

From sarpanch to 5-time Chief Minister

Badal remained a foot soldier all his life | Knew party workers by their first name

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CHANDIGARH, APRIL 25
Shiromani Akali Dal patriarch Parkash Singh Badal (December 8, 1927-April 25, 2023) nurtured the ambition to become a patwari in his young days but went on to become the Chief Minister of Punjab five times. He was considered to be the consensus candidate for the post of Vice-President of India in 2012.



A file photo of Parkash Singh Badal and Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar.

His death after a brief illness at a private hospital in Mohali ended an era of politics where he had a role to play in almost every movement and decision in the post-Independence Punjab. He spent more than 17 years in jail because of several movements he participated in. Prime Minister Narendra Modi had once called him Nelson Mandela of India.

Badal started as a foot soldier and led every morcha (agitation) he participated in and remained a foot soldier all his life. He would often surprise party workers and others also in remote villages by calling them from their first names. Badal popularised Sangat Darshan, a public

outreach programme which many other political parties tried to emulate. Politely to a fault, Badal used to call police and civil officials as early as 5:30 am regarding some news he had read in that day's paper.

Badal never retired from public life and would often tell young leaders to remain in touch with rival politicians or those who were sidelined. "In politics, you never know who will teach you," he would often say. He was a moderate voice during the

days of terrorism and insisted on communal harmony as the fulcrum of his politics.

He was instrumental in evolving the Shiromani Akali Dal as a party for all communities on the Punjab, Punjabi and Punjabiyan model instead of just the party of Sikhs and Sikh issues.

Starting his political career as a sarpanch of his village in 1952, Badal became the youngest Chief Minister at the age of 43 in 1970. He also held the record of being the oldest

Chief Minister in 2012.

He was also the only Chief Minister of Punjab who won back-to-back Assembly elections in 2007 and 2012. It was unprecedented in Punjab, a state known for electing the alternative party each time. Badal served as the Chief Minister for five terms 1970-71, 1977-80, 1997-2002, 2007-12, and 2012-17. Always considered winning horse, Badal lost the last election of his life in 2022 when Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) leader Gurmeet Singh Khuddian

defeated him. He launched several schemes in the state, including the atta-dal scheme, free power to farmers, old age pension and others. At the same time, he was in the forefront of the movement against sharing of Punjab's river water with other states. He led many morchas, including the movement for Punjabi Suba (statehood), was imprisoned during the Emergency, the Satluj-Yamuna link canal and many others.

Cops who helped dismissed Inspector still to be named



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Despite many claims, no one is inquiring into the role of police officials, other than dismissed Assistant Inspector General (AIG) Raj Jit Singh, for allegedly helping the dismissed Inspector Inderjit Singh in getting out-of-turn promotions, commendation certificates and relief in departmental inquiries in his 21 years of service.

Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann had on April 15 tasked DGP Gaurav Yadav with a four-point investigation on the police-drug mafia nexus after the Inderjit-Raj Jit complicity came to the fore.

The first of the four points was to name Raj Jit as co-accused in the June 2017 FIR against Inderjit. This was promptly done with Raj Jit being named in the FIR.

The second was to depute a senior officer and examine within a month the role of all police officers concerned, however, highly placed he may be, who have directly or indirectly helped drug traffickers. Gaurav Yadav appointed ADGP RK Jaiswal as the investigating officer.

The third point of the CM's directions said, "It is not possible for a low-rank Inspector to run such a huge network of extortion and drug trafficking alone. Action should be taken against the senior officers, who approved/transfers/promotions/grant of local rank to Inderjit Singh on the recommendations of Raj Jit Singh."

IG, Headquarters, Dr Sukhchain Singh submitted a report on this point. He reported that former



A file photo of DGP Suresh Arora and SSP Raj Jit Singh Hundal.

BALL IN CM'S COURT

- Inderjit Singh had joined the police service in 1986 as a constable
- He received 77 commendation certificates and a gallantry medal
- As many as 14 departmental inquiries were ordered against him
- He had been censured five times and one year of approved service had also been forfeited
- But the details of the officers, who gave him rewards or helped in inquiries, are not coming up in any investigation
- The ball is now in the Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann's court

DGP Sumedh Saini had approved, verbally, then Hoshiarpur SSP Raj Jit's request to transfer Inspector Inderjit Singh from Tarn Taran to Hoshiarpur on August 12, 2014.

