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Retd judge to probe ETT recruitment irregularities

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CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 25

The Education Department has ordered an inquiry into the recruitment of 6,500 Elementary Teacher Training (ETT) teachers, suspecting irregularities in appointments made during 2015 and 2016 after officials allegedly issued appointment letters to more candidates than available posts in several categories and failed to obtain candidate options as prescribed.

The recruitment process reportedly resulted in discrepancies and subsequent litigation, prompting the department to examine the matter. Sonali Giri, Secretary, School Education Department, appointed Ravneet Kumar Jain, District and Sessions Judge (Retired), as the Inquiry Officer to investigate the matter.

HC orders review of teacher transfer policy

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CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 25

The Punjab and Haryana High Court has directed the constitution of a committee for a comprehensive re-examination of the Punjab Government's Transfer Policy, 2019, for teachers after the Secretary, Department of School Education, "fairly" admitted before the court that the policy required such an exercise.

Justice Kuldeep Tiwari directed the secretary to constitute the committee to re-examine the policy "in all aspects", including the issues brought out before the court, with a view to rectify the anomalies and ensure complete transparency within three months. The Bench made it clear that the exercise must leave "no discretionary powers with the authorities concerned to be exercised arbitrarily".

The directions by Justice Tiwari came while disposing of 26 connected writ petitions challenging transfer orders, non-issuance of transfer orders, instances of teachers not being relieved despite transfers and non-display of vacant posts on the department's official website. The court took up the petitions together as these essentially involved grievances arising from the 2019 transfer policy.

"Having heard counsel for the petitioners, and upon a thorough scrutiny of the petitions, this court has no hesitation to take a strong reservation that the policy in question not only suffers from defects but is also fraught with loopholes, which empower the administration with unchecked discretion to transfer the employees. Such unfettered discretion, which results in arbitrariness, has constrained a large number of employees to approach the court by filing the petitions.

44.5 kg heroin, 3 kg ICE seized near Pak border

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FEROZEPUR, AUGUST 25

State Police's Counter Intelligence Wing and the Border Security Force (BSF) on Tuesday foiled a suspected cross-border narcotics smuggling attempt near Gajniwala village along the India-Pakistan border, recovering 44.5 kg of heroin and 3 kg of methamphetamine, commonly known as ICE, in a joint search operation.

DGP Gaurav Yadav said the consignment was allegedly airdropped by drone from across the border. Acting on specific intelligence inputs generated by Counter Intelligence, police and BSF teams launched a joint Cordon and Search Operation (CASO) in fields near the international border.

The consignment was air-dropped by a drone in agricultural fields in a border village

DRUG SEIZURE IN NUMBERS

- 44.5 kg of heroin recovered from fields near Gajniwala
- 3 kg of methamphetamine, known as ICE, seized
- Drone movement alerted teams posted in the area
- Joint operation involved Punjab Police and BSF teams

IGP Counter Intelligence Ashish Choudhary said the operation followed reliable information about drone movement near the border. Ferozepur police immediately shared the pinpointed inputs with the BSF before launching a joint combing operation.

Teams searched the surrounding fields and recovered the suspected narcotics consignment. Investigators are now working to identify the cross-border handlers, the intended recipients in India and other members of the smuggling network.

A case has been registered against unknown persons at the Police Station State Special Operations Cell (SSOC), Fazilka, under Sections 21C and 29 of the NDPS Act. The FIR is numbered 19.

DGP Gaurav Yadav said further investigation would focus on establishing both the forward and backward linkages of the cross-border narcotics network.

ED summons ex-Chief Secy in Suntec City case

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JALANDHAR, AUGUST 25

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has summoned former Punjab Chief Secretary Anurag Verma for August 31 and re-summoned Kanwal Preet Brar for August 27 in its ongoing probe into the alleged scam related to Suntec City and Altus Space Builders Private Limited. Both IAS officers have been asked to appear at the ED zonal office in Jalandhar on the respective dates.

