

Ahead of S.R., chief electoral officer orders clean-up of voter list errors

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SANGRUR, FEBRUARY 14
Amid indications that the special intensive revision (SIR) of electoral rolls could begin in Punjab anytime, Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) Anindita Mitra has directed officials to check and correct discrepancies in voter lists before the formal revision begins.

Mitra said instructions had been issued to rectify common errors, including blurred or black-and-white photographs, tilted images and typographical mistakes in voters' names and personal details.

Sangrur letter triggers teacher union objection

However, the SDM-cum-Electoral Registration Officer (ERO), Sangrur, issued more detailed directions to the District Education Officers (primary and secondary) to conduct verification of blurred, non-dimensional photographs of electors, along with removal of illogical errors and gibberish entries.

The DEOs were asked to deploy booth level officers (BLOs) to identify and correct such anomalies in the electoral database and directed to use Form 8 for corrections

and Form 7 in cases where deletion of names was required.

Reacting to the contents of the Sangrur letter, Mitra distanced the CEO's office from the detailed instructions. She said the CEO's directions were limited to routine checking and correction of discrepancies and that the specific order referring to non-dimensional and non-human photographs and gibberish entries had been issued by local officials.

Vikram Dev, president of

the Democratic Teachers Front (DTF), said BLOs and supervisors had been asked to undertake field visits and conduct house-to-house verification. He said the directions imposed an additional burden on teachers.

The issue of gibberish entries and multiple voters registered at a single address was raised by Congress leader Rahul Gandhi recently. The matter gained further attention after instances surfaced of a "Brazilian model" and even a dog allegedly being listed as voters, prompting renewed scrutiny of electoral rolls.

BJP slams Rana KP for using 'foul' language

CHANDIGARH, FEBRUARY 14

The BJP today criticised former Speaker Rana KP Singh for allegedly using "foul" language against Punjabis. Pritpal Singh Baliawal, spokesperson of the BJP, said such language reflected the Congress' disrespectful mindset towards the people of Punjab.

Baliawal said the Congress leaders had repeatedly made offensive and irresponsible remarks targeting Dalits and questioned the loyalty of Punjabis. — TNS

Punjabi film actress Himanshi gets ₹10-crore extortion email

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MOHALI, FEBRUARY 14

Punjabi film actress Himanshi Khurana has received Rs 10 crore extortion email from a foreign-based gangster.

The Mohali police have registered an FIR after receiving a complaint from Himanshi.

According to sources, Lawrence Bishnoi aide Harry Boxer demanded money

and threatened to harm the Kiratpur Sahib born actress. Earlier, Rohit Shetty, Ranveer Singh and B Praak have been targeted by the Bishnoi gang.

The police sources said Himanshi Khurana's security had been increased after the threat.

A case under Sections 308 (4) and 351 (3) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) has been registered at the Sohana police station.

The 34-year-old has appeared in the Punjabi movie Sadda Haq and has also participated in Bigg Boss 13 in 2019.

SP (Investigations) Saurav Jindal said, "The email contained a voice note allegedly sent by a foreign-based gangster demanding Rs 10 crore."

He said the probe had been initiated and efforts were underway to trace the origin of the email.

Woman in 'illicit relationship' kills daughter, son; arrested with sister

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BATHINDA, FEBRUARY 14

A woman, along with her sister, has been arrested for allegedly killing her eight-year-old daughter and six-year-old son by mixing rat poison in their food at Phulewala village in the Rampura Phul subdivision of Bathinda district. Her paramour, who has also been booked, is yet to be arrested.

The woman allegedly considered her children an obstacle in her relationship.

Her daughter Sukhpreet Kaur died under mysterious circumstances a fortnight earlier. Suspicion arose when the boy, Fatehveer, died on Friday night in the same manner as the girl had died. Acting on the complaint of the deceased children's father, a daily wager, the police registered a case.

Jasmeet Singh, SP (D), Bathinda, said, "During the probe, it came to light that the woman, who is allegedly in an illicit relationship, administered rat poison to both her children, leading to their death," he said.

