

₹10-cr heroin confiscated

FEROZEPUR, JANUARY 21
The police have seized two packets of heroin worth Rs 10 crore in the international market, besides a pistol, two magazines and 12 rounds from the fields situated near the International Border in Mamdot block. — OC

JIT relies on power connections to assess claims of Latifpura families

Oldest meter installed in 1997 | Some as recent as 2021

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JALANDHAR, JANUARY 21

In yet another exercise to assess the claims of families whose houses were demolished by the Jalandhar Improvement Trust, the administration has come up with a list of electricity connections.

A total of 24 meters were removed by Punjab State Power Corporation Limited (PSPCL) from the site and the oldest meter was “installed” in 1997 in the name of Chanan Singh.

As many as 17 connections were installed after 2000, at a time when dairy owners were shifted to the Jamsheer Dairy Complex. At least six meters

were installed between 2016 and 2017 and some as recent as 2021.

A senior official said, “A power connection is a prerequisite, which every dweller applies for as he settles down at a particular place. The fact that there were no connections listed with the PSPCL any time prior to 1997 clearly shows that they had no link with Partition as claimed by the families for garnering sympathy.”

Mohinder Singh Bajwa, who, along with his brother, had occupied 40 marlas at the site and has been on the forefront since the anti-encroachment drive, has a meter in the name of his wife Rajwinder Kaur, installed in August 2016. The administration also

found out that the names of connection holders were different from those of the litigants in the case.

The authorities claimed to have an affidavit of Gulshan Kumari, who stated that she was actually a resident of Rayya in Amritsar, but had a shop in Latifpura. In reality, there was no shop in Latifpura, said the administration.

The SDM and JIT officials said they were looking for more such evidence to be doubly sure of all claims and counterclaims as more than 60 families had started claiming compensation after getting to know of the special package being offered by the state government to the needy families.

42% inmates lodged in state jails involved in drug cases: Report

54% prisoners allege violence in police custody, 12% inside jails

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CHANDIGARH, JANUARY 21

No less than 54 per cent of the 660 inmates interviewed during the course of a study in 24 jails across Punjab alleged custodial violence in police custody. At least 12 per cent of the total prisoners interviewed also alleged custodial violence in prisons. Incidents of smuggling were alleged by inmates in 15 of the 24 prisons. Corruption was alleged by inmates in 12 jails.

The in-depth report, “Inside Punjab Prisons”, released today, also states that 75 per cent of the jails across Punjab are overcrowded. In fact, the phenomenon was witnessed in 18 jails in December 2022, up from 10 in 2019. The report on the condition of prisons in the state by the Punjab State Legal Services Authority, prepared in collaboration with

Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative, also states that nearly 42.1 per cent of the prison population comprised prisoners accused or convicted under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act.

The report adds that 10 prisons were in urgent need of renovation or reconstruction, while 25 per cent staff



MOST JAILS OVERCROWDED

- “Inside Punjab Prisons”, released on Saturday, states that 75 per cent jails across the state are overcrowded
- 10 prisons are in urgent need of renovation or reconstruction, while 25 per cent staff positions are vacant
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positions were vacant. As many as 16 prisons did not have sanctioned post for education staff and 17 did not have sanctioned post for welfare staff. Women officers were not being recruited at senior positions. Of the 103 officers, only three were women.

Only one prison had a “board of visitors” — a statutory body for monitoring prisons. The undertrial review committees, mandated to periodically review cases of

prisoners, were, however, functional in all prisons.

The report further states that medical examination at the time of admission was not being conducted in five sub-jails. Appropriate action was taken by the district legal services authorities after 22 prisoners interviewed across 11 prisons were alleged to be juveniles. Issues of corruption, accessibility and lack of privacy during family visits were unearthed and issues relat-

ed to payment of wages were reported in 22 prisons.

There was a shortage of budget for factory and manufacturing units across the jails. Women prisoners had limited access to vocational training, prison legal-aid clinic, hospitals, recreation, places of worship, libraries and menstrual hygiene products. Complaints of caste-based discrimination were also received.

The report was released by a Supreme Court Judge and NALSA executive chairperson, Justice Sanjay Kishan Kaul, along with Justice Sanjiv Khanna. The Allahabad High Court Chief Justice, Justice Rajesh Bindal, was also present.