Brar, who appeared before the ED on August 18, has been asked to bring additional documents related to the case. Verma will appear before the agency for the first time.

Verma is currently Additional Chief Secretary (Revenue), but was heading the Housing and Urban Development department when the alleged scam took place. The role of the officials is being probed

IAS officer Brar re-summoned

to assess alleged violation of rules in granting change of land use and permitting illegal layout modifications to benefit private builders.

It has been alleged that, after the unauthorised layout modification, group housing sites of the mega project Muirwoods Ecocity were transferred to Dhir Constructions of Gaurav Dhir after an application to transfer the sites to the Greater Mohali Area Development Authority (GMADA) was rejected.

In the Suntec City case, there are also allegations that the builder was safeguarded by taking action under Section 85 despite material misrepresentation qualifying for action under Section 90 of the Punjab Regional and Town Planning and Development Act.

Grenade attack case cracked, 3 arrested

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TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

AMRITSAR, AUGUST 25

The Amritsar (Rural) police on Tuesday claimed to have cracked the August 20 grenade attack on a house at Jatta village, tracing the alleged conspiracy to a dispute that arose during the recent panchayat elections.

Three persons, including 60-year-old mother of US-based gangster Harpreet Singh, alias Happy Passia, have been arrested, while two others have been nominated in the case.

DIG (Border Range) Harmanbir Singh Gill said two motorcycle-borne persons allegedly hurled grenades at the residence of Daljit Singh, who has a criminal background, around 8.30 pm on August 20. There were no casualties, though three persons, including two women, were injured in the incident. The investigation allegedly revealed the involvement of Happy Passia, his family members and associates based abroad.

The police said the attack was allegedly planned as retaliation for an incident on August 18, when four residents of Jatta — Gurpinder Singh, Parminder Singh, Daljit Singh and Jobanjit Singh — allegedly fired shots in the air outside the house of Happy Passia during a fair.

Ropar cops probe dumping of pollutants into Sutlej tributary

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ROPAR, AUGUST 25

The Ropar police have started investigating the flow of pollutants and solid waste into the Sutlej that accumulated at the Ropar headworks on Sunday. The probe aims to trace the source of pollutants and solid waste entering the Sutlej through the Sirsa river and its tributaries.

Pollution board officials and AAP MLA from Ropar Dinesh Chadha inspect a waste dumping site along the Himachal-Haryana border.

"The solid waste management site at Kenduwal is very small and waste is flowing into the Sirsa river. I spoke to local officials, who, requesting anonymity, told me that they had no funds to construct a wall along the Sirsa," Ropar MLA Chadha said.

Except Amritpal, nobody from family will contest Assembly poll: MP's father

CHARANJIT SINGH TEJA
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

AMRITSAR, AUGUST 25

Tarsem Singh, father of jailed Khadoor Sahib MP Amritpal Singh-led SAD (Waris Punjab De), said no member of their family, except Amritpal, will contest the 2027 Assembly polls.

He said the decision was based on the principle of ending dynastic politics and creating space for grassroots workers interested in working for the betterment of Punjab and Panth.

Tarsem said the family's role would remain limited to supporting the struggle for Punjab and the Panth rather than seeking multiple political positions. Tarsem Singh is serving as the acting chief of the Waris Punjab De. His wife, Balwinder Kaur, has participated in programmes and campaigns seeking the revocation of the National Security Act (NSA) against Amritpal Singh and his release, but has not held any position in the party or participated in its organisational activities.

Two leaders inducted ahead of Baba Bakala meet

The Akali Dal 'Waris Punjab De' on Tuesday inducted former Independent Barnala Assembly bypoll candidate Gurdeep Singh Batth (M.tech Electronics) and noted writer Harpreet Singh Baba Beli (Ph.D Public Administration) into the party, in a move aimed at strengthening its presence in Punjab's Malwa region.

BJP to micromanage 2027 Punjab Assembly elections

The Tribune EXCLUSIVE

ADITI TANDON
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 25

The BJP has finalised plans to micro manage the 2027 Punjab Assembly poll with the establishment of new organisational units.