Meanwhile, Manoj Kumar,



Siblings Fatehveer Singh and Sukhpreet Kaur. FILE

DSP, Rampura Phul, said, "Budh Singh, a resident of Phulewala village, lodged a complaint today alleging that his daughter, Sukhpreet Kaur, had died under mysterious circumstances and that his son, Fatehveer, died yesterday under similar circumstances.

He lodged a complaint against his wife, Jassi Kaur. She has confessed to her crime. Her sister, Moto Kaur, and one Lakhi Singh, a paramour of

Jassi Kaur, both from Mehal Kalan in Barnala district, have also been booked. We have so far arrested Jassi Kaur and Moto Kaur." He added that the girl was cremated without post-mortem examination, but the boy's post-mortem will now be conducted by a board of doctors as part of the investigation.

Meanwhile, residents of Phulewala village were in a state of shock.

Barnala govt schoolteacher's house collapses

BARNALA, FEBRUARY 14

A government primary schoolteacher, who is the lone breadwinner of his family, has lost his lifetime savings after his double-storey house collapsed like a pack of cards due to cracks that reportedly appeared during rains last year at Dhilwan village near Tapa town in Barnala district. The videos of the collapse have gone viral on social media with some people appealing for financial assistance for him.

The house owner, Puran Singh, aged 50, posted at Bhagatpura village here, said cracks had started appearing in the walls following heavy rain in September and later last year. "There were some cracks in the walls, but we did not realise that the foundation had weakened," he said.

According to him, the rear portion of the house was affected first. "On the night of February 8, none of our family members was at home as we had gone to inquire about the health of a relative. Someone from the village informed me that the lights in our house were on. I checked through a video call and saw that the house was collapsing," he said. — TNS



Working state president Ashwani Sharma inaugurates 'Punjabi Diaspora Meet' in Chandigarh.

Engage in rebuilding Punjab's prosperity: BJP at NRIs' meet

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CHANDIGARH, FEBRUARY 14

The Punjab unit of Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) today assured non-resident Indians (NRIs) that they would get due recognition in the state when the BJP forms the government in the 2027 Assembly poll.

The BJP gave this assurance at an NRI 'sammelan' titled "Punjabi Diaspora Meet" organised in Chandigarh today.

Addressing the inaugural session, working state president Ashwani Sharma acknowledged the Punjabi diaspora's immense contri-

bution in bringing global recognition and pride to Punjab and India.

Sharma said that Punjabis settled across the world have always carried the spirit of their motherland in their hearts. He emphasised that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, India's global stature has significantly risen, earning greater respect for Indians worldwide.

He said the purpose of the meet was to listen to the concerns and suggestions of NRIs regarding Punjab's development. Highlighting issues

such as drugs, law and order and economic slowdown, Sharma urged the diaspora to actively engage in rebuilding Punjab's prosperity. He reiterated BJP's commitment to ensuring unity, peace, security and inclusive growth in the border state, strengthening Punjab's glory once again.

Addressing the concluding session of the NRI 'sammelan', national general secretary Tarun Chugh said that the BJP government does not see the colour of an NRI's passport but values the "Indian DNA" that connects him/her to the motherland.

₹52-cr flood protection plan underway in Anandpur Sahib

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CHANDIGARH, FEBRUARY 14

The state government has announced projects worth Rs 52 crore to tackle floods in Anandpur Sahib. Cabinet Minister Harjot Singh Bains said the aim was to secure several vulnerable villages located along the banks of the Sutlej and Swan.

"A fast-track plan has been designed. It will give major relief to the residents living along the Sutlej and Swan. The safety of our people is non-negotiable. Last year's floods taught us a hard lesson," he said.

"Works worth Rs 52 crore have already commenced. Additional projects worth Rs 30 crore are also in the pipeline," he said. The projects entail construction of revetments spanning more than 11,000 foot. Dasgrain and Mahain villages will get Rs 1 crore; Harsa Bela village will receive Rs 9 crore for construction of a 2,200 foot revetment with upgraded design specifications.

Similarly, Mehndli Kalan village will get a new 1,800 foot revetment costing over Rs 8.75 crore. Agampur village will get 3,200 foot revetment worth Rs 12 crore.

A 700 foot revetment will be constructed at Burj village at the cost of Rs 7 crore.