It has been finalised under the Punjab and Haryana High Court Chief Justice, Justice Ravi Shanker Jha, and the Punjab State Legal Services Authority executive chairman, Justice Tejinder Singh Dhindsa. District and Sessions Judge-cum-Member Secretary Arun Gupta “played an important role in the review and finalisation of this report, authored by Arijet Ghosh and Sabika Abbas. It was edited by Madhurima Dhanuka from Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative.

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VB arrests inspector for taking ₹7-lakh bribe

CHANDIGARH, JANUARY 21

The Vigilance Bureau (VB) has nabbed an inspector, Baljit Singh, for allegedly taking a bribe of Rs 7 lakh.

Baljit Singh, posted with the traffic police at Tarn Taran, was arrested on a complaint of Sharnjit Singh Jimmi, a resident of Model Town, Kharar.

The complainant approached the VB alleging that the police official was demanding a bribe of Rs 10,00,000 in lieu of getting exemption for his parents from appearance in a court case. He said the police official had asked for the bribe in two instalments — Rs 7 lakh and Rs 3 lakh. — TNS

Aide of gangster Chatha nabbed

AMRITSAR, JANUARY 21

The Amritsar police have arrested an alleged accomplice of notorious gangster Harry Chatha. The accused has been identified as Gurwinder Singh, alias Ginda, of Gurdev Nagar.

He along with his accomplice Laada Johal of Australia, at the behest of Chatha, allegedly demanded extortion from a private school's principal, two years ago. Ginda had shifted to Australia in 2014. He was booked by the police in October 2020 after making an extortion call to the principal from Australia by posing as an associate of Chatha. He had demanded Rs 5 crore as extortion.

ACP (North) Varinder Singh Khosa said they received a tip-off that he had sneaked into India through Nepal. A team conducted a raid at his home on Friday and nabbed him. Ginda admitted to have made an extortion call to the principal, he said. — TNS

Relief for industry, govt agrees to extend compounding policy

Units outside MC limits can get buildings regularised

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CHANDIGARH, JANUARY 21

Giving a major relief to industrialists, the state government has agreed to extend the existing compounding policy by one year. Once it is notified, the industry outside the municipal limits can get its buildings regularised by submitting an application.

The regularisation policy for standalone buildings constructed without prior permission outside the municipal limits in Punjab expired on December 31, 2022.

Also, it proposed a new compounding policy, for which a core committee will be formed to address the issues pertaining to the

industries, housing and urban development. The committee will comprise representatives of the Housing and Urban Development (H&UD), Labour Department, Industry Department and architects.

This was revealed by Housing and Urban Development Minister Aman Arora while interacting with industrialists at Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) headquarters here recently.

The Cabinet Minister said the H&UD Department had created a foolproof mechanism which would ensure that industrialists got all sort of permissions within 45 days. He said efforts were on to make industrial plots easily available to investors.

To boost the economy and generate employment opportunities in the state, Arora said Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann had already delegated powers for approval of building plans and grant of completion certificate of standalone industries, outside the MC limits, to the Director of Factories so that the industrialists need not apply at two separate departments for getting the building plan approved.

Amit Thapar, Chairman, CII, Punjab, raised issues pertaining to bylaws, permissions and approvals. Industrialists also highlighted the matter pertaining to scarcity of land.

Judges expected to deliver dispassionate orders: HC

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CHANDIGARH, JANUARY 21

Virtually laying down an operational procedure for judges in the subordinate judiciary, the Punjab and Haryana High Court has made it clear that they are expected to deliver dispassionate and objective judgments and orders fundamentally based on rationality, precision and truth.

Making it clear that law was “essentially a question of logic and deduction”, Justice Anil Kshetarpal of the High Court also asserted that the presiding judges of courts were not expected to pass orders on the basis of mere conjectures and surmises.

Quoting philosopher, writer and composer Jean-Jacques Rousseau in the context of the judiciary, Justice Kshetarpal asserted that superior intelligence, beholding all passions of men without experiencing any of them, was expected from a judicial officer hearing cases and passing judgments.

Justice Kshetarpal further made it clear that the courts were expected to adopt a balanced approach, which was a sine qua non or an indispensable requirement for adjudicating disputes. The assertions came on a bunch of 65 revision petitions filed by Guru Gobind Singh Refineries Ltd, now renamed as HPCL-Mittal Energy Limited, against the state of Punjab and other respondents in a land acquisition matter.

The petitioner had, among other things, challenged the correctness of two orders passed by the “executing court”, while quantifying the total amount payable to the landowners. The petitioners, during the course of the



hearing, said the court granted compensation for “command area” under canal irrigation regarding land which was not the subject matter of acquisition. It was added that compensation was also awarded in case of land for which relief had been granted and received.