The IG also submits in the report that then DGP Saini had also approved Inderjit's out-of-turn promotion from Head Constable to ASI on the recommendation of Raj Jit Singh on July 7, 2014 (a month earlier), when Raj Jit was posted as SSP Tarn Taran.

The fourth point of investigation sought by the Chief Minister said, "Please report whether any other SSP/IPS officer had requested for posting of Inderjit with him. IG Sukhchain, deputed to reply on this also, submitted a NIL report saying, "As per office record, no officer other than Raj Jit Singh had requested for posting of Inderjit with him."

As the third and fourth point of investigation asks only about Raj Jit's recommendations, the DGP office has not looked into the role

of other officers. Inderjit had joined the police service in 1986 as a constable. He received 77 commendation certificates and a gallantry medal.

Also, 14 departmental inquiries were ordered against him.

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But the details of the officers, who gave him rewards or helped in inquiries, are not coming up in any investigation. Gaurav Yadav and Sukhchain Singh, when asked by *The Tribune*, said they had submitted their reports strictly as per the queries put to them by the Home Department, which asked them only about the recommendations by Raj Jit.

The ball is now in the court of Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann on whether he widens the investigation to inquire into all service record of Inderjit or limits the investigation as per the reports submitted so far.

18 FIRs at Anandpur Sahib for illegal mining in 3 months

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

ANANDPUR SAHIB, APRIL 25
Cabinet Minister and local MLA Harjot Singh Bains said in order to rein in the mining mafia, 18 cases had been registered against those accused of illegal mining in Anandpur Sahib in first quarter of the current year.

Bains, who was here to attend a joint meeting of the mining and police administration, said illegal mining

would not be tolerated under any circumstances.

Challans had been submitted to the court in 13 cases, he said. The court had imposed a fine of Rs 25 lakh in these cases.

Apart from this, 37,484 metric tonnes of sand has also been seized. The state government had earned a tax income of Rs 7.76 crore from minerals brought from other states in three months, said the minister.

In CM Mann's constituency, potholes surface on new road

PARVESH SHARMA

SANGRUR, APRIL 25
Potholes dot the newly constructed Rangia-Kumbharwal road in Dhuri. The stretch was constructed at the cost of Rs 70 lakh in September 2022. Since it's CM's constituency, Deputy Commissioner Jitendra Jorwal along with other senior officials inspected the road on Tuesday and ordered an inquiry.

"Contractors are still work-

ing like they used to do earlier. They are using poor quality material. The road was constructed some months ago, but it has developed cracks and potholes at some places. The contractor and officers concerned will face action," said Dr Anwar Bhasaur, senior AAP leader from Dhuri.

After seeing the potholes on the road, area residents approached the Dhuri office of CM Bhagwant Mann and demanded quick action. Act-

ing swiftly, AAP leaders contacted the Sangrur DC and other officials.

Some senior officials of the Panchayat Department said the department got the road after allotting a tender to a private contractor.

"The total budget for the 3-km road was Rs 70 lakh. In the first 1.5-km stretch, there is no problem while in the remaining portion, there are some potholes. We will get the road repaired," said XEN Ranjit Shergill.

SGPC panel to probe 'conversion' of gurdwara in Arunachal Pradesh

AMRITSAR, APRIL 25
Taking cognisance of the alleged conversion of a historical shrine associated with Guru Nanak Dev, the SGPC has announced to send its delegation to Arunachal Pradesh to gauge the ground situation. It was learnt that the his-

toric Gurdwara Guru Nanak Tapasthan at Mechuka (AP) was being converted into a Buddhist shrine. The SGPC said the delegation would visit Mechuka to take stock of the current situation and discuss the matter with the AP government. — TNS

Supplementary challan filed in Kotkapura firing

FARIDKOT, APRIL 25

The special investigation team (SIT) probing the police firing incident of October 2015 at Kotkapura today filed a supplementary chargesheet (challan) along with the state Home Department sanction to prosecute all accused in two criminal cases in the court of the Judicial Magistrate First Class (JMFC), Faridkot.

