

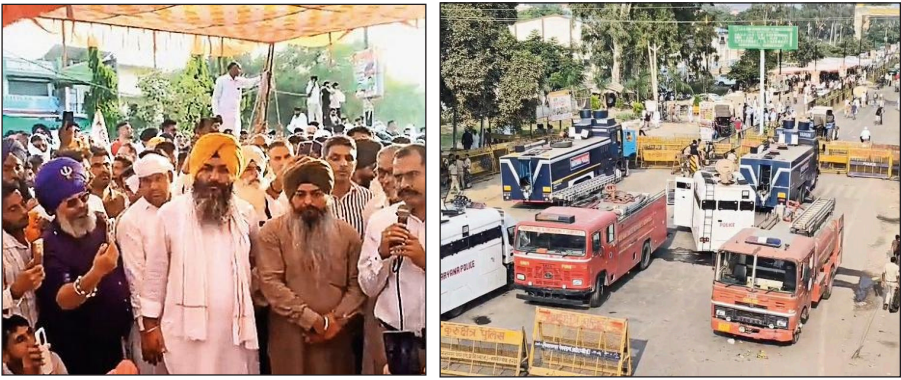
Stir ends after Hry govt allows paddy in mandis

‘Chief Secy In Talks With Centre For Early Procurement’

Jaskaran Singh | TNN

Shahabad (Kurukshetra): Farm activists ended their day-long protest in Shahabad on Wednesday after Haryana govt assured them that it will seek a policy-driven decision from the Centre to start paddy procurement from Sep 15 every year from next season and it would try to start procurement earlier this year.

The assurance came after the protest by Bhartiya Kisan Union (Charuni) intensified during the day, with the union's activists continuing to block the busy Barara Road amid a stronger build-up of protesters and security personnel. The protest was lifted after talks between BKU (Charuni) functionaries and senior officers led to an inte-



BKU (Charuni) members at the protest site in Shahabad, and (R) Barara Road blocked by the farmers

rim arrangement for farmers bringing paddy to mandis before formal procurement begins.

Food and civil supplies director general Anshaj Singh announced the state govt's principal secretary was in talks with the Centre to get procurement started at the earliest this year.

Until approval is received, farmers can bring their paddy to mandis, where the market committee, with support from arhtiyas, will dry and stack the crop, he added.

Once procurement begins, farmers will not have to take the crop out again to obtain a gate pass. Their photographs and biometrics will be recorded at the mandi and gate passes issued there, he said.

The official assured farmers they would not be stopped from bringing paddy to the grain markets and that the state govt and market committees would take responsibility for their crop.

Kurukshetra DC Vishram Kumar Meena said abo-

ut 22,000 metric tonnes of paddy had already reached grain markets in the district. The routine procurement calendar begins Oct 1, but farmers in the belt harvest early as paddy varieties have changed.

The day began with the early-morning detention of several farm functionaries, including BKU (Charuni) spokesman Rakesh Bains and worker Jasbir Singh Mammu Majra. They were released in the evening after the protest ended.

Will iron out differences with staff at earliest: PSPCL boss

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Patiala: PSPCL CMD Gurkirat Kirpal Singh held his first meeting with leaders of around 37 employee organisations after taking charge, with discussions focusing on employees' demands, particularly promotion-related issues.

He assured the leaders that demands that could be addressed at the corporation level would be resolved at the earliest, while issues requiring govt intervention would be taken up with the govt. He directed officers to act on promotion-related demands and other pending issues. Employee organisations assured PSPCL management of their cooperation.

Punjabi NRIs seek stronger legal safeguards, Kerala-style database

Yudhvir Rana | TNN

Amritsar: Punjab cabinet minister for NRI Affairs Dr Ravjot Singh held an NRI Milni in Amritsar for residents of Gurdaspur, Pathankot, Tarn Taran and Amritsar, with around 75 complainants attending along with officials from the NRI affairs department, civil administration and police of all four districts.

NRI Sabha president Parvinder Kaur, while talking to **TOI** from Melbourne, said one of the strongest demands is the reappointment of NRI lambardars in villages to protect NRI-owned properties from encroachment and disputes.

Parvinder, who is the first female president of NRI Sabha since 1997, sought gre-



Punjab cabinet minister Dr Ravjot Singh at the NRI Milni in Amritsar on Wednesday

ater powers for NRI police stations, particularly empowering their SHOs to register FIRs in appropriate cases without having to first send complaints to the ADGP office for recommendations to prevent avoidable delays.

