

I-T raids continue on MLA's premises

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The Income Tax Department continued its raids at the residence of Kapurthala Congress MLA and former minister Rana Gurjeet Singh for the second day on Friday.

The raids were held at 35 locations in Kapurthala, Amritsar, Chandigarh, Uttarakhand and UP linked with Rana, his family and staff. Since yesterday, Rana, his son and Sultanpur Lodhi MLA Rana Inder Partap and others have not been allowed to move out of their Sector 4 house in Chandigarh or talk to anyone over the phone.

Ranas own sugar mills, distilleries and ethanol plants in Punjab, Uttarakhand and other places. — TNS

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Four-member SIT to probe illegal migration

NRI wing chief Parveen Sinha to head probe team

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Two days after a US military flight carrying 104 deportees landed in Amritsar, the Punjab Police on Friday constituted a four-member special investigation team (SIT) to probe the issue of human trafficking and illegal migration.

DGP Gaurav Yadav said Additional Director General of Police (NRI wing) Parveen Sinha will head the probe team, which includes ADGP (Internal Security) Shive Verma, IGP (Provisioning) S Boopathi, and DIG (Border Range) Satinder Singh.

In a statement, the DGP said the team has been tasked with taking appropriate action as per law against any person found involved in facilitating illegal migration or human trafficking.

The DGP said the team has been empowered to co-opt any other police officer in the inquiry and will maintain coordination with the senior superintendents of police and com-



'WILL TAKE ACTION AGAINST CULPRITS'

DGP Gaurav Yadav said the SIT included ADGP (Internal Security) Shive Verma, IGP (Provisioning) S Boopathi and DIG (Border Range) Satinder Singh. Yadav said the team had been tasked with taking suitable action as per law against people involved in human trafficking.

missioners of police concerned. All city and district police chiefs have been directed to provide the required assistance and infrastructural facilities to the team, he added.

The move has come amid the demand for action against the travel agents promising migration to foreign countries through illegal pathways. Of the 104 US deportees, the maximum 33 each belonged to Gujarat and Haryana while 30 were from Punjab.

Many of those deported have said that they were duped by

travel agents who took them to the US through the "Dunki" route — an illegal pathway used by emigrants to enter the US while crossing multiple countries negotiating with security challenges.

Families of several deportees have alleged that the travel agents charged them up to Rs 50 lakh to send their children abroad through legal ways but then ended up forcing them to undertake months-long arduous journey to the US.

According to their relatives, even connecting through phone wasn't possible for prolonged periods after they were duped by travel agents, many of whom had promised a safe passage to the country, and that too in a legal way.

Zero tolerance against travel agents behind human trafficking: Dhaliwal

Asks PM, EAM to take up 'inhuman treatment' of deportees with US

GS PAUL

AMRITSAR, FEBRUARY 7

"The state government has zero tolerance against travel agents who indulge in human trafficking. We are committed to taking stern action to break their nexus that has wings across the globe," said Punjab Minister for NRI Affairs Kuldeep Singh Dhaliwal.

On the deportation of 104 Indian nationals from the US, Dhaliwal condemned the manner in which the US authorities handcuffed and shackled them while sending them to India.

"I am not in favour of illegal migration, but they should not be treated as criminals. The way they were handcuffed and chained during their flight from the US to Amritsar is nothing short of a violation of human rights," he said.

The minister said the police had cracked the whip on a travel agent based in Amritsar, Satnam Singh, by registering a FIR against him on a complaint of a deportee, Didar Singh of Rajasansi. The travel agent's office was sealed as he was found absconding.



VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

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also be contacted for assistance in lodging complaints.

"The police will be helpless in the absence of a complaint. In a majority of the cases, the victims are not coming forward to lodge complaints against agents. They are again being duped by the agents in the name of compensation," he said, adding that "we are already on the job to identify them".

Amid reports that more illegal migrants would be deported by the US, Dhaliwal said Prime Minister

Narendra Modi and External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar should intervene and prevail upon the US government to ensure that the Indians were handed over to the Indian consulates for their safe return and meted out better treatment.