After hearing rival contentions and going through the documents, Justice Kshetarpal observed that the counsel representing the petitioner pointed out errors/mistakes in the calculation of the “command area” and the consequential error in the amount payable to the landowners. The counsel representing the respondent filed written arguments. However, the factual averments made by the petitioner's counsel in the calculation sheets could not be controverted.

Referring to the impugned orders, Justice Kshetarpal asserted it was evident that the “executing court” was swayed by emotions while passing the orders and did not to meticulously analyze the facts of the case as well as the material produced on record by both the parties.

Disposing of the matter, Justice Kshetarpal asserted the court was of the considered view that it would be in the interest of justice if the impugned orders were set aside while directing the executing court to pass fresh orders while considering all the relevant documents placed before it after granting an opportunity to both the parties to furnish further evidence.

BJP leader Singla alleges threat to life

BATHINDA, JANUARY 21

BJP district chief (urban) and former MLA Sarup Chand Singla alleged to have received death threats on WhatsApp from international number.

Singla alleged the caller warned him of dire consequences as he has joined the saffron outfit.

The former MLA claimed he received first WhatsApp call on December 29 and was asked why he joined a Hindu outfit. He said as he brought the matter into the notice of the police, two security personnel were deputed with him.

On Friday, I received a second call on WhatsApp and the caller threatened to kill me for joining BJP, alleged Singla, adding that I was warned of dire consequences,



Sarup Chand Singla addresses mediapersons in Bathinda.

EVEN POLICE NOT SAFE: CHUGH

- BJP general secretary Tarun Chugh on Saturday slammed AAP for failing to establish law and order
- Chugh said what to talk of the common man, even police personnel were not safe in Punjab
- He ridiculed AAP's idea of floating schools of eminence at a time when basic infrastructure was “missing”

if I attend BJP's executive meeting in Amritsar on January 22. He added that he has informed the Bathinda SSP about the threat calls.

BJP leader said the Punjab Government has failed to establish law and order and take stern action against anti-social elements. — TNS

2 accomplices of Landa booked

AMRITSAR, JANUARY 21

The police have booked two associates of terrorist Lakhbir Singh, alias Landa Harike, for attempt to murder.

Rajan Bhatti of Gurdaspur and Kamaljit Singh, alias Chinna of Makhu in Ferozepur, were arrested by the Delhi Police Special Cell yesterday while one of their accomplices Paraminder Singh, alias Pappu of Sathiala, had fled from the spot.

Acting on a tip-off by Bhatti, Chinna was arrested from a hotel in Beas following an encounter. A cop identified as Yogesh was injured during the encounter. The Delhi Police had zeroed in on Bhatti for targeted killings in Punjab at the behest of Landa and Pakistan-based terrorist Harvinder Rinda. — TNS

Health Secy 'objects' to ₹30 cr for publicity of Aam Aadmi Clinics, shifted

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CHANDIGARH, JANUARY 21

Just five days before the launch of 400 Aam Aadmi Clinics, the government's flagship programme, Health Secretary Ajoy Sharma has been transferred as he objected to spending of Rs 30 crore on publicity

of Aam Aadmi Clinics, on which the government has so far spent Rs 10 crore.

A 1999 batch IAS officer, Sharma's role was instrumental in launching over 100 Aam Aadmi Clinics within three months of the formation of the government as he had an additional charge of the Finance

Commissioner, Taxation. The timing of the order has raised eyebrows as he was leading the launch of the clinics, which were to be opened next week by the Chief Minister. Sharma has not been given any posting so far.

According to sources, Sharma was being forced to give

an administrative approval to a budget of Rs 30 crore for promotion of clinics. Sources revealed that Sharma refused to give a nod to the same, which was thrice the cost of the project.

A major portion of this budget was to be spent on publicity of these clinics out-

side Punjab, said sources. He allegedly even didn't agree to the Chief Secretary's diktat of giving administrative approval. Sources revealed that he had conveyed the same to Chief Secretary Vijay Kumar Janjua in a recent meeting. Following this, he was trans-

ferred from the department. Freedom Fighters Principal Secretary Veerendra Kumar Meena has been given the charge of the Health and Family Welfare. Besides, Planning Principal Secretary Vikas Pratap has been given the charge of the Finance Commissioner, Taxation.