Youth dies of drug 'overdose'

MANSBA, FEBRUARY 14

After a youngster from Atla Khurd village here allegedly died of drug overdose on Friday, the Budhlada City police booked a villager. The victim's

father, Sukhpal Singh, alleged that his son Parvinder Singh was a drug addict and had gone from home with Harman Deep. The police are trying to trace Harman. — TNS

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Dubai returnee scripts success story via fish farming

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BARNALA, FEBRUARY 14

A 33-year-old man from Handiaya village here, who returned from Dubai during the Covid pandemic, has scripted a success story by taking up fish farming in panchayat ponds and others in over 15 acres across four districts of the state.

Daroga Chauhan said he had gone to Dubai in 2015 for employment, but returned in 2020 after work came to a halt during the pandemic. With no land of his own, he decided to venture into fish farming and got training from the Fisheries Department.

He began in 2020 by leasing nearly 1.75 acres of a panchayat pond at Dugri village in Ludhiana district. Later, he expanded operations by taking 2.5 acres of a panchayat pond on lease at Khudi Khurd village in Barnala district.

At present, Chauhan is



Fish farmer Daroga Chauhan (extreme right) at a panchayat pond.

engaged in fish farming in more than 10 ponds spread over nearly 15 acres in Barnala, Ludhiana, Sangrur and Mansa districts. In Barnala district alone, he has leased ponds at Sekha Road (1 acre), Khudi Khurd (2.5 acres), Fatehgarh Chhanna (around 1.75 acres), besides private ponds at Kotduna, Upki and Jagitpura. He has also taken ponds on lease at Balian village of Sangrur district and Alisher village in

Mansa district.

Chauhan runs his own fish shop in Handiaya, selling part of his produce locally while transporting the remaining stock to Ludhiana for marketing. He procures fish seed from the government fish seed farm at Sangrur and from Benra. Currently, he is rearing varieties such as catla, rohu, mrigal, common carp and grass carp.

He said that from ponds

and his fish shop in Barnala district alone, he earns nearly Rs 24 lakh annually. After deducting expenses on feed, labour, lease amount and transportation, he manages to save around Rs 10 to 12 lakh every year.

Chauhan said starting with panchayat ponds proved to be a viable option for him as he had no agricultural land of his own. Barnala Deputy Commissioner Harpreet Singh appreciated Chauhan's efforts stating that fish farming in panchayat ponds not only generates income for entrepreneurs but also increases the revenue for village panchayats.

He said that under the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY), fish farmers are provided subsidy ranging from 40 to 60 per cent. Chauhan was granted a 40 per cent subsidy on a motorcycle fitted with an ice box through the Fisheries Department.

Delhi Assembly panel seeks reply on Atishi video FIR by Feb 20

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NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 14

The Delhi Legislative Assembly's Committee of Privileges has directed the Additional Chief Secretary (Home), Government of Punjab, along with the Director General of Police, Punjab, and the Commissioner of Police, Jalandhar, to submit their written replies in connection with an alleged breach of privilege case by February 20.

The committee has termed the deadline as the "last and final opportunity" to furnish the required comments and documents. The matter relates to alleged remarks attributed to Leader of Opposition Atishi and subsequent action initiated by the Punjab Police. The committee is examining complaints of breach of privilege and contempt arising from statements made on the floor of the House and the handling of the case thereafter.

In addition to written replies, the committee has sought specific documents from the Punjab government, including copies of the original complaint and its enclosures that formed the basis of the FIR, the FIR itself, the report of the social media expert (technical cell) of the Punjab



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Police, and the Forensic Science Laboratory report. It has cautioned that failure to comply within the stipulated time may be treated as breach of privilege and contempt of the House under the Rules of Procedure.

In a letter dated February 12, the office of the Additional Chief Secretary (Home), Punjab, stated that no direct communication had been received in the matter prior to the Delhi Assembly Secretariat's communication, dated February 5. The letter further noted that comments from the Director-General of Police, Punjab, the Commissioner of Police, Jalandhar, and the Director of the Forensic Science Laboratory, Punjab, had been forwarded to the relevant authorities in Delhi. It added that a comprehensive consolidated reply was being finalised and had been submitted for approval by the competent authority.

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