The NRI Sabha also demanded the reactivation of NRI courts in Punjab to ensure time-bound disposal of

cases. Another key demand is a dedicated NRI Act to address issues faced by overseas Punjabis and the formation of a panel to draft laws on property disputes, inheritance, policing and other NRI-related matters, she said.

The NRI community has also sought a comprehensive overseas Punjabi database and special NRI identity cards on the Kerala model.

Dr Ravjot Singh said most complaints were addressed during the meeting, while directions had been issued to concerned officials, including those in the revenue department, to resolve the remaining issues in a time-bound manner. "I assure our NRIs that our doors are always open for you to resolve your issues," he said.

‘Poor infra’: Inspect Gohana school, orders rights panel

Manvir Saini & Manoj Dhaka | TNN

Chandigarh: Haryana Human Rights Commission has ordered a physical inspection of Government Senior Secondary School, Gohana, Sonapat, after taking up 104 complaints by students alleging absence of a proper playground, inadequate classroom space and ventilation, insufficient sports and laboratory facilities and land encroachment.

Commission chairperson Justice Lalit Batra said safe and adequate school infrastructure was closely linked to children's health, safety, dignity and meaningful access to education. The allegations required factual verification before any conclusion could be drawn, he added.

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The report will have to specify the total land recorded in the name or possession of the school, its present status, playground availability and condition, classroom numbers and dimensions, ventilation and natural light, and the availability of laboratories, sports facilities, toilets and drinking water. Authorities have also been asked to provide sanctioned student strength and present enrolment.

Particular focus has been placed on the alleged 3.5-acre land. The commission has directed verification of its ownership and status and whether it is earmarked or

available for construction of the school building or playground.

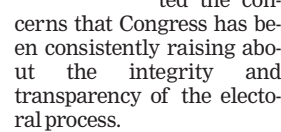
Sonapat deputy commissioner has been asked to get the land and encroachment allegations verified through the revenue authority.

The commission has also sought recent photographs and a site plan/demarcation report showing the school premises, classrooms, laboratory, workshop, playground, surrounding land and alleged encroachments. Authorities must also state whether temporary arrangements for sports and other essential facilities are required pending permanent remedial measures.

The order referred to judgments of the Allahabad high court and Delhi high court concerning the need for adequate, child-friendly educational infrastructure and removal of encroachments from land earmarked for educational purposes.

‘Revelations vindicate Cong concerns over Vote Chori’

Chandigarh: Punjab Congress slammed Central govt over the repeated objections raised by two Election Commissioners and said that these have vindicated the concerns that Congress has been consistently raising about the integrity and transparency of the electoral process.



Leader of the Opposition in Punjab Vidhan Sabha, **Partap Singh Bajwa**, said the repeated objections raised by two Election Commissioners have vindicated the concerns that Congress has been consistently raising about the integrity and transparency of the electoral process. Bajwa said that Election Commissioners Sukhbir Singh Sandhu and Vivek Joshi recorded at least 14 objections over 10 months concerning voter additions and deletions, changes to Form 6, electoral-roll data and the functioning of the SIR process, raising serious questions that Election Commission must answer.

"Congress has been warning the country about 'Vote Chori', manipulation of voter lists and lack of transparency. Today questions of exactly this nature have reportedly surfaced from within the Election Commission itself. As Congress has rightly asked, what action was taken by the CEC when two Election Commissioners formally raised objections?" Bajwa said.

He said Rahul Gandhi's warning that "Vote Chori" is a direct attack on Constitution underlines the issue's gravity. He said Election Commission cannot expect citizens to take the integrity of the electoral process for granted when questions are being raised about voter registration.

SC dismisses pre-arrest bail plea of doctor assault case accused

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Patiala: Supreme Court has dismissed an anticipatory bail plea by a prime accused in the alleged May 10 abduction, assault and stripping of govt surgeon and health activist Dr Ramandeep Singh in Patiala.

A bench of Justice Dipankar Datta and Justice Sheel Nagu declined to interfere with Punjab and Haryana high court's Sept 1 order denying the accused, a practising lawyer, pre-arrest protection, mentioning that any regular bail application filed should be considered on its merits.