The Tribune has learnt that below the existing 25,332 booths in Punjab, the BJP will create two more structures, 6,425 sub-circles and 622 circles.

The strategy is to set up five circles—the apex organisational unit for election management—in each of the 117 Assembly segments. This is the first time BJP has set eyes on large scale ground level organisational expansion in Punjab.

The blueprint was shared with the state BJP leaders by the party's national general secretary organization, BL Santosh, who will wind up his Punjab visit on Wednesday.

The top BJP functionary is learnt to have asked the state unit to establish the three tier organisational structure by September 30 and get it working and running by October 31. Each of the 622 circles will cover 40 booths in Punjab, sources said, adding that by October 31, all 25,000 booth level committees have to be made operational, with every committee mandated to give representation to women, youth and marginalised.

NEW STRUCTURE

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- BL Santosh equates newcomers to brides and said the onus of accepting the bride as a daughter was on the elders of the family
- The message of solidarity between the old guard in Punjab and the new arrivals came close on the heels of friction over the recent organisational appointments

The leaders have also been told to create Whstsapp groups of 250 persons each at the booth level. The party has decided to highlight drug menace with Santosh speaking in closed door meetings about "easy availability of narcotic substances".

The high financial debt, flight of local industry to Uttar Pradesh and Haryana, non-payment of DA and the ongoing outreach with the Ravidassias will form the core of BJP's Punjab poll strategy and narrative.

In another important message to Punjab leaders during his visit, Santosh is said to have asked for internal discipline to be maintained.

He equated newcomers to the part to brides and said the onus of accepting the bride as a daughter was on the elders of the family. Santosh urged resolution of tensions on party fora, citing the need for unity to win the upcoming elections as an imperative.

"Santosh said that BJP old timers are the foundations of the saffron family in Punjab and their dignity and honour must be maintained. He said newcomers to the party are like daughter-in-law and it was up to the elders to accept them in family," said sources.

Santosh's message of solidarity between the old guard in Punjab and the new arrivals came close on the heels of friction over the recent organisational appointments.

CM Mann approves 120% hike in salary of Adarsh School teachers

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 25

Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann on Tuesday approved a hike in salaries of Adarsh School teachers from Rs 10,000 to Rs 22,000, a 120 per cent raise.

The decision will benefit around 1,100 teachers and reaffirms the state government's commitment that those shaping Punjab's future must themselves receive fair compensation, dignity, and due recognition.

Mann said, "We will continue to safeguard the interests of teachers because strengthening the education system and securing the future of every student begins with empowering the teachers who build it."

He said successive governments had neglected the teaching community despite their pivotal role in shaping the future of Punjab.

"Teachers are the backbone of our education system. For nearly two decades, these teachers have served with dedication despite receiving a meager salary. Our government has decided to correct this long-standing injustice by increasing their salaries by more than 120 per cent," he said.

Jumps from ₹10,000 to ₹22,000

CM Bhagwant Singh Mann addresses the media on Tuesday.

HEALTHCARE EXPANSION

- 1,090 Aam Aadmi Clinics are operational across Punjab currently
- 603 clinics are located in rural Punjab areas
- 487 Aam Aadmi Clinics operate across urban areas
- 6.11 cr OPDs recorded at Aam Aadmi Clinics

PROVISIONAL BILLING

The Punjab Government has announced special measures to ensure eligible electricity consumers do not lose their 300-unit monthly free-power benefit because of provisional, erroneous or inflated bills, with 63,702 consumers affected by provisional billing during the meter readers' strike set to receive protection.

The CM said teachers would not only receive enhanced salaries but would also be extended facilities on the lines of Kendriya Vidyalayas, providing them with improved service conditions. More than 15,000 students are currently studying in these CBSE-affiliated Adarsh Schools.