"We have consulates in San Francisco, Seattle and Los Angeles. I urge the Centre to seek assistance from these consulates for the safe repatriation of Indians living illegally in the US," he said.

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Verdict in murder case against Sajjan deferred

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NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 7

A Delhi court today deferred to February 12 its verdict in a 1984 anti-Sikh riots murder case against former Congress MP Sajjan Kumar in connection with the killing of two persons in the Saraswati Vihar area of the national capital.

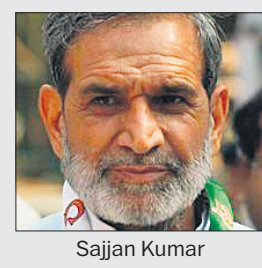
Special Judge Kaveri Baweja, who was scheduled to deliver the verdict, deferred the pronouncement to next Wednesday.

After hearing additional submissions made by Public Prosecutor Manish Rawat, Special Judge Bawe-

1984 ANTI-SIKH RIOTS

The case relates to the killing of Jaswant Singh and his son Tarundeep Singh on November 1, 1984.

The Punjab High Court in Delhi had registered the case; investigation was subsequently taken over by SIT



Sajjan Kumar

ja had on January 31 reserved the verdict. Earlier, the prosecution had sought time to further argue on certain points raised by the defence counsel on January 8. Kumar is currently serving life imprisonment in Tihar Jail in another anti-

Sikh riots case. The case relates to the killing of Jaswant Singh and his son Tarundeep Singh on November 1, 1984. The Punjab High Court police station had registered the case and the probe was subsequently taken over by a

special investigation team. On December 16, 2021, the court framed charges against Kumar, finding a "prima facie" case against him. According to the prosecution, a huge mob, armed with deadly weapons, resorted to large-scale looting, arson and destruction of properties of Sikhs to avenge the assassination of former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi.

Kumar (79) has been in jail since December 31, 2018, when he surrendered after being convicted and awarded life imprisonment by the Delhi High Court in another case relating to the 1984 anti-Sikh riots.

HC: Employee deemed retired if request not rejected in given time

SAURABH MALIK

CHANDIGARH, FEBRUARY 7

Once an employee gives a notice for voluntary retirement after 20 years of service and the authorities neither accept nor reject the request within the notice period, he is deemed to have retired after three months and is entitled to all service benefits, including pension.

The Punjab and Haryana High Court has reaffirmed the principle while allowing a petition filed by a medical laboratory technician, whose request for premature retirement was denied after the stipulated period had elapsed.

Justice Aman Chaudhary made it clear that the petitioner's premature retirement request, submitted on November 18, 2014, along

ALLOWS LAB TECHIE'S PETITION

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with three months' salary, should be deemed accepted as it was not rejected within the notice period.

The authorities only rejected the request on October 8, 2015, citing instructions issued on May 12, 2015, which were not applicable in his case since he had continued to serve until November 24, 2014. Consequently, the court held that he was deemed to have retired from service and was entitled to all retirement benefits.

After hearing counsel Dhiraj Chawla for the petitioner and relying on multiple legal precedents to reinforce its ruling, the Bench observed that the apex court in the "state of Haryana versus SK Singhal" case had held that the request for retirement should be deemed effective upon expiry of the notice period. Relying on the principles, the court concluded that the petitioner's premature retirement was required to be considered valid, and he was entitled to all retirement benefits. The petition was disposed of in line with the judgment in Dr Bhushan Lal Malhotra's case.

Help clear backlog of DLs, CM urged

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The backlog of RCs and driving licences (DLs) pending for printing has touched over four lakh. The intervention of CM Bhagwant Mann has been sought to address the grievances of applicants.

Dr Kamal Singh Soi, member, National Road Safety Council, stated this while addressing a press meet here.

He said the state Transport Department was in total disarray. Applications as old as four months were pending with the department as it had failed to get the smart card printed after the exit of the vendor, Smart Chip Pvt Ltd. — TNS

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