The decision allows police to seek custodial interrogation of the accused in the case registered at Urban Estate police

station. According to the prosecution, Dr Ramandeep Singh, a specialist at a govt hospital in Dera Bassi and former general secretary of Federation of All India Medical Association, was intercepted, chased, assaulted and forced into a vehicle by assailants when he had arrived at Urban Estate Phase-II market in his Thar in Patiala.

Driven to an isolated tubewell in fields off Turna Palace Road, Ramandeep was stripped, beaten with sticks and filmed before being abandoned near the new bus stand with threats, the prosecution alleged.

A local court granted the accused interim anticipatory bail on May 20, prompting Ramandeep to approach high court seeking transfer of the pro-

ceedings outside Patiala. He alleged the accused was using his influence within the local legal fraternity.

The HC stayed the proceedings on May 29 and later transferred the case to sessions judge, Patiala, who on Aug 17 dismissed the anticipatory bail plea. High court upheld the decision.

The case had triggered outrage as Ramandeep is widely known as a whistleblower who highlighted the Rajindra Hospital power-failure controversy in Jan 2025, where surgeons were forced to pause an operation midway due to a 13-minute blackout, prompting high court intervention. SHO, Urban Estate police station, Sukhwinder Singh, could not be contacted for comment.

‘Can hurt career prospects’: Pb govt docs’ body opposes Chd health cadre rules

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Chandigarh: Chandigarh administration's move to establish a cadre structure for Group A general duty medical officers in its health department has drawn opposition from the Punjab Civil Medical Services Association (PCMSA), which says the new framework would undermine the long-standing inter-state deputation arrangement between Punjab and Haryana.

The administration recently notified the UT Chandigarh Health Service Rules, 2026, establishing the cadre structure, recruitment process and service conditions for Group A officers. The rules provide for 186 sanctioned posts, including medical officer, senior medical officer and chief medical officer. Chandigarh's health system has traditionally relied on doctors and specialists deputed from Punjab and Haryana health services, along with other regional and central arrangements.

PCMSA, which represents govt doctors and Punjab-cadre deputationists serving in Chandigarh, has objected to the new rules, particularly the proposed local

‘PRESERVE THE 60:40 FRAMEWORK’

The association has written to the UT health secretary, urging the administration to withhold the rules and preserve the 60:40 deputation framework. The association has also demanded restoration of what it describes as withheld allowances and increments, clearance of pending 5/10/15-year MACP cases and removal of what it terms the 'pay-scale forfeiture' threat

PCMSA president | DR AKHIL SARIN

sub-cadre and changes to deputation. The association's principal objection is to what it describes as a departure from the historic 60:40 inter-state deputation framework. It said the creation of a dedicated local sub-cadre, with 40% direct recruitment and generalised deputation routes, would bypass the administrative-sharing arrangement between Punjab and Haryana that it links to the Punjab Reorganisation Act, 1966. PCMSA said Punjab-cadre medical officers had contributed significantly to Chandigarh's healthcare system and that creating a parallel local cadre could affect deputation arrangements, career prospects and parity among doctors working in the same hospitals under different service rules. The association also questioned the administration's contention regarding a shortage of deputationists.

It said any shortage or reliance on contractual doctors was due to delayed requisitions, administrative issues and cumbersome procedures between the UT and parent states, rather than shortcomings in the 60:40 arrangement.

PCMSA also alleged that deputationists had been denied certain allowances and financial benefits, including HPCA/PCA, standard deputation allowances and higher-education allowances of 12% to 15% for PG/diploma qualifications. Another objection concerns contractual medical officers who were later regularised.

The association claimed that giving such personnel full UT medical-cadre status, retrospective seniority, dynamic assured career progression (DACP) and promotional avenues had created an administrative and legal anomaly.

PCMSA also questioned the selection process of some regularised personnel, claiming they had initially been selected through local departmental committees in the late 1990s and early 2000s rather than through the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) process.

PCMSA president Dr Akhil Sarin said the association had written to the UT health secretary, urging the administration to withhold the rules and preserve the 60:40 deputation framework.

"The association has also demanded restoration of what it describes as withheld allowances and increments, clearance of pending 5/10/15-year MACP cases and removal of what it terms the 'pay-scale forfeiture' threat," Sarin said. He also sought the classification of regularised contractual personnel as "ex-cadre or supernumerary" rather than including them in the sanctioned cadre strength, saying this could otherwise affect the promotional prospects of regular UPSC-vetted and state-deputation officers.

UT home-cum-health secretary Mandip Singh Brar was unavailable for comment despite repeated attempts.

SPOTLIGHT

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