The accused in these cases include former Punjab Chief Minister Parkash Singh Badal, his son and SAD (B) chief Sukhbir Singh Badal and former DGP Sumedh Singh Saini.

Earlier, a chargesheet in these cases, indicting the Badals and six police officers, was filed by the SIT on February 24. In the supplementary chargesheet, other than the state government's sanction to prosecute all accused in these cases, the SIT had submitted more evidence in the court, said Harjeet Singh, SSP Faridkot.

There are two criminal cases relating to the Kotkapura police firing incident in the aftermath of sacrilege incidents. The first case was registered by the Kotkapura police against some Sikh protesters

SIT also submits govt sanction to prosecute all accused

on October 14, 2015. Later, while all accused were given a clean chit in the case, four police officers, including the complainant SHO, were nominated as accused in the case. The second FIR in the incident was lodged on August 7, 2018, on the basis of an investigation made by a judicial commission.

The JMFC today adjourned the case to May 16 for appearance of all accused. While granting its sanction to prosecute the accused, the state Home Department had submitted its detailed opinion on the basis of evidence, including forensic, collected by the SIT, said the SSP.

Other than the Badals and the former DGP, the other accused in these cases include suspended IGP Paramraj Singh Umranangal, former DIG Amar Singh Chahal, former SSP Charanjit Singh Sharma, former SSP Sukhmander Singh Mann and former Kotkapura SHO Gurdeep Singh Pandher. — TNS

PUNJAB STATE TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
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3	Stub strengthening and repair of overhead of critical towers of 132 kv Panjraing-Moga Line under AOTL Sri Muktsar Sahib.

Opening date and time: 24.05.2023 time 11:00 A.M.
For details login to: www.pstcl.org and <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in/nicgep/app>
Note: Any corrigendum to the tender notice shall be published on the above website only. DPR/PB/23336 Sr. Xen. C/M P&M Divn., Patiala.

PRESS NOTICE FOR E-TENDERING
The Executive Engineer Jal Shakti Division Rampur re-invites tenders on behalf of the Governor of Himachal Pradesh from approved eligible contractors for the following work(s) through e-tendering process:-

Job No.	Name of Work	Esttd. Cost (In Rs.)	Earnest Money (In Rs.)	Cost of form	Time
1	Augmentation of WSS to newly created works No. 6 & 7 under MC Rampur Tehsil Rampur Distt. Shimla HP (SH- C/O RCC Trench weir/Head weir, Site Development for WTP, C/O 2.00 MLD Water Treatment Plant complete in all respect, Providing, Laying & jointing & testing Gravity Main MSRW Pipe 200 mm dia. C/O Anchor Block 150 Nos for gravity Main and Operation and Maintenance for the period of 5 years) JOB NO. 1.	83619894/-	836200/-	2500/-	1 Year 6 months construction period & 5 years O & M period successfully completed the works

Last date of filing/uploading the tender through e-tendering 01.05.2023 up to 5.00 PM and the same will be opened on 02.05.2023 at 10.00 AM.
Sd/- Executive Engineer Jal Shakti Division Rampur.
DPR/HP/303

OFFICE OF BLOCK MEDICAL OFFICER SUJANPUR TIHRA DISTT. HAMIRPUR (H.P.)
No. HFWSJN/RKS/Tender/2023/2151-2159 Date: 21.04.2023

TENDER NOTICE
Properly Sealed Tenders are hereby invited for the providing/supply of mentioned below items for the office of the Block Medical Office Civil Hospital Sujanpur Tihra, Distt Hamirpur (HP), so as reach in this office on or before 15/05/2023 up to 12:00 Noon will be opened on **scheduled date i.e. 15.05.2023 at 3:00 p.m.** in the presence of the **prospective tenders/ tender opening Committees.**

Sr. No.	Name of Tender	Tender Cost (In Rs.)	Last Date of Deposit Time of Tender	Opening Date & Time of Tender
1.	Running of Hospital Canteen	200/-	15.05.2023 at 12:00 Noon	15.05.2023 at 03:00 p.m.