No shortage of sugar, hoarders to face music: CM

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 25

Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann on Tuesday said there's no shortage of sugar in the state, and the government was keeping tabs on its stock, sale, and supply to safeguard the interests of the common people.

He directed officials to ensure adequate availability of the essential commodity and take firm action against those attempting to create artificial scarcity or indulge in hoarding.

Mann said, "Punjab has a sufficient stock of sugar, and officers concerned must ensure that adequate stocks are maintained at all times." "Sugar is an essential commodity. Any attempt to create artificial scarcity or those indulging in hoarding will be dealt with firmly," he said, adding that officials must take effective steps to dispel any panic or misconceptions among the people regarding the availability of sugar.

SHIFTING OF PREMISES

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Under instructions from and on behalf of my clients, this is to inform the general public that
Deceased's name: Late Mr. Deepak Mohan
-Father's name: Late Mr. Madan Mohan
-Address: House No. D-1002, Celebrity Homes, Palam Vihar, Gurugram, Haryana – 122017
-Date of death: 27-11-2020 passed away intestate on 27-11-2020 at Medanta The Medicity Hospital, Gurugram.
He has left behind the following three surviving Class-I legal heirs Listed:
1. Harshi Mohan (Wife)
2. Varun Trehan (Son)
3. Aarti David (Daughter)
My clients are in the process of applying for a Surviving Member Certificate (Legal Heir Certificate) from the competent authority / Office of the SDM & Tehsildar, Gurugram.If any person, authority, or institution has any claim or objection to the issuance of the Surviving Member Certificate in Favor of the aforementioned legal heirs, they must file their written objection with the SDM / Tehsildar, Gurugram, along with supporting documents, within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice. Failing this, the competent authority will proceed to issue the certificate, and no claims will be entertained thereafter.

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Will contest all seats sans pact: BJP's Santosh

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JALANDHAR, AUGUST 25

On Day 2 of his visit to Punjab, BJP national general secretary (organisation) BL Santosh on Tuesday called for aggressive ground work by building strong teams and forming active committees at all booths of the 117 Assembly segments. He reiterated that the party shall be contesting all Assembly seats on its own sans any alliance.

BJP leaders felicitate BL Santosh in Jalandhar. PHOTO: MALKIAT SINGH

Chairing a meeting of the morcha and mandal in charges of Jalandhar, Hoshiarpur, Nawanshahr and Kapurthala, he called upon party leaders and workers to touch every community, including youth, Dalits, farmers and government employees. He also called for more focus on "Samrasta Sankalp Abhiyan" in the Doaba region to mark the upcoming 650th birth anniversary of Guru Ravidas.

In his over one-hour speech, he said the new joinees as well as long-time associates of the party need to work along and publicly rake up every issue of alleged misgovernance by the ruling Aam Aadmi Party.

pnb Housing Finance Limited Ghar Ki Baat

APPENDIX -IV-A - E-AUCTION-PUBLIC SALE NOTICE of IMMOVABLE PROPERTY/IES

E-AUCTION-SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVEABLE ASSETS UNDER THE SECURITISATION 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)

Regd. Office 9th Floor, Antriksh Bhawan, 22 Kasturba Gandhi Marg, New Delhi-110001, Phones:011-23357417, 23357172, 23705414, Website:www.pnbhousing.com

B.O.KARNAL: 2nd Floor , SCO 11, Sector 14, Karnal, Haryana-132001

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the borrower(s) & guarantor(s) indicated in Column no-A that the below described immovable property (ies) described in Column no-D mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive/Physical Possession of which has been taken (as described in Column no-C) by the authorized Officer of **M/s PNB Housing Finance Limited**/Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"AS IS WHERE IS, AS IS WHAT IS and WHATEVER THERE IS BASIS"** as per the details mentioned below. Notice is hereby given to borrower(s)/mortgagor(s)/Legal Heirs, Legal Representative, (whether Known or Unknown), executor(s), administrator(s), successor(s), assignee(s) of the respective borrowers/ mortgagor(s)(since deceased) as the case may be indicated in Column no-A under Rule-8(6) & 9 of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002 amended as on date. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in **M/s PNB Housing Finance Limited/secured creditor's website i.e. www.pnbhousing.com.**

