures resulting from outages or throttling by third-party gateway providers.

14. Disqualification

14.1 The Working Group may disqualify any participant at any stage of the Competition if:

a) The participant is found to be ineligible;

b) Verification requirements are not fulfilled;

c) False, inaccurate or misleading information has been furnished;

d) The participant maintains more than one registration;

e) The participant is found to have used unfair means or violated these Guidelines; or

f) The participant fails to comply with the instructions issued by the Working Group.

14.2 Disqualification may result in cancellation of registration and scores, removal from the Competition and forfeiture of any prize, reward, certificate or benefit, as determined by the Working Group. A participant disqualified for use of unfair means may also be permanently debarred from the Competition and its future editions.

14.3 The decision of the Working Group regarding disqualification shall be final and binding.

14.4 Without prejudice to administrative or disciplinary action, including disqualification and permanent debarment from the Competition or its future editions, any participant or other person found involved in unfair practices, fraudulent conduct, use of unfair means or any other misconduct relating to the Competition shall be liable for appropriate action under these Guidelines and applicable laws, including the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, the Information Technology Act, 2000, the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015, and other applicable laws, as amended from time to time.

15. Grievance Redressal

15.1 Any grievance relating to registration, participation, verification, results, prizes or any other Competition-related matter may be submitted through the mechanism prescribed by the Working Group.

15.2 The Working Group may examine such grievances and take appropriate action. The decision of the Working Group on such matters shall be final and binding on all participants.

16. General Provisions

16.1 The Working Group reserves the right to modify, amend, relax, interpret, suspend or cancel any provision of these Guidelines, or any stage of the Competition, in the interest of fairness, transparency, security or effective conduct of the Competition.

16.2 The Working Group may collect, process and store participant information, including

details obtained through Aadhaar authentication, photographs, mobile number, educational (if applicable) and occupational details, and device and usage information, for purposes connected with registration, verification, conduct of the Competition, publication of results and disbursement of prizes. Such information shall be processed in accordance with the applicable laws.

16.3 The Working Group shall not be responsible for any delay, disruption, suspension, postponement or cancellation of any stage of the Competition arising due to events beyond its reasonable control, including natural disasters, public emergencies, epidemic or pandemic situations, law and order issues, technical failures, government directions or other force majeure circumstances.

16.4 Any matter not specifically covered under these Guidelines shall be decided by the Working Group, and its decision shall be final and binding on all participants.

16.5 The Working Group may nominate an officer or constitute a committee to undertake or facilitate such functions and responsibilities as may be assigned to them for the effective implementation and conduct of the Competition. Wherever these Guidelines refer to the Working Group, such nominated officer or committee may discharge the relevant functions on behalf of the Working Group, to the extent authorised by it and subject to such directions as may be issued from time to time. The Working Group shall retain the authority to take decisions on matters requiring its specific consideration or approval.

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Annexure-I: Syllabus

Syllabus

Explore the history, culture, governance and knowledge that shape Punjab.

History and Geography

From the teachings of the Sikh Gurus and the Khalsa to the Sufi and Bhakti saints, Maharaja Ranjit Singh, the Ghadar movement, Jallianwala Bagh, our freedom fighters, Partition and the Green Revolution, along with Punjab's rivers, land and geography.

Art, Culture and Heritage

Punjabi language and literature, folk music, Bhangra and Giddha, festivals like Lohri, Baisakhi and Teeyan, heritage sites, crafts, food, and the sporting heroes who made Punjab proud.

Governance and Public Awareness

How the state works: Vidhan Sabha, socio-cultural-religious and economic demography of the state, state and district administration structure and operations, judiciary, state helplines, governance schemes such as Mawa Dheeya Satkar Yojana Scheme, Tirath Yatra Scheme, schemes related to farmers, Meri Rasoi, Farishte Scheme, Sadak Surakhya force, Schools of Eminence, education and learning outcomes performance, Aam Aadmi Clinics, Mukh Mantri Sehat Beema Yojana, sports achievements, Kheda Vatan, Doorstep delivery of services, Business Classes in schools and colleges, anti-sacrilege law, 300 units electricity, Youth Nasha Virudh, Ashirwad scheme, etc.

Punjab's rivers and river systems; water-sharing arrangements and treaties concerning Punjab; geographical features and natural resources of the State; and other matters of contemporary relevance to Punjab.

Quantitative Aptitude

Basic mathematics, including addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, percentages, ratios, averages, profit and loss, simple interest, time and distance, number series, and basic data interpretation, etc.

(Questions will be simple, based on everyday calculations, and designed to be solved within **20 seconds** without a calculator.)

Annexure-II: Prize Matrix.

Prize Matrix for Punjab da Crorepati

Round	Participants	Prize Distribution
Rounds 1–4	Qualifying rounds	No prizes
Round 5	10,000	5,000 contestants will exit with ₹1,000 each, and 5000 contestants will progress to the next round
Round 6	5,000	2,500 contestants will exit with ₹2,000 each, and 2,500 contestants will progress to the next round
Round 7	2,500	1,250 contestants will exit with ₹3,000 each, and 1,250 contestants will progress to the next round
Round 8	1,250	625 contestants will exit with ₹5,000 each, and 625 contestants will progress to the next round
Round 9	625	395 contestants will exit with ₹10,000 each, and 230 contestants (Top 10 from each District) will progress to the District Level Finale
District Level Round 10A	230	Ranks 7–10 in each district: 92 contestants receive ₹20,000 each
District Level Round 10B	138	Ranks 4–6 in each district: 69 contestants receive ₹50,000 each
District Level Round 10C	69	Ranks 2–3 in each district: 46 contestants receive ₹1 lakh each; 23 contestants will progress to the state-level finale round (1 from each district)
State Finale Round 11A	23	10 contestants receive ₹3 lakh each; 13 contestants will progress to the next round
State Finale Round 11B	13	8 contestants receive ₹5 lakh each; 5 contestants will progress to the next round
State Finale Round 11C	5	4 runners-up receive ₹10 lakh each

Grand Winner	1	Winner receives ₹1 crore