Tender document containing specification and other terms & conditions can be purchased from the office of the undersigned on any working day between **10.00 a.m. to 04.00 p.m. up to 12.05.2023 at the cost Rs. 200/-** only which is non refundable. The tender documents received through post or courier will also be entertained, if these are actually received by due date & time.

The tender must be accompanied with an earnest amount of **Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand and in the shape of FDR duly pledged in the name of Block Medical Officer, Civil Hospital Sujanpur Tihra Distt Hamirpur (H.P.).** Tender without earnest money as specified above will be rejected straightaway.

For an inquiry/clarification please contact on Telephone No. **01972-272043 & E-mail bm91456@gmail.com.**

Sd/- Block Medical Officer Sujanpur Tihra.
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Tender No.	Description of Items	Last Date for Submission of Pre-Bid Query	Pre-Bid Meeting	On Line Bid Submission last date & Time
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HIMACHAL PRADESH JAL SHAKTI VIBHAG NOTICE INVITING TENDERS
The Executive Engineer, JSV Division, Jubbai invites tenders on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh from approved eligible contractors as per tendering time defined by the Govt. of HP for the following work(s) through offline process:-

Sr. No.	Name of work(s)	Estimated Cost (In Rs.)	Earnest Money (In Rs.)	Time	Last date of Sale of tender form is up to
1	Providing FHTC to left out household for NSJ under JMM under Jubbai Kotkhai constituency in JSV Division Jubbai (SH- Replacing of filter media in Chamber-1)	4,42,186	9,000	3 M	Last date of Sale of tender form is up to 04:00 P.M. of 29.04.2023
2	Providing FHTC to left out household for NSJ under JMM under Jubbai Kotkhai constituency in JSV Division Jubbai (SH- Replacing of filter media in Chamber-1)	4,99,506	10,000	3 M	Date of receiving of tenders from contractors up to 03:00 P.M. of 01.05.2023
3	Providing FHTC to left out household for NSJ under JMM under Jubbai Kotkhai constituency in JSV Division Jubbai (SH- Replacing of filter media in Chamber-2)	4,99,506	8,500	3 M	Date of opening of tenders 01.05.2023 at 03:30 P.M.
4	Providing FHTC to left out household for NSJ under JMM under Jubbai Kotkhai constituency in JSV Division Jubbai (SH- Replacing of filter media in Chamber-4)	4,99,506	10,000	3 M	

Sd/- Executive Engineer, JSV Division, Jubbai.
No. 635-42 dated 24.04.2023
DPR/HP/316 HIM SUCHNA AVAM JAN SAMPARK

HIMACHAL PRADESH JAL SHAKTI VIBHAG NOTICE INVITING TENDERS
The Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Division, Pooch Distt. Kinnaur invites item rate tender on behalf of the Governor of Himachal Pradesh from the eligible contractors for the following works through offline process.

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost (Rs.)	Earnest Money (Rs.)	Cost of tender form (Rs.)	Time limit months
1	C/O Crate Wall at Yurumpi in GP Ashrang Tehsil Mooring Distt. Kinnaur (HP) (SH- C/O Crate wall at RD 00 to 40).	276631	5600	250	6
2	Providing Vehicle for Jal Shakti Division Pooch in Tehsil Pooch Distt. Kinnaur (HP) (SH- Hiring of Mahindra Scorpio).	483000	9700	250	6
3	R/R Damages to various FIS under Jal Shakti Sub-Division Yangthang Sub-Tehsil Hangrang Distt. Kinnaur (HP) (SH- Removal of Slips FIS Nothing and FIS Gangtoka at various RD.s)	381894	7700	250	6
4	R/R Damages to FIS Thang in GP Thang Tehsil Mooring Distt. Kinnaur (HP) (SH- C/O Patra Cutting from RD 0 to 150 & C/O CC Channel from RD 0 to 10) Job-I.	481612	9400	250	3

Last date of sale of tender form 06.05.2023 till 05.00 p.m. Last date of submission of tenders 08.05.2023 till 3.00 p.m. and shall be opened on same day at 3.30 p.m. Tender documents and other detailed conditions can be received from the divisional office.
Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Division Pooch, Distt. Kinnaur (HP) DPR/HP/314

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