Loan No, Name of the Borrower/Co- Borrower/ Guarantor/Legal heirs(A)	Demanded Amount & Date (B)	Nature of possession (C)	Description of the Properties mortgaged (D)	Reserve Price (RP) (E)	EMD (10% of RP) (F)	Last Date of Submission of Bid (G)	Bid Incremental Rate (H)	Inspection Date & Time (I)	Date of Auction & Time (J)	Known Encumbrances/Court Case if any (K)
HOU/KAR/0324/12381 64, Nitin Ahlawat & Mrs. Neelam Rani, B.O.: Karnal	Rs. 31,11,320.71/- due as on 09-07-2025	Physical Possession	House, PPID 1J61JVT6, Measuring 66.5 Sq. Yds, Situated at New Jiwan Nagar, Village Kabirpur, Ward No. 12 WITHIN MC LIMITS, Sonipat, Haryana - 131001 Comprised in Killa No. 8//10/2 = 2-13, 26=0-10, 7//4/3 = 1-18, 8//1/1=7-16, 7//5/1 = 1/4 in The Name of Neelam Vide Title Deed Regd. No. 2008 Dated 07/05/2024	Rs. 29,89,000	Rs. 2,98,900	28/09/2026	Rs. 10,000	15-09-2026 10.00 AM - 5.30 PM	29-09-2026 02:00 PM - 03:00PM	Not Known

***Together with the further interest @18% p.a. as applicable, incidental expenses, cost, charges etc. incurred upto the date of payment and/or realization thereof. ** To the best knowledge and information of the authorized Officer of PNB Housing Finance Limited, there are no other encumbrances/ claims in respect of above mentioned immovable/secured assets except what is disclosed in the Column No.-K. Further such encumbrances to be catered/paid by the successful purchaser/bidder at his/her end. The prospective purchaser(s)/bidders are requested to independently ascertain the veracity of the mentioned encumbrances. (1.)** As on date, there is no order restraining and/or court injunction PNBHFL/the authorized Officer of PNBHFL from selling, alienating and/or disposing of the above immovable properties/secured assets and status is mentioned in column no-K **(2.)** The prospective purchaser/bidder and interested parties may independently take the inspection of the pleading in the proceedings/orders passed etc. if any, stated in column no-K. Including but not limited to the title of the documents of the title pertaining thereto available with the PNBHFL and satisfy themselves in all respects prior to submitting tender/bid application form or making Offer(s). The bidder(s) has to sign the terms and conditions of this auction along with the Bid Form. **(3.)** Please note that in terms of Rule 9(3) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, the bidder(s)/the purchaser is legally bound to deposit 25% of the amount of sale price, (inclusive of earnest money) on the same day or not later than next working day. The sale may be confirmed in favour of (bidder(s) only after receipt of 25% of the sale price by the secured creditor in accordance with Rule 9(2) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. The remaining 75% of the s sale consideration amount has to be deposited by the purchaser within 15 days' from the date of acknowledgement of sale confirmation letter and in default of such deposit, the authorized officer shall forfeit the part payment of sale consideration amount within 15 days from the date of expiry of mandatory period of 15 days mentioned in the sale confirmation letter and the property/secured asset shall be resold as per the provisions of Sarfaesi Act. **(4.) M/s C1 India Private Limited would be assisting the Authorised officer in conducting sale through an e-Auction having its Corporate office at Plot No. 68, 3rd Floor, Sector 44, Gurgaon, Haryana 122003 Website -www.bankeauctions.com For any assistance related to inspection of the property or obtaining the Bid Documents and for any other query or for registration, you have to co-ordinate with Rahul Dua, Toll Free No. - 1800 120 8800, E-Mail: auction@pnbhousing.com, is authorised Person of PNBHFL or refer to www.pnbhousing.com.**

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